

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:02PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The Mayor reminded Council and staff to keep the family of Bob Clements in our prayers. Bob passed away suddenly on Monday evening.

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Pay Schedule for EMT-P

We are still under contract with Rural Metro, along with eight other cities for their ALS services on ambulance calls when needed. When the City starts ALS in October, Chief Schewe stated that we will subsidize with part-time paramedics and use the full-time employees that we now have when they are on shift. We will hire six or seven part-time employees to fill the positions; we already have one on staff that is interested. We will approve an Ordinance to establish a pay scale for all part-time paramedic positions.

Committee Comprehensive Plan Update

It was suggested at the last meeting that each City should form a committee to study their own City and make recommendations to look at elements to match land use. Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Wessels, Mr. Hatter, Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney will try to schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

NKADD Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

There is a sample Resolution in the packet to look over and approve at the September 5, 2012 meeting if everyone agrees. This plan is updated every 5 years.

Committees Structure

Mayor Nienaber stated that Council should be commended for actively participating in the committees that have been setup. We will add Dave Abeln to replace Mr. McMurtry on the Economic Development Committee. There will be an Executive Order at a future meeting to name Dave Abeln to the committee.

Proposed Vehicle Tax and Payroll Tax

Mr. Averdick addressed Council and distributed a handout that he put together regarding the recommendations that he has on the following:

- 1) Car Tax/Fee \$25.00/year per vehicle
- 2) Payroll Tax Raise from 1% to 1.20%
- 3) Insurance Tax Raise from 6% to 8%

This would generate \$500,000.00 per year in funds to be used on street replacement and repair. After discussion the majority of Council suggested:

- 1) Car Tax/Fee \$35.00/year per vehicle
- 2) Payroll Tax Raise from 1% to 1.15% with a FICA cap
- 3) Insurance Tax Raise from 6% to 8%

This would generate the same amount of money.

We will have a Special Meeting on August 27, 2012 at 7:30AM to have first reading on the property tax Ordinance at the rate of .251 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) value on Real Property and .342 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) value on Personal Property. The second reading will be at the regular Council meeting on September 5, 2012.

Community Preservation Meeting Update

The traffic study that was done on East Henry Clay Avenue had a few quirks in the system. The barrels were moved by the company doing the paving, residents and others. Kenton County Schools opened on Wednesday and the barrels were moved to accommodate the school buses. The initial count from Kyles Lane to the bottom of East Henry Clay should be OK for the 5 days it was in place. There was going to be another Community Preservation meeting scheduled, but all the traffic counts were not accurate so we will have to re-group. Staff and CDS Associates will mark areas that should be designated as No Parking areas and move along with parking issues at the next meeting for safety issues.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk