

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 6, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:04PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Dave Abeln. 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.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone and asked if there was anyone in attendance for tonight's meeting that did not want to speak on the Henry Clay issue. All were at the meeting for that issue.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 04/04/12 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 04/18/12 Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor, Wessels and Wall abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 04/25/12 Special meeting (Council Interviews). All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Hatter and Averdick abstained. Motion passed. Corrections made to the minutes.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 04/30/12 Special meeting (Council Interviews). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 05/02/12 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 05/30/12 Special meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Workers Compensation Insurance – Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Mr. Huff reported that there were two companies that bid for our Workers Compensation Insurance. After reviewing the bids it was decided to go accept Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance at the lower price of \$34,502.00.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Averdick to accept the recommendation to acquire the Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Property, Liability, Automobile Insurance – Fiscal Year 2012-2013

We had received five bids for this insurance renewal and after reviewing the bids it was recommended to stay with our current company Kentucky League of Cities for 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$75,888.00.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to accept the bid of Kentucky League of Cities for Liability, Property and Auto Insurance for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Amendment to the agenda to add items to review and discuss dispatch and surplus property.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept the amendments to the agenda. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

No Parking – East Henry Clay

In attendance for the meeting were eight residents from East Henry Clay that would like to address Council on this issue.

1. Mitzie O'Neill 1305 E. Henry Clay Avenue
2. John Johannemann 1305 E. Henry Clay Avenue
3. Justin Wolnitzek 1315 E, Henry Clay Avenue
4. Tim Siegrist 1309 E. Henry Clay Avenue
5. Michelle Bell 1407 E. Henry Clay Avenue
6. Terry Hicks 1609 E. Henry Clay Avenue
7. Bob Hoerlein 1608 E. Henry Clay Avenue
8. Mike Hoerlein 1509 E. Henry Clay Avenue

Mayor Nienaber explained how this issue came about. Recently there have been vehicles parked in the crest of the hill, in the driving lane on East Henry Clay. We had put an article in Top of the Hill News regarding this problem and have had many emails and phone calls on this issue both pro and con.

Some of the suggestions were to close off E. Henry Clay at Highland completely, restrict parking, not to restrict parking, lower speed limits, install speed bumps, put curbs on street to allow safety for walkers, add stop signs etc. After much discussion, Mr. Averdick suggested that we have representation from residents on E. Henry Clay Avenue and meet with Community Preservation Committee to give suggestions and then schedule an open meeting for everyone who would like to attend.

Resolution 3-12 Supporting Text Amendment Change

Mayor Nienaber advised that he had spoke to Bob Rowe from Covington Catholic regarding the issue of the lights on the athletic field, that will go before NKAPC on Thursday at their meeting. Mr. Rowe asked the Mayor if the City would support them on this issue. Mayor Nienaber requested that a Resolution be prepared in support of the installation of the lights and voted on as a Council. We have many students from our City that attend Covington Catholic and would benefit from this addition to the field.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve Resolution 4-14 as amended to read, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fort Wright, in Kenton County, Kentucky supporting a Text Amendment in the City of Park Hills that will allow lighting of the field at Covington Catholic High School. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 4-12 – Declaring Surplus Property

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

Mayor Nienaber stated that we have been requested by the residents of Marcella Drive to address the placement of potential sound barriers behind their residences. Mr. Huff wrote a letter to the State Highway department asking them to reconsider their decision of not placing these sound barriers along this area. Mayor Nienaber read this letter and asked that all of Council sign this letter. Council agreed.

Dispatch

Mr. Wessels advised that he attended the meeting regarding the dispatch merger. Judge Arlinghaus requested that the cities let him know as soon as possible whether they would support or join with Kenton County on a dispatch merger. Covington will be joining Kenton County as soon as they are ready to handle this additional work. Discussion followed.

It was decided that Mr. Huff contact a representative from Kenton County, and to invite Park Hills Council, to attend a caucus meeting for discussion and question and answer period that Council may have regarding this matter.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Memorial Day Service and the City Picnic both went well. The next Council meeting scheduled for July 4th, will b moved to July, 11th, because of the holiday.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the EMS contracts with Park Hills and Kenton Vale have both been approved. There will be a special meeting scheduled for acceptance of this item and the Municipal Road Aid Contract.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that he has been working with Mr. Huff to get everything straightened out and is very busy.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that the street project will be starting on Monday and will be milling and paving, Highview, part of Augusta, part of Mount Vernon, short stretch of Beacon Hill and part of Monticello. We will also be using the bond money to finish Williams Creek, Doris Way and Alex Court.

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