

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:02PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Hatter, 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. Mr. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone and stated that he is looking forward to working with Council for another two years and continue to work to make Fort Wright a better place for everyone. Thanks for all of the hard work that has already been done.

Citizen Comments

None

Approval of Minutes – 10-03-12 – Council Meeting

The minutes will be tabled until the next meeting. Lack of a quorum that was in attendance at that meeting.

Proclamation – Fort Wright “Dirty Hands” Garden Club

The Garden Club entered and won the award for Best Planter on the Purple People Bridge. We would like to recognize the Garden Club for all the plantings, maintenance and care given to all the gardens around the City. City Clerk Joyce Woods thanked the members present for the cement pots in front of the City Building that stood bare for years before the Garden Club took on the task of making the entrance to the building look festive and colorful for all seasons. The members present at the meeting were Ginny Bolte, Mary Lou Westling, Mary Lee Scheper and Ann Hicks. Mayor Nienaber read the proclamation proclaiming November 8, 2012, as “Dirty Hands” Garden Club Day in Fort Wright, and presented it to the members. Ginny Bolte thanked the City for their support. Mayor Nienaber stated that it would be displayed on the city sign in front of the building.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he would like to present a Proclamation to Council for their approval and support in recognizing Covington Catholic Teacher Dan Tieman, who passed away on October 30, 2012. Mr. Tieman was a teacher, coach, mentor and friend to thousands of students at Covington Catholic High School for 46 years. We would like to proclaim November 10, 2012, as Coach Dan Tieman Day in Fort Wright.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Hatter and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

This Proclamation will be presented to the Tieman Family and noted on the outdoor sign.

First Reading of Ordinance 17-12 – Repealing Monthly Telephone Subscriber Service Charge for 911 Fees.

Kenton County Fiscal Court has assessed an \$85.00 parcel fee on the property tax bills for the funding of the combined dispatch center in Kenton County. We have received many phone calls regarding this tax. We are trying, with this ordinance to have this charge taken off of telephone land lines effective January 1, 2013. Mr. McMurtry read this ordinance in summary.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 9-12 – Expressing Opposition to the Imposition of a 911 Parcel Service Fee for the Purpose of Funding a Consolidated Dispatching Center.

After discussion by Council it was decided to table this item and move it to a caucus meeting for more discussion and to have the opportunity to tweak this Resolution. Mr. Hatter stated that if we would vote on this he would have to abstain, as Duke is a customer of his company and he does not agree that this charge be added to the Duke bill.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to table this Resolution until further discussion at caucus meeting, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 2-12 Approving Kenton County Providing Dispatch Service to the City of Fort Wright.

Mayor Nienaber stated that we have solicited Kenton County Dispatch Board to include the City of Fort Wright in their dispatch services. We have had many conversations, attended meetings and had input from our Police and Fire Departments regarding this service. We believe that a consolidated dispatch system for Kenton County should be the goal of all cities in Kenton County, to give the best service to all residents. We have received an email from Ed Butler, who is the Director of Kenton County Emergency Communications, stating that they will be ready for Fort Wright, Park Hills, Ludlow and Bromley to join on March 1, 2013. Mr. Huff advised Council that we have to give Erlanger 90 days notice and exit on the first of the month. We will be in compliance of the contract with the City of Erlanger. We are in no way not satisfied with the service that Erlanger provided to us.

Mayor Nienaber read the Municipal Order in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to approve this Municipal Order. Roll call vote taken, Wessels Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 10-12 – Surplus Property

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve this Resolution. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The Mayor advised that he and others from the City attended an update meeting on Direction 2030 to update goals to replace the current 5 year Comprehensive Plan. After goals are agreed

upon, they will be sent out to the 19 jurisdictions and will have to be accepted by all. We will update Council as we receive information.

Administrator Report

The auditor from Rankin & Rankin has been in the building for a couple of weeks to do the 2011-2012 yearly audit.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that he will update Council monthly on the progress of the new paramedics and the ALS program for a few months. Everything is going well and delivery of service is going great. The personnel will always be looking for ways to improve service. Fire Safety month went very well, and thanks to the teachers for all their help in presenting programs to the students.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reminded everyone to lock all valuable out of sight in their vehicles, and always take the keys with you when you are not in the vehicle.

The Veterans Day service will take place on November 11th at Highland Cemetery at 2PM.

Our newest officer is at Richmond in training and is doing well.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that the bid results for Ashlawn should be available for the next council meeting. This street will be a complete replacement and the numbers will be good.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the payments for the tax bills has slowed down, but will pick up rapidly after Thanksgiving.

Mayor Nienaber said that he is very thankful for serving the citizens for another 2 years with the existing council and staff.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln 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