

## **CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING**

**MARCH 18, 2009 – 6:00PM**

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Dave Hatter. Also present were, City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Mr. Lou Wartman, a resident of 1571 St. Anthony addressed Council regarding the plan for the I-75 Bridge Project . Mr. Wartman is concerned with the increased noise that this project could create for residents on St. Anthony and Marcella Drives. He inquired about sound barriers that the State might consider putting in place to deter some of the noise. He stated that it is already very noisy in this area. Mr. Wessels stated that he knew of a sound study that was done and that the sound had to be at a certain sound decimal level before it was considered a nuisance. Mr. Wessels did not know the results of the study.

Mr. Huff advised he would call Frankfort and look into any plans and report back.

### Committee Updates

#### Finance Committee

There have been no recent meetings. Mr. Huff distributed Draft 4 of the upcoming budget for Council to review. This will be included on the agenda for first reading at the May 1, 2009 Council meeting, and second reading for approval on June 3, 2009 meeting. The amended budget will also be included for approval at the April and May meetings.

The Park and Recreation budget will be broken down between the South Hills Civic Club Museum, Battery Hooper and parks. This will be easier to track expenditures.

#### Economic Development Committee

There have been no recent meetings. Mr. McMurtry stated that they would like to have modified zones for the Dixie Highway Corridor Plan. It was suggested to have the committee look at these zones before the next caucus meeting.

## Community Preservation

The City is planning a Spring Fix Up day in conjunction with the Fort Wright Civic Club on April 18, 2009 from 10AM-2PM at the civic club on Kennedy Road. There will be displays of different products and vendors will be available for questions or ideas that anyone might consider to spruce up property on their property. Some of the vendors participating will be Small's Hardware, Ideal Supply, Porter Paints, Glenn Williams & Son Windows, Frank Henn Plumbing, just to mention a few. The City departments will be available for questions or suggestions, and also the Garden Club will have a table. The civic club will have a food and drink concession available if anyone would like to purchase these items.

We are upgrading our Code of Ordinances and will bring information to the next caucus meeting. Mayor Nienaber stated that the committees are going strong and getting a lot accomplished.

## Cost of City Issued Tickets

There was discussion concerning raising the cost of city issued parking violations, this also includes handicapped and fire lane citations. Chief Kreinest stated the handicapped parking violations at Wal-Mart are a real problem. We now charge \$20.00 for all citations and he thinks we should post it on the handicapped signs where these spaces are designated, that the citations for parking in a handicapped parking spot are \$100.00. The Finance Committee will review this and report back.

## Police Personnel

Chief Kreinest addressed Council that he would like to recommend that Patrolman Andy Vonderhaar be considered for promotion to Specialist rank. There would be a slight increase in pay and he has completed all training associated with this promotion.

## Pinehurst Drive

Mr. Huff advised that this street, partially in Fort Wright and Edgewood is costing our City more in services, police, fire and snow removal than we collect in taxes and waste fees for a year. Mr. Huff suggested that we talk to the administration from Edgewood to work out something for taking over the residences that are currently in Fort Wright.

## Fort Wright Financial Disclosure Statements

Mr. Wessels stated that he has a problem with questions on the Financial Disclosure Form that is sent to employees and Elected Officials every year. Mr. Summe advised that since we do have an Ordinance for this practice it could be changed to eliminate or add questions on the form. Mr. Huff and Mr. Summe will review the form for changes.

## Devou Trail

Mr. Wessels spoke to Council to make them aware of the trails that are being considered for the west side of Sleepy Hollow Road. This trail system would be constructed in Devou Park and involve many bikers.

Mr. Summe advised that Ms. Classic Car Wash is in mediation.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised that the playground at Battery Hooper Park is almost completed. Looking at Port-o-Lets for use for the season.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall 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