

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 04, 2008

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:02PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present was City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

Mary DeSalvo of the Museum Board updated Council on visitors to the Museum and special group tours held in May. Thanks to Chuck Schneider who was the speaker at the Memorial Day Service, which went very well. On June 22, 2008 there will be a display from the days of the Lookout House and the fire that occurred at the restaurant, this will be from 1-5PM.

Donna Ross of 1642 Tartan Drive addressed Council regarding replacing stores on Dixie Highway that are closed or are closing in the near future. She questioned whether we could keep from getting pawn shops, check cashing stores etc. in that area. Mayor Nienaber stated that we have zoning in effect that would prevent that from happening, but we are concerned with the Dixie Highway Corridor. There is a lot of activity regarding this strip of land and a committee will be put together to have a vision in place to develop this area. Owners of the plaza are meeting and talking to the City. We will actively pursue the kind of businesses that we would like to see up there.

Appoint City Council Member

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to appoint Todd McMurtry as the newest member of Council. He is replacing Joe Nienaber Jr., who took over as Mayor. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer voting in favor, Wall voting no and Wessels abstained. Motion passed. Judge Ann Ruttle swore in Mr. McMurtry and he was welcomed. Thanks to Judge Ruttle and Mr. McMurtry also thanked his parents and family for being present for the meeting and he stated that he is looking forward to serving.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 05/07/08 Municipal Road Aid Public Hearing. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the 05/07/08 Regular Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 05/21/08 Caucus Meeting. Hatter and Wall voting in favor, McMurtry and Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 05/28/08 Special Meeting. Wessels, Averdick and Wall voting in favor, McMurtry abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Official Battery Hooper Park Naming

It was discussed and decided that the official name of the Storer property will be Battery Hooper Park. Resolution 15-08 Official Naming of Battery Hooper Park. Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer and wall voting in favor, McMurtry abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

ALS Agreement with Transcare

Chief Schewe stated there were some changes from the original contract with Transcare. They are noted by the strike thru lines. The price is \$3990.66 per month and will be a one year contract. After one year there will probably be a significant increase in price, which could be a 20to 30% increase. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the City to pay increased fee to Transcare for July, until final contract is available. Roll Call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick and Wall voting in favor, McMurtry abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

BLS with Park Hills

We will contract for two years with Park Hills for BLS coverage, since we are not permitted to align the contract with Transcare's coverage for just one year. Mr.Summe added verbage to the contract that our obligation for the second year is contingent that they are covered by ALS. The cost for this service is \$27,000.00 a year.

Resolution 14-08 – Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick and Hatter and Wall voting in favor, McMurry abstained, no one opposed, Motion passed.

Park Plan Bid

Mr. Phil Partridge of CDS Associates was present at the meeting and brought drawings and was available to answer any questions. He recommended that we accept the base bid and both alternates. Mr. Maloney explained that Jeffrey Allen Corporation was the lowest base bid of \$177,896.00, alternate #1, with additional shelter at #11,760.00 and alternate #2, an additional play structure within the playground of \$5,936.00 with a total of \$195,592.00. This is under the architect's original opinion of costs for this project. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to accept the contract from Jeffrey Allen Corporation with both alternates. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Wall, Hatter and McMurry voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Completion date is tentatively for October 9, 2008.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to pre-purchase equipment for the park, using grant funds that have to be spent before a certain time, not to exceed \$31,332.00. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels and McMurry voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Church Entrance Bid

Bid opening on Thursday for this project. This will create a safer entrance and is an agreement with the church for use of their parking lot for Battery Hooper Park and the museum.

City Organizational Chart

There are a few items that will be changed and rearranged on the Organizational Chart. The Assistant City Clerk will now report directly to the City Clerk and the Assistant City Clerk II/Police Clerk will report directly to the Police Chief and considered an employee of the Police Department. No duties will change, only who they directly report to. There will also be discussion to bring back the position of Detective. The Municipal Order 12-02 was approved and the position was created, but it was not established into the organizational chart as a position. This has been a full-time position and the officer is already in the specialist pay scale, so there would be no increase in pay. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, McMurry, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Hatter left the meeting at 7:25PM.

CAO Update

Committee met and went through 109 resumes received. They were then narrowed down to 15 and 9 more received this week. There will be conference calls made to the out of town applicants and then narrowed down to the in person interviews. There have been very qualified applicants apply and the full Council will be involved in the final process.

New Fire/EMS LT.

This will be discussed and a new Fire/EMS Lt. will be named at the next regular meeting on July 2, 2008.

Resolution 13-08 – Kentucky office of Homeland Security

This is a Resolution that if applying for and awarded Grants we would complete the paperwork to fulfill the Grants. Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer and McMurtry voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported on the issue discussed at the previous meeting regarding the dog issue on Fort Henry Drive. The Chief sent the owners of the dog a letter about harboring a vicious animal and having it removed by June 6, 2008. As of the date of the meeting I have not heard from the owner. There were a couple of nuisance violations issued on Marcella Drive, but the owner has been working on these violations and improvements have been made. We will keep track of these violations.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that he had been contacted by Allan White of West Henry Clay who worked for Channel 9 and advised he had some original footage of the Lookout House fire that had occurred in our City. This film will be shown at the Museum at their Look Back Day for the Fire. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Board for their contribution to the Safety Fair held at the Fire Department.

Mr. Maloney gave an update from CDS Associate, Inc. on where we are on projects in the City.

Amsterdam Road

Closed and contractor moving forward.

Kyles and Henry Clay

Intersection is slowed down, but underground utility work being done. There were sub-grade issues. There is an aggressive schedule for next week to get back on schedule.

St. Agnes and Vidot Court

CDS and SD #1 is close to an agreement so they can proceed with the design. Schedule should be kept for the July bid date. Meeting with residents at Lookout Heights Civic Club is June 26, 2008 at 7PM.

Highland Avenue Slide

SD#1 determining how to handle this.

Glazier and Morris Place

CDS discussing plans with SD#1.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk