

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

**AUGUST 19, 2009 – 6:00PM**

Mayor Nienaber opened the Special Meeting at 6:00PM 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. Todd McMurtry. 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. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

First Reading of Ordinance 14-09 – Establishing FYE 2009/2010 Property Tax Rate

Discussion followed regarding the proposed tax rates. It was decided, since there is a time frame that has to be followed, that we have first reading on the amount of .210 on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars value of real estate, and .308 on each One Hundred(\$100.00) Dollars value of personal and mixed property. This is for FYE July 1, 2009/June 30, 2010. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance.

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

First Reading of Ordinance 15-09 – Establishing FYE 2009/2010 Waste Collection Fee

Mr. Huff advised that this a pass through charge and the amount will be the same as last year, \$140.63. This also is the final year of our contract with Rumpke and will be bidding this out before next year. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to adjourn the Special Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber opened the Caucus meeting at 6:34PM.

Health Insurance

Mr. Huff advised Council that he had put together a committee of employees from each City department that uses the current health insurance. Meetings were set up with the committee and Mike Williams from Sherrill Morgan Agency to explore options for renewal of the upcoming year health insurance. After meeting, it was decided that we would wait until the rates were available for the renewal, starting January 1, 2010 and offer the current insurance with employee contributions after knowing how much of an increase there would be or offer a Health Savings

Account type of insurance coverage. As Mr. Huff stated, we don't know how much of a cost there would be to employees until we get the renewal rates. This was also brought before the Finance Committee to let them know what we are looking at for the coming year. We will supply more information on this as it becomes available.

#### Vicious Dog Ordinance

Mr. Feinauer advised Council that the Community Preservation Committee had been researching and discussing the differences in Ordinances and what would be the best way for the City to go.

- 1) Keep the Ordinance we now have in force.
- 2) Have a breed specific Ordinance.
- 3) Have an outright ban of pit bulls.

There were three women from other cities in attendance for this discussion in favor of not banning these animals from the City. Mr. Feinauer had a lot of research that he had done on this subject and he stated that he thinks our Ordinance is effective for what we need. Mr. Wall would like to see a ban of pit bulls in the city. After discussion by Council it was decided that it would be put to a vote at the next meeting to determine if we would like to keep our current Ordinance, or introduce a new one for approval. It was also suggested that since all owners are supposed to register their animals and get a license from the Kenton County Animal Shelter, we need to get a list of these animals from the shelter to know what kind of dogs are living in the City.

#### Tyler Court

Mr. Maloney advised Council that he had a few calls from residents of Tyler Court about water flowing across yards and sidewalks, one in particular that had become mossy and slippery. Mr. Maloney stated that there is a natural spring under some of the yards and that this problem needs to be fixed. Mr. McMurtry objected to the City taking on this expense and stated that it should be the homeowner's responsibility to correct. Mr. Maloney stated that he would talk to the homeowner about paying for what is being fixed on his property, and the City would pay for the part that is on the right-of-way. If this isn't fixed it will damage the street in the future.

#### Mt. Vernon Drive

Mr. Huff advised that the portion of Mt. Vernon, 450' past Knob Hill and the cul-de-sac before the end of Mt. Vernon Drive is deteriorating quickly and needs to be milled and repaved before the weather gets bad. This street is not on the Street Program in the near future and cannot wait to be fixed. Bids were received from Michels Construction and Len Riegler Blacktop Inc. It was decided to accept Option 2 from Michels Construction in the amount of \$18,600.00 for the repaving in this area. This will be brought to the September meeting to adjust the budget.

## Inspection Fees

Mr. Wessels stated that residents have brought to his attention that the fees that NKAPC, One Stop Shop, is charging has increased to residents. They are only using one electrical inspector exclusively and the rates are very high and the wait can be very lengthy. Mayor Nienaber and Mr. Huff are meeting with the Director of NKAPC, Dennis Gordon and will address this and many other issues at this meeting and report back to Council.

## Current Conditions and Near Term Economic Outlook

This item on the agenda will be tabled until the next meeting.

Hope Box Derby will be on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the City will have a sponsored car in the race. We will have different logos from donors on the car. This car will be showcased in the lobby of the City Building after the race.

Hoxworth Blood Drive on August 20<sup>th</sup>, here at the City Building.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, 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