

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2009 – 6:13PM

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. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Todd McMurtry. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, 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.

There were no Citizen Comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer , second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 08/05/09 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 08/19/09 Special/Caucus/Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hatter stated that he had met with Mr. Huff and discussed the tax rates and impact over the last five years and Mr. Huff explained how the rates were figured. The proposal is for the compensating rate plus 2%, which is .210 per hundred for Real Property Tax and compensating rate plus 4% for Personal Property Tax, which is .308 per hundred. An additional amount of \$15,000.00 would be generated from these numbers. Mr. Hatter stated that we are spending more money than we are bringing in and cannot keep spending from the carryover balance of previous years. We will have to look at long term options for future budgets.

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

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

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. This will set the waste fee at \$140.63 for the year, which is the same as last year. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall and McMurtry voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained as he does business with Rumpke, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 16-09 – Zoning Text Amendment PO-2 Zone

This Ordinance allows restaurants in the PO-2 Zone as permitted uses, not accessory uses. We only have one in the City at this time, which is Frisch's on Kyles Lane. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First reading of Ordinance 17-09 – Amendment to the 2009-2010 Appropriation Ordinance

This is an amendment to the budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Mr. Huff advised that the figures for the budget were estimated in April and with the carryover balance for the year and expenditures made to the Municipal Road Aid Fund changes the budget. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 18-09 – Ordinance Banning Pit Bull Terriers

Mayor Nienaber stated that this Ordinance has been discussed at quite a few meetings. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Wall wanted this to be put on the agenda for a vote to let the interested citizens know that we followed through on this subject. Motion by Mr. Wall to approve. Motion dies for lack of a second to the motion. Ordinance not approved.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Huff reported that the City is working with the Sanitation District and Highway Department to try and resolve a problem on the Highway's Department property behind Upland Avenue. There is an issue of a dam in the area which the EPA advised was there behind the Stonehill Condos on Emery Drive. We are working with those residents to make sure they are represented. There is a meeting on Thursday September 12th, which Rob Hands from the Highway Department will be present to explain and answer questions for the residents.

Hope Box Derby is September 12th, and the car is now having the logos attached and be on display.

Mr. Wessels asked if we could check the status of the hillside on Dixie Highway below the water tower. Where they are taking down trees. Fire Chief Schewe advised he will check on this.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that we have tentative approval for the Grant for video cameras. Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Association are sponsoring a golf outing on September 14th to benefit the Police Memorial Fund.

Mr. Summe stated that we had won the case on the billboard signage.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that St. Agnes and Vidot Court street project is proceeding well. The new asphalt at the end of Mount Vernon Drive is completed, and the Public Works Department is patching and repairing streets around town.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that Mr. Hatter is working on the tax program for this year and will be completed soon.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels 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