

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Joe Averdick. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Todd McMurtry and Mr. Adam Feinauer were unavailable for this meeting.

There were no Citizen Comments

Approval of Minutes – 09/02/09 – Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in favor, Mr. Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Rick Burkhart and Steve Cahill from Abercrombie Engineering were in attendance at this meeting, in case there were any questions by Council.

Second Reading of Ordinance 17-09 – Amendment to the 2009-2010 Appropriation Ordinance

This Ordinance will change the carryover balance of \$166,000 to the good. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll Call vote taken, Wessels and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Update - James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board

Mr. Bob Clements, Board Member addressed and updated Council, and stated that there had been a surge in visitors at the Museum and in the Outreach Program. Battery Hooper Days brought in \$1600.00 and the Antique Appraisal \$500.00.

Sunday, November 8th at Highlands Cemetery there will be the Veterans Day Program.

Sunday, December 13th from noon-5PM will be the 5th Annual Civil War Christmas at the museum. This will also be the last day the museum is open until next year.

There will also be a new brochure for the Outreach Program in 2010.

Mr. Wessels stated that he assumes everyone received his email regarding items that have been brought up and discussed briefly. Mr. Hatter advised that Mr. Feinauer has a spreadsheet that had all items included. Since he was unavailable for the meeting, Mr. Hatter suggested that we have him let us know what he has and proceed from there. Mayor Nienaber said that the meetings that we have had in the summer were pretty short, but that will be changing as we get into more detailed discussions on upcoming important subjects.

Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney have been attending meetings and having discussions with Sanitation District No. 1 and the State Highway Department regarding the Nature Center slippage. We will have representatives at the next Caucus meeting to address and update Council.

Mr. Wall stated that there is a grass roots effort in the community to not let the pit bull issue die, and will be brought up again in the next couple of months.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that they are starting their evaluation on extrication equipment that will be purchased with a Grant from the Federal Government. There are old vehicles parked behind the building that they are testing equipment on from different vendors. There will be a bid out for by December 1st for this.

There will be Halloween treats on October 31st. for children and their parents at the Fire House from 7-9PM.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest stated that there has been a grant received for three digital cameras for the police cars and all will be updated. The grant in conjunction with City of Independence for a license plate reader has also been approved. Thanks to Sergeant Schworer for all the hard work and time he has put into these grants. There has also been a bulletproof vest grant that will allow us to purchase a few more vests.

The Nixel signup has had a few bugs in it but we think are now straightened out. Chief Kreinest will give out more detailed directions to signup.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council on the Interlocal Agreement with SD1. The initial information was sent with a map highlighting the sections that would be SD1 responsibility and sat down with Mr. Huff and designated the items that were missed and returned it to SD1. It was returned to us and narrowed down substantially. We are waiting for the final version before Mr. Maloney brings it before Council.

The pavement is in on St. Agnes and Vidot Court. Yards will be touched up and restoration done as weather permits. Mr. Huff stated that Mr. Maloney has done a great job in coordinating the work on this project.

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised that the 2009 tax bills have been sent out. Payments will be mailed directly to a loc box for processing.

City Attorney Pete Summe advised that there was a reconfiguration for Ms. Classic Car Wash, and it will be brought to Mr. Maloney for inspection.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting October 13th at 5:30PM.

There will be two customer service training sessions presented by St. Elizabeth EAP. They are on 10/06/09 and 10/28/09, so that all employees can attend one of them.

Dawn Bloemer and Laura Knight are both resigning from the Parks and Recreation Board. Anyone who knows of anyone who might be interested, please let us know. Thanks to both of them for their time to the City. We will still be talking to the Civic Clubs in the City regarding recreation.

Thanks to all of the sponsors of the Hope Box Derby. Chris Goddard spoke to Mayor Nienaber and would like to come back next year. Hopefully we can develop this event into a full day of events and fun.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter 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