

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2008- 6:00PM

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

Citizen Comments

Ralph and Martha Kuchle addressed Council regarding the plan for their property on Dixie Highway. Mayor Nienaber advised that he had been to over 25 hours of meetings with Anchor Properties, the developers, and trying to come up with the best plan to submit to NKAPC and in the best interest of the residents of Fort Wright.

Proposed New Sign Ordinance

Mike Schwartz, of NKAPC made a presentation at the last caucus meeting in September and were advised that some of the surrounding cities have adopted it. There are some items in this new proposal that needs more discussion and there is no rush on passing this Ordinance until we will be happy with the final version. Everyone needs to understand fully all changes before we approve it. Mayor Nienaber suggested we have Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney talk to Mike Schwartz reference the differences in the Ordinances.

Economic Development Committee (Dixie Highway)

Todd McMurtry will chair this committee, and Bernie Wessels and city residents will also be on this committee. Another committee formed will be the Finance Committee, which will include Joe Averdick, Dave Hatter and City Administrator Gary Huff. They will work on making the budget more understandable to any person who is looking at it. The third committee will be the Community Preservation Committee, to potentially look at recruiting volunteers to reviewing upkeep of homes in the City.

Proposed Dixie Highway Market Study

This will be discussed at the Committee meeting.

Classic Car Wash Lawsuit

This item will be tabled until City Attorney Pete Summe is available to respond.

Name the Lake

The Park and Recreation Board would like to have a contest to name the lake, and conduct a fishing derby, and would like permission from Council to organize this.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The official lighting will be at the City Building this year. It was suggested that we look at having the Business Association contribute to some events.

Financial Update – Finance Committee

Mr. Huff explained the new financial format that he has been working on, to show an easier way to understand it.

New EMS Unit

Chief Schewe updated Council on the purchased of a new EMS unit. He advised that we did not receive many bids and was disappointed. The old ambulance unit does have value and will be sold to offset some of the price of the new one. Mr. Huff advised he would like to have Council consider paying cash for the new unit instead of financing it. Council agreed that if this was possible we should consider it.

Barrington Road – Howard Road – Cut Through

This will be discussed through the Community Preservation Committee.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that the shelters are in for the park and will be installed soon. There was a tour by Arianne Byrum, who is conducting a Girl Scout project of identifying trees and has created a brochure to let people know where the trees came from and other information about them. The city will present a plaque to her for this very time consuming project.

Chief Kreinest reported that the vehicle break-ins had stopped and it has been relatively quiet.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Feinauer 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