

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2009 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order 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, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

There were no Citizen Comments

Approval of Minutes – 10-07-09 Council Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes – 10-21-09 Caucus Meeting

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve, Mr. Hatter abstained. All members voting in favor. Motion passed.

Fort Wright Bio-Retention Facility

In attendance for the meeting tonight were Bill Viox, Ted Vogelpohl, Jim Turner, Justin Verst and Brock Mackay, representing Viox & Viox, SD#1 and Thelen Associates Inc. They spoke regarding the proposed Regional Bio-Retention Facility between Upland Avenue and I-75. There is a detention basin next to I-75 and a portion of the basin is a protective wetland which can be preserved and used for educational purposes or as a park. Council was shown a design concept with a nature park theme, observation area and wildlife culvert. Mr. Maloney stated that parking on Upland Avenue is already pretty tight and on a paved surface there would be room for 3 cars that will be maintained for this project. Mayor Nienaber thanked everyone who is involved in making this project happen.

Interlocal Agreement for the Coordination and Consolidation of the Collection of Municipal Occupational License Fees and Taxes

This authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Kenton County to set a fee (2%), for collection of taxes and to set the formula by which the Countywide Business License Fees are distributed. 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.

Acceptance of Bid for Hydraulic Rescue Tool System, using FIREACT Grant that Fire Department has received

Chief Schewe advised that this is a matching grant, with 5% due from the City. After looking at demonstrations from two vendors the recommendation is to accept the bid from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment for the Holmatro System, with alternates plus the Ram Base in the amount of \$26,589.00. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the bid from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment and commit to the City match of 5%. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Committee Update Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Hatter reported that the spreadsheet that he uses needs to be updated. There has not been a lot of activity in this committee, but will get into the new budget in the future meetings. Mr. Huff advised that he distributed the quarterly report at the last meeting and we are within the budget numbers and talked about the South Hills Civic Club expenses and long term capital needs. We will talk about how to produce more revenue without raising taxes.

Economic Development Committee

Mr. McMurtry stated the purpose the committee is to look at ways to make Fort Wright a more attractive place for business and residents. Right now the focus is primarily on Dixie Highway and have businesses locate in Fort Wright to compliment the City. We are developing a brochure, with the help of Debi Martin, a resident and Kim Jehn an employee of Prism on Dixie Highway. Hopefully this will showcase the City and give potential businesses information about locating in Fort Wright. Mr. Wessels stated that he is very impressed with the committee, giving positive input and good work by everyone. Mayor Nienaber stated that the Kuchle buildings are coming down and the Walgreens Development is underway. Mr. Hatter advised that he has had very positive feedback from the Northern Kentucky Chamber about the City being business friendly.

Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Feinauer stated that this committee looks at how to maintain values of homes and business in the City. They are now looking at updated property maintenance codes, building codes and zoning. The committee will decide if we would like to have the Spring Fix up Day this year. Last year we didn't have a lot of time to get it together and had low attendance and will decide whether to continue that project. Mr. Wall advised that we will look at nuisance ordinances from other cities and hope to have this ordinance in place by April 1st.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff advised everyone that the Veterans Day Program at Highland Cemetery will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 2:00PM. This year we will be honoring WWII Veterans, which there are 65 from Northern Kentucky.

The 2008-2009 audit has been completed and we will distribute the audit as soon as we receive it.

The Senior Lunch is November 12th at 12:30PM at the South Hills Civic Club with about 70 people signed up. All of Council is invited.

November 26 and 27 City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe stated that we have 3 EMT's graduating from classes and 2 will be graduating from the Fire recruit class. We will have 3 volunteers starting in the next class.

Halloween went well with hot dogs and soft drinks given out.

Chief Kreinest reported that the monthly report was distributed. There were 3 burglaries in the last couple of weeks. Arrests were made on the Mount Vernon burglaries, thanks to Sergeant Newsom for his quick action in apprehending 2 suspects.

The new Police vehicle is in and getting equipment installed.

Halloween went well with no problems.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that Sanitation District No. 1 are doing a couple of repair projects in the City. We are also working on the agreements with SD1 regarding the Nature Center Lake.

Public Works is working with TANK on replacing bus stop shelters on Dixie Highway

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported tax bills coming in a little slow, but will pick up after Thanksgiving.

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