

## **CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 05, 2008 – 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. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, 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.

Mayor Nienaber congratulated everyone who returned to Council from the previous day's election. He also thanked everyone else who ran, Dave Abeln, Don Dickhaus, Tony Hennies and Bob Benkert for their interest in the City.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve the minutes of the 10-01-08 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve the minutes of the 10-15-08 Caucus Meeting. Mr. Wessels abstained, all other members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

### Proclamation for Arriane Byrum

Arriane conducted a Girl Scout Project at the park and museum property identifying the variety of trees that are on the property. She put together a brochure and put signs on the trees included in the brochure. She conducted a tour of each tree and explained the origin and leaf pattern. Mr. Averdick took the tour and was very complimentary of her knowledge of this project. A Proclamation was presented to her by the Mayor and Council congratulated her for all her hard work for the City.

### Executive Order 9-08 – Establishing Economic Development Committee

This Order establishes a committee to focus mainly on Dixie Highway at this time. The residents included on the committee are:

Todd McMurtry (Chair), Bernie Wessels, Deborah Martin, Donna Ross, Frank Henn, Joe Nienaber Sr., Rudy Kreutzjans, Tom Litzler and Gary Huff – Administrator/Staff.

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

Mayor Nienaber and Mr. Huff attended the ribbon cutting at Prism Title on Dixie Highway, in Wright's Summit on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This business will bring 70 employees to the City.

#### Executive Order 10-08 – Establishing Finance Committee

This Order establishes a Finance Committee. This committee includes Joe Averdick, Dave Hatter and Gary Huff. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Nienaber advised we had the first meeting and it looks like it will be a very active committee. Mr. Hatter stated that he thought Mr. Huff has done a great job trying to get Council more involved.

#### Executive Order 11-08 – Establishing Community Preservation Committee

This Order establishes a Community Preservation Committee. This committee includes Scott Wall and Adam Feinauer and Gary Huff. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

This committee will cover a lot of aspects of the City, including code enforcement, nuisance ordinance and any problems that need to be addressed.

#### Accept Bid on New EMS Unit

Chief Schewe addressed Council regarding the proposal to purchase a new EMS unit. He passed around a photo of what this vehicle would look like. Chief Schewe and Mr. Huff have seen the vehicle in person and recommends it highly. We have \$150,000.00 budgeted for this vehicle and it will be over by \$5000.00, but Mr. Huff advises if we pay for the ambulance instead of financing it, we will save around \$30,000.00 in interest charges. This vehicle was already built, so delivery will be sooner than expected. The current vehicle has had a lot of costly repairs and will be sold. The Park Hills ambulance will be kept as a backup for the City.

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

#### Resolution 20-08 – Declaring November 9-15, 2008 – “National Veterans Awareness Week”

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

#### First Reading Ordinance 14-08 – Amending Ordinance 10-07 – Increasing Countywide License Fee

The City of Covington is joining with other cities in the countywide license fee collection. This amount for a countywide license will raise from \$175.00 to \$225.00 to purchase this license. Mayor Nienaber noted that this was the first raise in fees for these licenses. The additional money will be held in an escrow account until there is an updated formula for distribution to the

cities. Mr. Wessels suggested having a time limit on the money that is placed in the escrow account. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hatter and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

## Administrator Report

### Update on BP Property

Mr. Huff had a meeting with the County regarding the BP site and they do have an interest into partnering with Fort Wright to develop this site for recreation.

### TransCare

Chief Schewe and Mr. Huff met with TransCare and surrounding cities to discuss what to expect regarding cost for ALS for next year. This was not a formal presentation but will keep Council updated on the progress of these meetings.

### Countywide Business Tax Collection

Mr. Huff met with the County Representatives regarding the 1% increase in fees. The County has agreed to provide services and reports that was not provided in the past.

Reminder that the Parks and Recreation Board is sponsoring the Senior Luncheon and it

00is on November 13<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2PN at the South Hills Civic Club. Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

## Department Reports

Chief Schewe reported that the Recreation Board sponsored the Pumpkin Party held at the Fire Department on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It was well attended and everyone had a great time. There were hot dogs, candy and drinks provided the night of Halloween, also at the Fire Department. The final amount from the radio grant was received to upgrade City equipment.

Chief Kreinest reported that included in the newsletter was a list of the burglaries that were occurring. Detective Brown has solved the Glengarry burglaries and two juveniles were apprehended. He reminded everyone not to leave valuables in the car that could be seen. Halloween went smoothly, there were no problems.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported on the projects going on. Park Project has been running behind and he is trying to get them to pick up the pace.

Lonkard Construction is working on St. Agnes Circle and Vidot Court. They may be able to raise the sewer lines in that area.

Access drive is complete; Seeding will be done in the spring.

Kyles Lane and Henry Clay seeding will also be done in the spring.

Reviewing the next street project with the Sanitation District.

Scout project at the museum property has been completed with the bricks behind the museum redone. This is a very nice project and everyone involved worked very hard.

Questioned were asked of Tim regarding the concrete on St. Anthony and Marcella Drives. Some areas have some cracking and chipping. Tim will check on this.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to Executive session per KRS. 810(c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn Executive session. All members voting in favor no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the regular Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk