

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer 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 -11/04/09 Council Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes – 11/18/09 Caucus Meeting

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

Executive Order 6-09 – Appoint Daniel Ruh to the Kenton County Planning Commission

Executive Order 7-09 – Appoint Mary DeSalvo to Museum Board

Executive Order – 8-09 – Appoint Robert Clements to Museum Board

Executive Order 9-09 – Appoint Bernie Wessels as a Representative for Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission Council; with David Hatter as an alternate.

Proclamation: St. Agnes Blue Ribbon School Status

Mayor Nienaber stated that St. Agnes School is a vital part of our community and received the honor of being named a Blue Ribbon School. This is a great honor for this school and the teachers and students. Mayor Nienaber presented Principal Linda Groh a Proclamation and proclaimed December 3, 2009 St. Agnes School Day in the City of Fort Wright.

Marketing Plan

Debi Martin and Kim Jehn addressed Council regarding the Marketing Plan. Ms. Martin stated that this plan was started about a year ago to market our City to prospective developers. Debi introduced Kim Jehn who works for Prism Mortgage Company on Dixie Highway, which was a new company locating in this area. Kim could give a fresh perspective to this campaign as she was not now living in Fort Wright. They presented the new logo and brochure which was created to promote the City. It is in the final stages of editing and should be finished in the next couple of weeks. There will also be banners throughout the City with the new logo. This will be an identifying factor and will be used in the future. Kim Jehn stated that the goals for 2010 will be a breakfast for realtors and developers to market the City for future development. Update the website and have access to materials and businesses. Ms. Martin thanked Council for letting them develop this campaign and showing that this is a very vibrant and attractive area.

Council thanked Debi and Kim for all their hard work on this project.

Year 8 – Fort Wright Vision Committee Plan

Tom Jacober addressed Council and presented the Year 8 Plan. This is a year of carryover, with the marketing plan still in process and will leave on the plan for the BP site for soccer fields. Because of the slow economy, plans were put on hold or delayed because of funding available to move on or complete. Mayor Nienaber thanked the committee for their effort and is excited about the future of Fort Wright. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. McMurtry to adopt Year 8 Fort Wright Vision Committee Plan. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Employee Health Care Plan

Mike Williams from Sherrill Morgan Agency was present to answer questions or supply information to Council regarding the renewal of the employee's health care plan for 2010. Mr. Huff advised that this year the City established a committee, including a representative from each department, to discuss and give options how to keep the cost under control and choose the type of policies that the City will consider. The committee came up with a two tiered system, one a traditional plan and the other a Health Savings Account plan. The choice of the policy would be the employees. If the traditional plan is chosen, there would be a payroll contribution from the employee, if they choose the Health Savings Account plan they are encouraged to add to what the City is contributing. Both of the plans are through Humana and there is a meeting set up to inform the employees what is available, and their spouses are invited to attend the meeting to inform them of the options of each plan.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the Health Care Plan for 2010. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Feinauer and McMurtry voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Adoption – 2009 International Property Maintenance Code

This item was discussed at the last Caucus meeting and also with the Community Preservation Committee, Mr. Huff, Chief Kreinest and Tim Maloney. Mr. Feinauer stated that we need to get these codes up to date and have the current codes in effect so that we can enforce them to keep this City vibrant and more attractive. There are no new codes we are just updating what we now have. There will be a schedule to check on enforcement of these codes throughout the City and protect property values. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance 17-09 in summary.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hatter and McMurtry voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 14-09 – Supporting Legislation Regarding Unfunded Rules, Regulations and Mandates

This Resolution supports legislation of Representative Geoff Davis regarding unfunded rules, regulations and mandates, HR 3765 Act of 2009. This raises awareness that unfunded mandates kill small government. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, McMurtry, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor's Group Update

Mayor Nienaber advised that he attended the last meeting of the Mayor's Group and it was a very productive meeting. NKAPC gave a presentation on the GIS system to coordinate with the utility companies, when a project is being done. Enter in the project and all projects in the area will come up. This is a great tool for all cities to use and NKAPC will be presenting this program in the next couple of months.

The smoking ban was brought up at the meeting, and a Resolution will be brought before Council to consider in favor of it in Kenton County.

Infrastructure maintenance in condo developments are being pursued in many cities. We are checking with other cities regarding this.

Billboard ban is being encouraged for the cities in the area.

Addendum to Countywide collection fees for taxes and permits. A Resolution was passed by Kenton County to cap the fees to only 2%.

A revised agreement with SD1 is included in the packet and a meeting will be set up and discussed in a future caucus meeting.

Street signage luminosity at a certain degree will be needed in the future for all cities on all signage put up by the City. NKAPC will do a study to inventory signage and track duplicate signage in the cities. This cost will be covered by NKAPC.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe congratulated two volunteers who graduated from the six month Kenton County Fire Recruit class. They are Lindsay Dunwoody and Brandon Parton and they will be running for us in the department. There are new members that will be starting in the EMT and Fire Recruit classes. The new tools ordered from the Grant received, will be able to be used on a school bus that will be destroyed when the Fire Department is finished using it for training.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reminded everyone that it is the holiday season and to put packages out of sight in your vehicles. The Police Department is participating in the Cops and Kids Program and are accepting donations at the City Building and at US Bank. This is a very worthwhile program.

The new cruiser is in and waiting for accessories. The license plate reader will be ordered from the Grant received.

Mr. Summe reported that we are waiting for the final plans for Ms. Classic Car Wash.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that road salt is a little cheaper this year and the equipment is on the trucks and ready when needed.

St. Agnes and Vidot Court have been completed, and contractors will be back in the spring for restoration.

The work on East Henry Clay in the 1200 block will be completed by SD1 with temporary road repair until spring.

The repair on Rosa Avenue should allow thru traffic in the evening until the project is completed.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported taxes are coming in a little slower, but will be picking up by the end of December.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Christmas tree at the City Building was lighted before the Council Meeting this evening

Kuchle Garage and surrounding buildings are down on Dixie Highway.

Civil War Christmas is on December 13, 2009 from Noon -6:00PM.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he is very proud of the accomplishments that the City has achieved in 2009, and is looking forward to even more in 2010.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, 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