

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

CAUCUS MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2008- 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. It was noted that all Council members were present. Also in attendance 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.

City Clerk Joyce Woods (Notary) swore in Joe Nienaber Jr, with the Oath of Office, and Mayor Nienaber then swore in the rest of Council, expiring December 31, 2011.

Committee Update:

Finance

Mr. Huff advised that at our last meeting he went through the funds with the committee to understand them better and to be informative. The next meeting will be on January 6, 2009 at 7AM. We should have a draft of the last audit to look over and present the final audit at the February Council Meeting. Everyone needs to be aware of the budget needs for next year.

Community Preservation

Mr. Feinauer reported that the committee had met twice and had reviewed the Code of Ordinances with Tim Maloney and discussed the Fire Department with Chief Schewe. Property values are very important in the City and will be monitored. Mr. Wall stated that they had discussed having an event with professionals in the home repair business, to give tips to residents on keeping their property well maintained. This will be discussed for the spring season and decided at a future date. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2009 at 4:30PM.

Economic Development

Mr. McMurtry passed out the minutes from the last meeting that was held and advised the previous month's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Committee member Debbie Martin put together a draft for future use. Discussion included burying utilities on Dixie Highway and re-routing heavy power lines. Also discussed was the empty Convenient store on

Ashwood Circle, Pieck Drive not established as a dedicated street, because it was never finished. Mr. Huff and Mr. Summe will look at this problem.

CDS Engineers

New rates were presented to Council with a 3% increase for the new contract. Discussion followed regarding these increases and it was decided to talk to Mr. Brueggemann and suggest that Council would not accept an increase for the coming year, due to the state of the economy at this time. A meeting will be set up with Mark Brueggemann, City Engineer to discuss the rates.

Town Center Form District

Mr. Feinauer advised that all members have some thoughts on how it should or should not work. If we would like to change this district we should go to NKAPC for advice on what district to have in the area. Mr. McMurtry thought we should have a recommendation to make. Mr. Huff and Tim Maloney will discuss what zone is best for the City and report back.

No Parking – Beaumont Court and Highland Pike

We had received a complaint from Lynn Toner, a resident of Beacon Hill, who advised that there is a dangerous parking situation at the corner and into the first block of Beaumont Court and Highland Pike. She stated that the cars park too close to the corner when other cars are turning in or out of this area. It was suggested to take the No Parking signage up to the Litzler driveway on Beaumont. A new Ordinance will be needed and notification to the property owners in this area. This will be on a future agenda.

Department Reports

Mr. Maloney reported that he passed out an explanation on how Lonkard construction will be paid for the project on St. Agnes/Vidot Court. Twenty seven tons of salt was used for the brief ice and snow on the past Tuesday.

Fire Chief Steve Schewe reported he is putting together the numbers for EMS billing for the next meeting.

Chief Dan Kreinest reported information on the recent burglaries and listed stats on businesses and residential.

Mr. Huff reported that we are researching getting a lock box through the Bank of Kentucky for property and insurance premium taxes.

Mr. Wall had to leave the meeting at 8PM due to another commitment.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk