

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

**03/19/08 – 6:00PM**

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

Ms. Sandi Couch, owner of Shimmers addressed Council and stated that they would like to have an area in the front of the building on Dixie Highway to have outdoor dining. They are planning to paint the front of the building and put in a new canopy, eight to ten tables and landscaping to look like a garden area and block the view from the patio area. She stated that with the other outdoor dining in the area their business is down in the spring and summer months because people want to be outdoors. They have constantly been making improvements to increase revenue and generate new revenue.

Mr. Klein advised there are setback restrictions and the land use does not permit outdoor dining. She advised they did not plan on music outdoors. Mayor Weaver stated they would have to determine the right-of-way and not affect the line of sight with tables or umbrellas. Discussion followed and it was decided to have Ms. Couch talk to NKAPC and they would advise her of the next step she would need to take to get this plan started.

### **Rental Property**

Mr. Hatter advised he wanted to discuss the issue of rental property in the City. He believes it is getting to be an issue of maintenance, absentee landlords and problem tenants that might cause problems for the City. Discussion consisted of creating a new zone or penalties after so many complaints or police calls and good code enforcement. It was suggested to set up a committee to study this.

### **Annual Budget Retreat**

Mr. Averdick advised that he would like to discuss who attends the annual budget retreat that is coming up in April. The last few years the Vision Committee was included in this retreat and Mr. Averdick suggested that they attend a regular Council meeting to interact with Council and staff.

Since they present a plan they would like to see in future years and they don't have input in the budget they think a different meeting would be better for their presentations.

#### Council Meetings on TBNK

Discussion regarding the sound at the Council meetings and having people who are speaking identify themselves and step up to the podium and speak into the microphone so they can be heard on TV. Council also needs to speak into their microphone at their seat so they can be heard.

#### Realignment of Kyles Lane and George Huser Drive

Council discussed this realignment of this intersection and stated that they wanted to go with the safest route for all citizens that travel through Fort Wright.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk