

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

05/21/08 at 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present was City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Averdick arrived at 7:10PM.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Candy Stephens of 1729 Fort Henry Drive addressed Council regarding a dog problem next door to her residence at the Sullivan residence at 1725 Fort Henry Drive. She passed out a log that she kept of complaints to the owners and calls to the Police with complaints that she made. She also produced names of other people that observed the dog running loose at all times of the day and night. She stated that she is very fearful of this dog, as it is a pit bull and she believes it to be dangerous. Ms. Stephens brought along a friend of hers that trains dogs and she addressed Council regarding how these dogs react to people. Her father, Arnold Stephens also spoke before Council about the dangerous nature of this dog. Mayor Nienaber advised that the Police would contact the neighbor about this situation and monitor any more complaints.

Mayor Nienaber advised that we would skip around on the agenda, since Mr. Averdick requested items to be added and wanted him to be here to discuss them.

ALS

Chief Schewe addressed Council regarding the ALS agreement with Transcare. This agreement runs from 07-01-08 to 6-30-09 and is a one year contract with a 5.03% increase. Fort Wright's contribution will be \$47,887.89 with potentially an increase after one year of 30%. Discussion followed and it was decided to sign the contract for one year and look at other options for the future.

BLS with Park Hills

Chief Schewe advised we are amending the contract with Park Hills for BLS service for one year instead of two, to coincide with the Transcare agreement.

Ambulance Specifications

Chief Schewe gave Council preliminary specification regarding the purchase of a new ambulance. We do have a demo ambulance in the parking lot from Braun Company, if anyone is interested in looking at it. The price should be around \$140,000. - \$150,000, depending on four wheel drive options. Our old ambulance should be worth \$10,000 – \$12,000.

Emergency Dispatch

Mayor Nienaber asked for feedback from Chief Kreinest and Chief Schewe on this item for discussion.

Chief Kreinest stated that there were minor complaints and issues and these were addressed and fixed as soon as they could be. Chief Kreinest thought that it was a very smooth transition with Erlanger.

Chief Schewe advised that his members and employees logged complaints and problems, and were working with Erlanger Dispatch to resolve their issues. Mayor Nienaber stated that he spoke to other cities that also joined the Erlanger Dispatch and they also are working out issues that they had.

Amsterdam Road

Mr. Maloney stated that he had attended a pre-construction meeting regarding Amsterdam Road and it will be closed on 06-01-08 and re-opened by 08-20-08 to through traffic. There will be fines to the contractor if work is not finished on time. A press release has been sent to all media regarding the dates for closing and signage will be put up to give travelers notice of closure. It was suggested to notify Finke's Market and Little Red School House as they are the ones who will be most impacted.

Kyles Lane/Henry Clay

The utilities are all being moved and construction moving slowly.

Highland Slippage

The Sanitation District has capped all the manholes and Thelen Co. is looking at it for Sanitation District No. 1. There has been more slippage recently.

Memorial Day

The services will be at the Museum at 10AM, with Chuck Schneider, a resident, being the guest speaker.

Park and Recreation Committee Vacancy

We have received a resignation from one of our committee members, Donna Sheehy who is moving out of the city. We will try to fill this vacancy soon. Thanks to Donna for her service.

City Organizational Chart

Mayor Nienaber suggested some changes in the City organizational chart regarding supervision and placement of some employees.

Park Plan Bid

Mr. Maloney advised the bid is out for the Park Plan and he distributed a listing of items to pre-buy for the park with approximate pricing.

Church Entrance Bid

This bid will be advertised on May 22, 2008.

Shimmers

The Board of Adjustment granted Shimmers Restaurant a zero setback for their outside dining.

Dixie Highway Properties for Sale and Redevelopment

There has been a zone change request for the development of the Kuchle property on Dixie highway. There will be a Public Hearing at NKAPC on June 5, 2008 for this change.

Top of the Hill News

Everyone including staff and Council are invited to contribute articles for publication in the newsletter. Mayor Nienaber will give final approval.

Budget Line Item and Coding

In order to track purchases made for the different facilities in the City, we will start coding line items with job numbers corresponding with the different facilities to determine what is being purchased and the cost. This way we can get a better idea what we are buying and spending for each place and track it better.

Staff Meeting

We will have a staff meeting, if needed, on each Wednesday before our City meetings to determine what will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

CAO Update

The City Administrator position has been advertised in the Sunday Enquirer and will be online at careerbuilder.com for thirty days. The deadline is June 13, 2008. We have received quite a few resumes online and by mail to fill this position.

Replacement for Open Council Position

We will have a special meeting on May 28, 2008 at 5PM to discuss this vacancy on Council. This will go to executive session and phone calls will be made to determine if the top five candidates from the last appointment are still interested.

The five applicants named as candidates in no particular order are:

1. Todd McMurtry
2. Don Dickhaus
3. Dave Ablen
4. Burt Wall
5. Tony Hennies

This will be discussed and a candidate chosen.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter 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