

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

APRIL 18, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Scott Wall were unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. Jason Reser of 123 Morris Road addressed Council regarding safety for bike riders near St. Agnes School. His stepson is a student there and was hit by a driver while under the influence on his way to school. Mr. Reser owns a bike shop in Newport and is very concerned about sidewalks for bike riders in the City. Mayor Nienaber stated that we can only address sidewalks on city streets, and when the proposed street tax failed a couple of years ago, financing is the biggest concern. Mr. Reser advised that he gets information on Safe Schools Sidewalk Grants being offered and Mayor Nienaber stated that we would be interested in looking at this. Mr. Huff will sit down and discuss this with Mr. Reser when this information is available.

### Insurance Bids

Mr. Huff stated that we have received several bids for the City's liability insurance. Mr. Huff went through the bids and gave pricing. City Attorney Todd McMurtry will check on these companies to make sure that they are reputable and can handle coverage for the city. Dale Klein who is our agent that handles our coverage with KLC will also advise on the bids.

Mayor Nienaber stated that we have to consider KLC because when there were multiple claims a few years ago, they handled this for us. We can also get a couple of small Safety Grants through KLC. Mr. Huff advised we will have more information on these bids at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting.

### Budget Amendment – Dispatch

Mr. Huff stated that he had attended a meeting at the City of Erlanger after Covington announced that their dispatch center would merge with Kenton County Dispatch. Erlanger announced that they will have an estimated \$204,063.00 fund deficit for FY 2012. The share for Fort Wright will be \$15,721.00 and we will have to amend the budget to include this amount. We have no choice for now, but to stay with Erlanger Dispatch and continue to talk to Kenton County regarding using their dispatch center in the future.

### Road Project Update

Mr. Maloney reported that last year we milled and resurfaced Fort Henry and Amsterdam Roads. He met with CDS Associates to make sure we pick roads that will hold up during construction and after. Mr. Maloney stated that they rode through the City and decided on which roads would be done for this year. The South Hills area will be taken over with Water District projects. CDS supplied a letter to Mr. Maloney suggesting the streets to be considered and he advised if funds

are available Ashlawn should be considered as a complete reconstruction project. Mr. Maloney stated that he would like to bid the street project in November, in order to get a better price.

Mr. Huff brought up a problem that we had been having with a vehicle parking on E. Henry Clay Avenue on the hill. This vehicle blocks the view of traffic and is a danger to people traveling in this area. We may be coming to Council with a No Parking Ordinance in this area.

Ms. Classic Car Wash

The attorney for this business has added language in the agreement that if property is sold it would not have to connect to the service road. It was suggested that we make a condition that no fast food or gas stations be located on that property. We will address this at a Community Preservation meeting on what will be allowed.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he had talked to Park Hills Mayor Don Catchen regarding the ALS contract that was proposed to Park Hills. Mayor Catchen stated that the cost for BLS was high and thought it should be reduced by 50%. He was going to talk to his Council regarding this issue.

Mayor Nienaber advised that he was going to write a letter to all members of Park Hills Council regarding this issue, so that they would have all the updated information. We will follow up and keep Council informed.

Mr. Maloney advised that we have had a couple of calls regarding decaying and damaged sidewalks on Mount Vernon Drive. These sidewalks are integral with the curb. Mayor Nienaber advised that we should address the Ordinance as written. It was also suggested that if we have this situation with this type of sidewalk, we could suggest to the homeowner that they could pay 50% and the City would pay the other 50%, in order to fix the curb.

Mike Marino, a resident of 416 Pickett Court addressed Council requesting and designating the area directly across the street from his driveway, a No Parking area. Mr. Marino has medical issues that make it difficult for him to turn his head and look for parked cars.

Mayor Nienaber advised we will talk to the City Attorney and the Safety Committee regarding this issue.

Mr. Wessels arrived at 8:20PM.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer 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