

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2012 – 6PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:15PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were, City Administrator Gary Huff, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Joe Averdick and Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe were unavailable for this meeting.

### Street Car Property at Morris Place and Park Road

Mayor Nienaber explained to Council that were present at the meeting, that this item would be tabled until the people involved in this real estate transaction could get together a more detailed plan to bring before Council.

### Updated Animal Control Agreement

Mr. Huff explained that an Interlocal Agreement has been distributed to all cities that are now being served by Kenton County for animal enforcement. Covington would like to be brought in with Kenton County and all cities now being served by Kenton County, for consolidation and multi-city enforcement of state laws and local ordinances pertaining to regulation of animals. Covington has agreed to pay their share and the cost of an additional officer. We would then have four officers, two on a shift and on call at night. Our cost now is \$1875.00 a quarter. This will be brought to the next Council meeting in February.

### Thriftway Shopping Center

Mayor Nienaber advised that there is two million dollars being spent development of the building improvements at the shopping center property on Dixie Highway. Christ Hospital will have offices and facilities located there. The City was asked by the owners if the City would be interested in a payroll tax incentive for the employees and property tax proposal at this facility. Discussion followed regarding the proposal and projected income for the City and was decided this would be brought before Council and if they were interested in pursuing these incentives.

### Police Officer Recruitment

Chief Kreinest advised that we will make conditional full time offers to officers from Paris, Kentucky, with twelve years experience and Kenton County Sheriff Department with eleven years experience. Patrolman Jeff Hoppenjans is our lowest paid officer at this time. If offers were made for the amount he makes, with the competition of other department hiring, we could not get quality people. It was suggested to bring Jeff up to the starting pay we are offering to the new

hires. We will still be within our budget for the year. Hiring part time officers was discussed for the third opening. We will bring this back in February for approval of the pay raise and the conditional offers.

#### Board of Adjustment Opening

Mayor Nienaber stated that since Donna Bloemer will not be returning to the board of Adjustment, he has offered the opening on the Board to Jeff Wolnitzek. Mr. Wolnitzek will bring much knowledge and experience to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall 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