

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

MARCH 21, 2012 – 6PM

Mayor Nienaber 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. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Bernie Wessels. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Scott Wall was not available for this meeting.

### City Attorney

Mayor Nienaber addressed Council and stated that Mr. McMurtry was interested in filling the position of City Attorney. He researched this position thoroughly and there were no conflicts with his present position in his law practice. The rates will change slightly, the retainer will be \$250.00 more monthly and the hourly rate would be higher than the current amount. Mr. McMurtry would be required to attend all scheduled meetings and write all ordinances etc. He knows all the litigation that is or may be pending and a great choice for the City. Mr. McMurtry would tender his resignation from Council and then we would appoint someone to fulfill his term on Council. Mr. McMurtry has Municipal Law experience and all of Council agreed to appoint Todd to this position. Mayor Nienaber stated that we would accept his official resignation from Council at our next regular Council meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> and advertise for his replacement on Council.

### Draft 2012-2013 Budget

Mayor Nienaber advised that the Finance Committee met this morning and went over the 2012-2013 upcoming budget. Last year the budget was gone over line item by line item and discussed. The Department Heads submitted their needs for the upcoming year and were discussed. We will be replacing and rotating vehicles in Police, Fire and Public Works. The expected cost for four new vehicles will be around \$110,000.00.

There was \$250,000.00 included in the budget for street repairs. We should see about \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 increase from Christ Hospital offices in the first year, and this is not reflected in the budget. The vehicle sticker tax proposed will not be realized for about a year. We are hoping to capture company cars that are not licensed in Kentucky. Discussion followed.

There will be a final budget amendment at the end of the year and this item will be on the agenda for the April meeting.

Mr. Huff advised that they had met with Pizza Hut owners and they don't want to tear down the structure because they would lose the setback that is now with the building. He advised that they encouraged the owners to add additional restaurants to the outlots. Before going forward with the

compromise of setbacks Council approval was needed. It was suggested that if this idea moves forward that a design criteria is in place.

The fax machine in the Police Department is not working and cannot be fixed. In looking into a new machine we were offered a deal from Toshiba, that we would get two new copy machines, one each for police and administration offices for \$296.00 a month for 63 months. That is only \$10.00 more that we are now paying for one machine. We are looking into this offer. A fax machine will be bought from another vendor.

We met with Park Hills three weeks ago regarding the start up of providing ALS along with BLS to all residents of Fort Wright and Park Hills. This will raise their contract fee 10% a year and also include the insurance money received for services to their residents. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, when we take over the ALS portion, they would pay us what they are now paying Rural Metro for services. We have not had a response from Mayor Catchen on our proposal as of this date. Discussion followed.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that we have two new officers on board, Daniel Hampton and Brian Cornett. We are interviewing a third candidate at this time for the open position.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, 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