

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

**JUNE 17, 2009 – 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, and Mr. Scott McMurtry. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

### **Citizen Comments**

Michelle Middendorf a resident of 1410 Vidot Court, addressed Council regarding the resident on Vidot Court, Mr. Fambry, that owns the pit bull at this residence. Michelle passed around handouts regarding pit bull bans in other cities and wanted the City to ban these animals from Fort Wright. Mayor Nienaber advised her that the City is still gathering information on this issue and that this item is not on the agenda for this evening. Mayor Nienaber stated that everyone is entitled to due process of the law and we are following the law on what can be done. This issue is in the court system and progressing accordingly. He suggested that the Community Preservation Committee discuss this and determine the best way to proceed by getting other City's Ordinances and reviewing them.

### **Marketing Campaign**

Ms. Debi Martin of the Economic Development Committee addressed Council and updated them on the progress to date on the new City Logo. She showed samples of the ones that the committee selected and unanimously voted to bring to Council. She explained that the logo was primarily for economic development and could be changed for long term use. The Council members at the meeting had positive comments on the sample and it was decided to determine a timeline for the next step and to move forward with this concept.

### **Property Between Upland & I-75**

Bill Viox, of Viox and Viox, and Ted Vogelpohl of Thelen Co., both Engineering Companies addressed Council regarding the wetland improvement adjacent to city property on KYCT property. This involves a detention pond that sits below St Anthony with the spillway on city property. Council was shown the concept plan with walking trails and looking ascetically

pleasing. There will be electric run in the area and this property will be available as an educational tool for area schools. Stimulus money will be used for this project and SD1 will maintain the area. This has to be under contract by February and when all issues are complete it will be brought before Council for authorization.

Mr. Tony Brandner of 1243 Upland Avenue addressed Council and inquired about parking on Upland Avenue when there is a lot of activity because of large parties on the street. He wanted to know if an exception could be made to park on the grass or other areas that are usually prohibited when there is nowhere else to park because of the number of vehicles on the street. Mr. Don Wendling of 1247 Upland Avenue also spoke and advised when the parking is at a premium on the street, cars block the sidewalks. It was suggested that residents notify the City if they are having a large crowd to make Police aware that there may be parking problems.

#### Parking Violation Update

Chief Kreinest addressed Council regarding a schedule of changes of charges for non-moving violations. He asked Council to make suggestions or comments on the new proposed changes. Most charges were increased by \$5.00, except Fire Lane Violation and Snow Emergency Violation were increased by \$30.00 and Handicapped Parking Violation was increased by \$80.00, unless you produce you sticker, then it will be reduced.

#### Draft Financial/CIP Plan

Mr. Huff stated that Draft #2 was included in the packet and stated that he had worked with the Finance Committee with assumptions for Capital Improvement Plan. This draft included the Financial Plan from 2008-09 through 2014/15, Capital Improvement Plan and Expected Expenditures. Mr. Huff would like Council to go through this draft and bring back suggestions and comments.

#### Kentucky League of Cities

Mr. Huff explained the cost of the City's Insurance Plan through the KLC. He stated that we receive many benefits from having coverage through KLC. They are geared around government situations and issues and are offering a 3 year proposal. Mr. Wessels suggested that we issue a Resolution and send it to them objecting to frivolous spending through their agency that was included in an article in the newspaper. Mr. Wessels also would like to collect bids for insurance service through other companies. Mr. Huff stated that other companies are not equipped to handle situations that occur in a government agency, especially regarding police and fire They also can cancel out the policy at anytime and this is an important issue for the City.

Pinehurst Drive

Mr. Huff advised that City Attorney Pete Summe had researched the KRS regarding the transfer of property on Pinehurst Drive from Fort Wright to Edgewood. There has to be consensus of 51% of registered voters in the area to transfer this property from one City to another. Mr. Huff had contacted the residents in Fort Wright and did not have this approval. For now we will just keep it as is, and talk to Edgewood about contracting snow removal for this street.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that he had joined a service called Inlet, to send out Emails and notices of interest to residents at no charge to the City.

KSP will also sell accident reports online for \$10.00 each, with \$5.00 going to Fort Wright. These will be ready in a shorter time period if they are needed immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk