

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 02, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:03PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Dave Abeln. Also present 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. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:35PM and Mr. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated we had more people than usual at the meeting. We have two presentations and the swearing in of a new Council Member.

Citizen Comments

Sydney Terrell of 1590 Marcella Drive addressed Council regarding the construction on I-75. Ms. Terrell stated that they had attended a meeting at the Convention Center and were advised that there would be no sound barrier behind their property when the construction was done. In addition all trees and plants would be removed in that area which would make the noise worse. Ms. Terrell is asking for help from the City in getting attention from the state and federal people that will be working on this project. She has a list of contacts that she received at the meeting and would like the City to write a letter on the resident's behalf. Mayor Nienaber responded and advised that we have limited effect but can express our concerns to them. He asked the residents that were at the meeting, if someone could email a list of their concerns to Mr. Huff, we would try to work with the residents in any way we can. Mr. Wessels stated that there are certain sound decibels that cannot be exceeded in residential and commercial zones and to contact Frankfort to get a copy of those regulations.

Debbie Brooks of 1574 St. Anthony Drive addressed Council regarding restricting right turns on red from East Henry Clay Avenue at certain times of the day, to make it easier for residents to get out of side streets. Mr. Huff stated that the state is currently evaluating the right hand turn on Kyles Lane from Highland Avenue and conducting a traffic count at this intersection. We could request that they restrict right turns on East Henry Clay so that it is easier to turn left from St. Anthony Drive.

Appointment of a Replacement Council Member

Mayor Nienaber swore in our newest member of Council, Mr. Dave Abeln, who is replacing Todd McMurtry who took the position of City Attorney. Mr. Abeln was one of seven residents who were interested and interviewed for this position. Mr. Abeln introduced his wife and family and stated that he is very interested in community involvement and has been a Fort Wright resident on Werner Drive for forty years and proud to live in this City. He would like to achieve

and bring diversity to the City and think outside the box. Mayor Nienaber stated that he would be an asset to Council and wishes him the best.

HealthPoint Hopebox Derby Presentation

Mr. Chris Goddard, CEO of HealthPoint addressed Council and stated that the 5th Annual Hopebox Derby would again be at the Wright's Summit property off of Dixie Highway on September 8, 2012. Last year's event raised \$51,000.00 and was a success. The grounds open at 8AM, with the first race taking place at 1PM. They hope to have a car show, hot air balloon etc. and are always looking for volunteers to help. All proceeds will benefit the Pike Street Homeless Medical Clinic.

Mayor Nienaber thanked the gentleman for coming and giving their presentation, and stated that it is a great event and he will be in attendance this year.

Direction 2030

Sharmili Reddy from NKAPC addressed Council regarding the Long Range Comprehensive Plan. There is a state statute that is required to be updated every five years and since it is a countywide plan it includes all nineteen cities in Kenton County. There have been public meetings held in various parts of the county with small area study and technical groups included in the plan. Each city will have a vision list of goals and objectives for approval or change. Discussion followed.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he would like to engage every elected official in all the cities for their input and a say in the project. He thanked Ms. Reddy for coming and she advised she would be in touch.

Second Reading – Ordinance 04-12 – Amendment to the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed. Amendments made in this budget year.

Second Reading – Ordinance 5-12- The Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was an additional \$11,000.00 added to this budget for an increase in dispatch fees from the City of Erlanger.

Mr. Wall left the meeting at 7:35PM.

Mr. Hatter reported on the top expenditures in the budget, that we really do not have control over. This list will be added in the Top of the Hill News along with the budget.

Resolution 03-12 – City Granting 50-foot Right-of-Way and Access Easement

Mr. Jay Bayer addressed Council regarding the City granting an access easement and 50 foot right-of-way through trolley line parcel. The City has been working with Mr. Charles Goettsch, owner of this property who would allow one new single family property behind his home on Dixie Highway and access to an existing lot. There is no access right now except through Fort Mitchell, this will give emergency vehicles access to these properties. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proposal for New Copiers

We have the opportunity to lease two new copiers from Toshiba for approximately what we are now paying for one copier lease. The Police Department has an old copier that was switched over to them when the administration leased the Toshiba. We would have two brand new ones for the same cost as one, with toner and maintenance included. Our Procurement Policy specifies that before we purchase we need three bids. We were able to get two bids, one from ComDoc for a Sharp Copier at a higher price. We need to have approval from Council as we did not get the required three bids.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to suspend the Procurement Policy for this purchase only and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for this purchase. Roll call vote taken, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Since there are members of Council that are absent tonight and that have left early we will table all sets of minutes until the next Council meeting.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Huff reminded Council that we will have our citywide picnic at Battery Hooper Park on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 3-8PM. There will be food, drinks and games for the kids.

We have had a concern on East Henry Clay Avenue with parking on the hill. We would like to make this no parking within the lane of traffic from Kyles Lane to Upland Avenue. This is becoming a safety hazard and we will have more on this issue at the next meeting.

Departments Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that Phase I of the Christ Hospital Ambulatory Care Center has been complete and inspected and Phase II will be opening in June.

Indiana Tech at Wright's Point Summit will also be opening soon.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Fire Department Mulch Sale, we have about 100 bags left if anyone would like to make a purchase, just call the Fire Department and it will be delivered to you.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that an addition was put into the monthly report that the calls for service by department, or self generated calls were deleted from the bottom of the report, so there is a more accurate number listed for comparison and information.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry thanked Mayor and Council for bringing him into the vacant position. The City is in good shape legally and very busy.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that more streets will be milled and paved this year. Mount Vernon from 1920-1858, Beacon Hill, Augusta Avenue, from Crittenden Avenue to the bend, Monticello Drive from Normandy to the end, and Highview Drive. Williams creek will be done with the bond money for that project.

Bid opening on May 24th at 11AM, at the city building. We will possibly have to call a special meeting to award the bid, Mr. Huff will send out an email to set the meeting date.

City Clerk Joyce Woods thanked the Garden Club, especially Mary Lee Scheper who planted our flowers in the cement pots in front of the City Building. It makes our building look more festive.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, 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