

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ROAD AID PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 20, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00PM, with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Scott Wall will arrive later and Mr. Joe Averdick and Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe were unavailable for this meeting.

We are required to have this Public Hearing by statute to receive comments from residents on how the funds received by the City are spent on maintenance of the streets. This year the amount received will be \$83,983.00.

Mr. Daniel Tucker, a resident of 1727 Monticello addressed Council regarding the condition of the street that is causing a drainage problem at his residence. He advised Council that Mr. Maloney had observed the problem he was having during a heavy rainstorm. Mr. Tucker stated that parts of the street is washing away each time we have a hard rain. Mr. Maloney advised him of the streets that were in dire need of repair and what we will do on this Street Program.

Mayor Nienaber stated that at this time we are only able to mill and pave streets with the amount of money in the budget that we have to work with.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:20PM.

#### Special Meeting

Mayor Nienaber called to order the Special Meeting.

#### Resolution Adopting and Approving the Execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to approve this Resolution. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Contract with Park Hills for EMS Services

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to authorize the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Park Hills to provide life squad protection to all persons located within the corporate limits of Park Hills, Kentucky. This will begin on July1, 2012 thru June 30, 2014. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the special legislative session, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The Mayor opened the Caucus meeting at 6:22PM.

Mr. Wall arrived at 7:16PM.

#### Discussion on Joint Dispatch

In attendance for this discussion were Judge Executive Arlinghaus, Steve Hensley and Ed Butler, who would speak and answer questions on joint dispatch. Mayor Nienaber stated that he had invited these gentlemen to address Council regarding plans that are in the works for joint dispatch. With the City of Covington joining the dispatch on July 1<sup>st</sup>, there are plans to expand the dispatch center and if any cities, currently with Erlanger dispatch, are interested they would be more than happy to talk to them. A special meeting and presentation was held at Notre Dame Academy recently to discuss a merger of the three dispatch centers for public safety, cost savings, and improve efficiency and to enhance overall quality of life. There would be a Kenton County Emergency Communications Board established to oversee the final outcome of this dispatch merger.

Mr. Huff stated that he would schedule a meeting with the Cities of Park Hills and Bromley, who is covered by Park Hills Police, to see what their interest would be in joining Kenton County Dispatch Center.

Mayor Nienaber thanked the gentlemen for coming to explain what the need is for the merger.

#### Deed for Six Acres to Conservancy District

City Attorney Todd McMurtry drew up a deed for 6 acres in the floodplain, which the City owns, that we are giving to the Kenton County Conservancy, Inc. for consideration of \$1.00. We have discussed this item at previous meetings and this item will be put on agenda for the July 11, 2012 Council meeting. We will authorize transfer of the land and send on to the Conservancy District for their approval.

#### Motor Vehicle Tax – Strategy

Mayor Nienaber stated that currently we have three options to bring in additional funding to help with the cost of re-building and preserving our streets.

1. Additional charge of \$50.00 per vehicle when taxes are renewed yearly.
2. Increase payroll tax.
3. Increase insurance premium tax.

Right now we believe our best option would be to add the \$50.00 additional charge to the vehicles registered in the City.

Mr. Averdick did send an email in his absence, suggesting that he thought a split tax between payroll and vehicle taxes would be an option. Mr. Wessels advised that since the residents are the biggest user of our streets, we should look at all options and ease into whatever we decide. Mayor Nienaber stated that we can't sit back and keep taking funds from our reserves; we need to move on quickly. Mr. Huff advised we can put an article in the Top of the Hill News, Community Recorder and any other means to get the word out that this is what we would like to do to raise funds. If anyone is interested in commenting on this plan, we can take input at our July Council Meeting.

Car Wash

This was tabled until a future meeting.

Paving – East Henry Clay

Mr. Maloney explained what the options were for paving and the cost. M&W Construction is in charge of the water main project on East Henry Clay Avenue, with Eaton Asphalt as the contractor. Mr. Maloney advised that they will only repave what they take out for the replacement mains. The cost to repave East Henry Clay Avenue from Covington to Henry Clay Court would be \$43,612.50. If we decide to pave this section of the street, we do need to get this commitment cost to the Water District Board for their approval to add to the contract.

Council approves of this amount to pave this section of East Henry Clay.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln 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