

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2010 -6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:07PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Todd McMurtry were unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber advised that Rob Hans from the Kentucky State Highway Department was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting, but something came up and he is unable to attend. We will re-schedule him for our November 3rd meeting. This item for discussion will be tabled.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 09/01/10 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 09/15/10 Special Meeting/Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, Mr. Wall abstained. Motion passed.

Presentation: Proposed Fort Wright Street Tax

Mayor Nienaber stated that Mark Brueggemann and Frank Twehues from CDS Associates were at the meeting to show the power point presentation that was being presented at the two meetings on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fort Wright and Lookout Heights Civic Clubs

Mark Brueggemann and Gary Huff went through the presentation, explaining each screen. There will be a question on the ballot on November 2, 2010 asking residents to approve language that will levy a special advalorum tax on all taxable property annually up to a rate of \$0.10 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation upon taxable property within the City, in order to provide funding for the maintenance, repair and addition of curbs, gutters and catch basins and allow the City to pledge the proceeds of the tax to provide for such purposes. The rate shall be determined annually in only such an amount as necessary to generate funds needed for the projects. These funds will only be able to be used on construction and repair of city streets.

If this tax passes there will be about \$500,000.00 generated from the tax, \$100,000.00 from Municipal Road Aid Funds received from the State and the rest will be used from the general fund of the City to complete streets yearly. If this tax does not pass, we will go through our surplus fund for streets that need to be repaired and no new streets will be done in the near future. Mayor Nienaber stated that Council has been vigilant about cutting expenses and not taking the automatic allowable 4% increase on the tax rate each year.

Hopefully residents will ask questions if they are concerned about this tax and educate themselves on this issue.

Mr. Wessels asked that before the next meeting, that the businesses around Dixie Highway could be notified that Mr. Hans from the State Highway Department will be at the November Council meeting for the Kyles Lane and I-75 Presentation.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reminded Council that E-Scrap/Shred-It day is on Saturday, October 9th from 10AM-2PM, here at the City Building, outside of the fire bays.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that they are doing street repairs and some asphalt needed is not available every day.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that all tax bills have been sent out and so far a good response.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff stated that the E-Scrap and Shred-it recycle day it a good opportunity, instead of throwing equipment and paper in the trash, to be able to recycle parts to be used again.

The Museum appraisal event raised \$571.00 to be used toward the operation cost of the museum.

The realtor and brokers breakfast will be at the Prism offices on Wright's Summit Parkway on October 12th.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick 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