

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2010 – 6PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:05PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Todd McMurtry. 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 arrived at 6:14PM.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone in attendance and congratulated everyone that was returned to Council in the previous night's election. He stated that he was glad everyone would be back for the next term of office. Road tax was defeated even though we put our best foot forward and will have to figure out what we will do from here and move on.

There were no Citizen Comments

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 10/06/10 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, Mr. McMurtry abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Presentation: KYTC RE: Kyles Lane and I-75

Mr. John Ecklar from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is in attendance for tonight's meeting to show a presentation of the proposed changes and answer questions regarding these changes to Kyles Lane and I-75.

Mr. Ecklar showed a power point presentation on the construction of the new bridge and stated the project is about eight miles long. Just north of Beechwood Road and just short of the Western Hills viaduct. This presentation showed different alternatives that would be available for the construction, and when all are presented the best plan will be decided. They hope to have the alternatives by late February or March. Sound levels were discussed and Mr. Ecklar stated that sound barriers would be put in as warranted and to benefit the areas affected. Discussion regarding property acquisition and reconstruction of areas were also discussed.

The bridge will be six lanes both ways, two decks with full shoulders. First year construction possibly to start in 2015. The old bridge will be rehabbed, with a new coat of paint, but the same look. By the summer of 2012 construction is possible and could begin on the intersection of Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane. Thanks to Mr. Eckler for bringing the presentation to the meeting.

Resolution 17-10 Declaring Surplus Property – 2002 Ford Crown Victoria

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This vehicle will be taken to an auction at Edgewood Police Department.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff noted that we received a Certificate of Recycling from Kentucky eScrap stating that there was 9629 lbs. of miscellaneous E-Scrap and 49 HDD's recycled at the event in October. This was a huge success for everyone. Thanks to Chief Schewe for all of his help in organizing and being available at this event.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that we received a partial shipment of our supply hose, and is in service. This was purchased from a Federal Grant that we received.

There was a possible structure fire today that could have gotten out of control, but it was taken care of quickly. Thanks to Fort Mitchell Fire Department who also responded.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reminded residents to never let someone into your home for any reason if you are not familiar with them. There was an incident in the Monticello/Normandy area; luckily it did not develop into a problem. Please be aware of this and call Police if you are in doubt.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised that Cincinnati Bell is upgrading their system in the neighborhoods, right now in the Mount Vernon area. This will be underground and no streets disturbed. Duke Energy also replacing poles in the area.

The fountain at the City Building and restroom at the South Hills Civic Club will be closed soon for the winter.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the tax bills are a little slow coming in, but should pick up after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Feinauer reminded everyone of the Veterans Day services at Highland Cemetery; they will be honoring Korean Veterans this year, and will be on November 7th at 2PM.

Mr. McMurtry addressed Council and commented on the road tax that did not pass and stated that we have been paying for our streets from our reserves and does not want to see this practice continue. We need to keep a balanced budget, and since the citizens did not approve the tax, we have a big challenge in front of us. We cannot continue to dip into the reserve to pay for these streets, so we will go from here and see what happens. We will try again in two years to put this out before the residents and correct some of the things that we did wrong.

Mayor Nienaber stated that what he heard was that it was not a good time for this increase and maybe that we failed to get the word out better to residents.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, Mr. Wessels left the meeting at 6:40PM, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk