

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 01, 2010 – 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. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance were City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Wall arrived at 6:25PM and City Administrator Gary Huff was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 11/03/10 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 11/17/10 Caucus meeting. Mr. Averdick abstained, all other members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Police Specialist

Chief Kreinest stated that Officer George Kreutzjans has attained the qualifications to be classified to the rank of Specialist in the Police Department. This includes the number of years of service and achievements that he has earned. Also we need to bring Officer Tim Pangallo up to grade with an increase in pay for his position.

Resolution 18-10 – Surplus Fire Hose

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the disposal of surplus fire hose. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

A portion of this hose will be given to other departments in need, or used at the training facility. The Fire Department has received a Grant for \$25,000.00 to purchase new hose.

Wessels Development/Wright's Summit Bond Re-finance

This item was not on the agenda, but needs to be addressed at this meeting. Mayor Nienaber explained that the developer can take advantage of a better interest rate if Council authorizes review and signs off on a re-finance of the Industrial Revenue Bonds. This property is at 809 Wright's Summit Parkway, Building #2. Mr. Dick Spoor, attorney for the Wessels Company was present at the meeting to answer any questions.

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, Wessels abstained. Motion passed.

Employee Health Care Plan 2011

Last year was the first year that the City offered two different plans for the employees to choose between for their health care. This year will be the same. There is the traditional plan and the health savings plan. The City will pay up to a 5% increase in premiums and the employees that choose the traditional plan, will have their contributions toward the cost deducted from their pay checks. The increase to the City this year is 11%. If the health savings plan is chosen there will be no cost to the employees this year, and the City will contribute to the plan.

Mr. Hatter stated that the cost increases are not sustainable and we will have to review this item in the near future to decide how this will be handled in the coming years. There is an employee meeting on Tuesday and the plans go into effect on January 1, 2011.

Oath of Office - Mayor and Council

Judge Martin Sheehan was present at the meeting to swear in Mayor and Council for the coming term of office. Judge Sheehan requested a listing of the Council members be sent to his office for his records.

Presentation: Northern Kentucky Water District

Mayor Nienaber stated that Council wanted to invite representatives from the Water District to our meeting to have the opportunity to address issues that have been stated in recent newspaper articles. Mayor Nienaber thanked the representatives that were present and willing to come to our meeting.

Mr. Ron Lovan addressed Council and gave a presentation about the Water District and the proposed rate adjustment. Mr. Lovan advised that the upgraded standards must be met by 2012. Mr. Richard Harrison addressed Council on aging infrastructure and water mains. The average increase each year will be roughly \$4.00 monthly. Mayor and Council thanked the representatives from the Water District for coming to the meeting.

Resolution 19-10 – Opposing the Proposed Kenton County, Kentucky Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking In All Public Buildings and Places of Employment

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Mr. Hatter would like to amend this Resolution and add to it.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, McMurtry, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported to Council that we had lost a volunteer member of the Fire Department, with the death of long time member Sharon Lankheit from cancer. Her husband Doug is still a member of the department and our prayers go out to him and their family. Chief Schewe thanked the Fort Mitchell Fire Department for their coverage of the City during the funeral.

Chief Kreinest advised Council that the Cops For Kids program was taking place on December 10th. Anyone who wanted to donate to this worthwhile program could send it to the Police Department.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised that his department is geared up and ready for the snow.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the quantity of tax bills were coming in better since Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Adam Feinauer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Todd McMurtry questioned the County leadership and hopes that Mr. Arlinghaus steps up when he takes office and has the leadership the County needs.

Councilmember Dave Hatter suggested we contact our Congressmen regarding Mandated Collective Bargaining.

Roger Schroeder addressed Council regarding the time it is taking to get a building permit approved through NKAPC. Mayor Nienaber advised if there is a Stage I and Stage II Development Plan the City will try and have a speedy review process to expedite the permits needed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, 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