

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 – 6:00PM

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

There were no Citizen Comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the 08/04/10 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 08/18/10 Special/Caucus meeting. Wessels and Hatter voting in favor, Averdick and McMurtry abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading – Ordinance 4-10 – Setting Real and Tangible Property Tax Rates for FY 2010-2011.

Mr. Wall advised that he thought that we should have taken the 2% increase plus the compensating rate, since that is the amount we had budgeted. Mr. Hatter stated that he suggested only the compensating rate, since we were asking for the road tax to pass in November.

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, Mr. Wall voting no. Motion passed.

This sets the real property tax at .219 per hundred dollars, and the personal and mixed property tax at .327 per hundred dollars.

Second Reading – Ordinance 5-10 – Setting Waste Fees for FY 2010-2011

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

This sets the waste fee rate at \$143.52 per year per unit.

Municipal Order 3-10 – Proposed changes to the Fort Wright Personnel Policies – Education Assistance

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

This will change the Personnel Policy, if an employee uses the education assistance program and terminates employment with the City within one year, they will refund the full amount given to them, within two years 75% of the money refunded unless there is a reason beyond their control.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reported the auditor will be coming in September or October to close out FY 2009-2010. They have been in to do some preliminary work and organize the accounts.

The HopeBox Derby is on 09/11/10 at Wright's Summit from 2-8PM. Mr. Wall suggested that since there is a football game at Covington Catholic earlier in the day, maybe ask them announce that it is going on. Thanks to Mr. Schewe for having the new paint and stripping done on the car.

Public meetings are scheduled for the proposed street tax that will be on the ballot in November. They will be at the Fort Wright Civic Club on 10/05/10 and at Lookout Heights Civic Club on 10/07/10. Both meetings start at 6:30PM. These meetings will be advertised in the Top of the Hill Newsletter.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the hose bids are out and due in on September 10th. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Inspections are being done on new businesses in the City. A Mexican Restaurant will be in the previous Noble Romans Pizza space. This restaurant will take two spaces. Jet Pizza will be in the same complex, and Walgreens is scheduled to open in the first or second week of November.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that we now have a receptacle in the lobby for disposal of prescription drugs. These boxes are distributed to various locations and are picked up by the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force. This keeps discarded meds from the garbage or from being flushed and getting into the water system.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that they are fixing pot holes and doing various street repairs. He stated that he had met with CDS Associates and the water district representatives who will be replacing water mains in the old South Hills area. This will be a major project and covering a lot of territory. Will be bid in December and work will start in the spring, with residents being notified in advance of the project.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that tax bills will be sent out by the first week of October.

Mr. Averdick reported on the recent Finance Committee meeting and advised on things that were discussed at the meeting Mr. Hatter has made a sheet that will give Mayor and Council a quick report of what is going on financially with the City. This will also be available on the website when it is up and running. The street tax, which we have talked about extensively, take home fleet, and based on information received it would not make sense to discontinue this practice. The Finance Committee will continue to look at all ways that the City can cut costs and generate more revenue.

Mr. Feinauer reported that he and Mr. Wall met for the Community Preservation Committee meeting and went over the Property Maintenance Code, this will enable Mr. Maloney to have more authority to enforce property codes throughout the City.

School is back in session, so watch for children. Remember September 11th and pray for the families of the deceased.

Mr. McMurtry thanked Mr. Wessels for the work he had done on the CC Zone with NKAPC.

Motion by Mr. Wall, 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