

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2010 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present 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. Todd McMurtry arrived at 6:09PM.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Nienaber advised Council that we would like to extend sympathy to Bob Raterman and Kathleen Romero on the loss of Bob's wife and Kathleen's sister, who passed away. Also Tom Wissel, a previous member of Council and Fred Caldwell, who was a previous member of the fire department. We send our condolences to the families of these residents and friends of Fort Wright.

Approval of Minutes – 12/02/09 – Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 12/02/09 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber also wished everyone a Happy New Year on behalf of the City of Fort Wright.

Ordinance 17-09 – Second Reading – 2009 International Property Maintenance Code

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

Executive Order 1-10 – Appoint Tom Litzler to Board of Adjustments

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

Executive Order 2-10 – Appoint Harry Geimeier to Board of Adjustments

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

Executive Order – 3-10- Appoint Chad Kinsella to Museum Board

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

Executive Order – 4-10 – Appoint J. D. Carruthers to Museum Board

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

Mayor Nienaber thanked all of these re-appointees for their service to the City for little or no compensation.

Presentation of 2008-2009 Audit – Jim Sparrow, Rankin & Rankin

Mr. Jim Sparrow addressed Council and went through the pages of the audit report which has been reviewed by Mr. Huff and the Finance Committee. He pointed out some of the findings and

recommendations included. The City is sound but if capital improvements continue we will need to generate more income to complete these projects and purchases.

Mayor Nienaber thanked Mr. Sparrow for all the help his company has given the City and to the staff for being conservative in their departments.

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Huff stated that there is a comparison sheet for tax deposits included in the packet for the first six months of the year. We are pretty well on track compared with last year.

Trash pickup contract was originated in 1999 and has been extended a couple of times with Rumpke, and expires June 30, 2010. Mr. Summe advised that we do need to put this service out to bid and will be doing this in the near future.

Committee reports will be added to the next agenda, since we do now have active committees.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that he had received a basic form letter stating that we have been successful in acquiring a grant for equipment. Will report more when we get the information.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest stated that we had a quiet holiday season.

We have accepted the resignation of Police Officer John Mairose, who will be working for Covington Police Department. We wish him the best of luck.

New police car is almost ready to go. It is sitting in the front parking lot if anyone would like to check it out.

Legal

Mr. Summe reported that we have an agreed deal with Ms. Classic Car Wash that is being circulated and that the fix has to be done by a certain date. If they do not sign the documentation, the City will then sign and they will pay for it. Mr. Maloney advised there will be a concrete barrier in place to control traffic.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised that on new streets, St. Agnes and Vidot Court, salt is not used because concrete is new and needs at least one year cure time. Plowing and sand is being used to make the streets as safe as possible.

Mayor Nienaber stated that when a snow emergency is called everyone needs to get their cars off the streets for safety issues. The plows are 10 ft. wide and streets are very narrow with cars parked on one side. Please plan accordingly.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported the tax bills went very well, only 68 bills remaining and at the end of January there should be considerably less after the first delinquent notices are sent.

Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Wall reported that a goal for this committee is to go after absentee landlords to make sure that their rental property is kept up.

Review the nuisance ordinance and bring back updates and changes to Council.

Decide if we are going to have the Spring Fix Up Day this year.

Economic Development Committee


Mr. McMurtry stated that this committee has worked through the marketing project and have banners on order. Thanks to Debi Martin and Kim Jehn for assisting with this plan. Dixie Highway is ready for development and looking at good uses for this area. Look at zoning, signage etc.

Mayor Nienaber thanked the staff for attending the Senior Luncheon which was a huge success. This reminds us of the need for senior services in our City.

Reminder that there is an election for Mayor or Council positions in November. We need to make this a productive year.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Nienaber Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joyce Woods", written in a cursive style.

Joyce Woods, City Clerk