

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:02PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Mayor Nienaber recognized City Attorney Pete Summe who suddenly passed away on January 3, 2012. He will be missed by all who knew him and for his dedication to the City of Fort Wright. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Approval of Minutes 12/07/11 Council Meeting

12/21/11 Special Meeting

Both sets of minutes will be tabled until the next meeting when more Council members are present to vote on the minutes.

Ordinance 10-11 – Second Reading – Closing a Public Alley on the North Side of Kennedy Road between Rosa and Lake Streets

Mayor Nienaber read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. All neighbors involved have been notified and have agreed to this.

Ordinance 11-11 – Second Reading – Amending the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance, making changes to the CC (Community Commercial) Zone

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

Mayor Nienaber stated that the intent is that the Dixie Highway committee wanted to put a zone in place that with the current development of Christ Hospital in that area, that as this area redevelops we have a solid plan for the community feel for Fort Wright. It opens the uses and restricts the footprint and puts architectural standards in place and secures community related retail and office space that will serve our community and surrounding areas that will insure that the look and feel of Fort Wright is what our citizen's desire.

#### Annual Financial Audit for year ending June 30, 2011

Mr. Jim Sparrow, from Rankin, Rankin and Company was present to address Council regarding the financial audit that was completed for FYE June 30, 2011. The Finance Committee had previously met with Mr. Sparrow to discuss the audit. Mr. Sparrow went through the high points of the audit and answered questions from Council. He stated that this year there was no management letter included as the City has improved in issues that were lacking and needed improvements. The City is healthy at this point, but will need to make decisions on street repairs and replacements and how we will fund them.

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

#### Executive Order 01-12 – Appointing Fort Wright's Representatives to NKAPC Council

Mayor Nienaber advised that Mr. Feinauer has stepped up to be our representative for this Council and the Mayor will be the alternate. Mayor Nienaber read this Executive Order.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Executive Order 02-12 – Appointing Fort Wright's Representative to OKI

Mayor Nienaber will be the OKI representative for the City for the 2012 year. This is the regional council that makes recommendations on how federal funds should be spent throughout the region. Mayor Nienaber read this Executive Order.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

## Resolution 01-12 – Supporting HB 131 “Kentucky Reins Act”

Mr. Hatter stated that in 2010 Council unanimously passed the Resolution in favor of the Reins Act, which has passed in the House but not the Senate. This Resolution reins in all unnecessary regulations that cause unfunded mandates. Mayor Nienaber read this Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

## Ordinance 01-12 – First Reading Text Amendment Allowing Schools as a Permitted Use within PO-1 Zone

Mayor Nienaber read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Hatter voting in favor, Wessels abstained. No one opposed. Motion passed.

## Administrator’s Report

Mr. Huff reported that he will get the yearend report that will show income and expenses for the first six months of the year and allow us to project the next six months. We will be starting to put together numbers for next year’s budget.

Proposed HB38 that would require inspections on all government vehicles yearly and if not done in a timely manner, licenses would not be renewed for that vehicle. Mr. Huff stated that if this passes, would be very costly and time consuming for the City. He contacted our State Representative and has not heard back from her as of the start of the meeting. Our vehicles are always maintained and the need for this is a waste of money. Mr. Huff will contact KLC regarding this issue.

Mr. Hatter brought up the letter received from the City of Erlanger regarding the additional fee for dispatch services in the amount of \$12,087.00. Mr. Huff stated that the ideal situation would be to be one coordinated dispatch center for safety and speed of services reaching the people that are calling.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported on the New Years Day fire at Silmar-Resins. It was a relatively small fire that occurred underneath the conduit of a piece of equipment that was very expensive. Thanks to Covington Fire Department who responded with Fort Wright.

The ambulance has been fixed and is back in service. At the next meeting we will have a list of surplus equipment that has been replaced.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that we are in the process of hiring two new officers to replace officers who have left the department. December report was distributed and looks like crime is down.

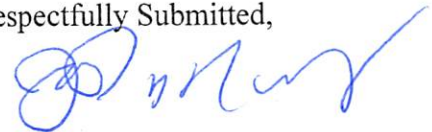
Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that with snow being predicted at the end of the week, all trucks and personnel ready. January 2, 2012 was the first small snow and ice storm that had occurred for the year and timing was very bad that is happened at evening rush hour. Thanks to Police and Fire Departments for all their help.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the tax season went well and still sorting through the delinquent bills. Thanks again to Mr. Hatter for his work again on the property tax program.

Thanks to Rob Black Insurance Company for the calendars that he provided for the council chambers and offices. His office is located on Ashwood Circle in Fort Wright.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer 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: 

Joyce Woods, City Clerk