

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:03PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. 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. City Attorney Todd McMurtry arrived at 6:16PM and Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Joe Averdick were unavailable for this meeting.

Items For Discussion

FEMA Flood Map

Copies of maps available for inspection by Council and approval needed by May, 2013. These maps are used for the Flood Insurance Program. There are inaccuracies in a couple of panels of the maps and we will adopt them with the wrong panels excluded and with an amendment. The FEMA Flood Plain Insurance is contingent on the maps being approved. Discussion continued regarding the plan for the Izzy's Restaurant that wants to locate on Highland Pike by the 5/3rd Bank. There was some problem in selling the lot because of the maps inaccuracies. Mayor Nienaber stated that the owner of the lot, Jim Berling has been working with NKAPC to work out some of the details.

CDS Proposed 2013 Rates

Included in the packet for tonight's meeting was a letter from City Engineer Mark Brueggemann, of CDS Associates regarding a small increase in the rates for service for 2013. Mr. Wessels stated that he has concerns about this increase because we have just asked the citizens of Fort Wright to pay more in taxes. Mr. Maloney and Mr. Huff stated that there is a benefit to stay with CDS Associates because of all the data that has been collected over the years in Fort Wright. We know their work is reputable and they have not asked for an increase in the last three years. Mr. Wessels would like to compare what other cities pay for engineering services with other companies. Mayor Nienaber stated he will talk to Mark Brueggemann and Mr. Huff will get comparison rates.

Direction 2030: Goals & Objectives

A draft document of Goals and Objectives has been included in tonight's packet. All cities are required to agree and accept this document or it is void. Mr. McMurtry suggested that legal language should be added where it is needed. Mayor Nienaber stated that there should be a mission statement for the document and the draft that is available is too specific. Discussion followed. It was decided that a meeting be set up with Sharmili from NKAPC, and let her know where Fort Wright stands on this draft and if it is worth the time to try and rework it.

Zoning Ordinance – Outbuildings – Sheds

Mr. Feinauer advised that the Community Preservation Committee met three times to look at the Zoning Ordinance in regards to sheds and outside storage. There were suggestions to look at the number of structures in a yard and limit the number of buildings allowed. There needs to be control over the type and number of these structures that should be allowed on a property and not to allow manufactured buildings. Mr. Huff suggested that we need to regulate height and size of sheds and make the Ordinance more stringent. Mr. Maloney will look at certain neighborhoods to see an example and size of sheds that are being placed in yards in Fort Wright. The Community Preservation Committee will schedule a meeting to further discuss this issue and bring back to the next caucus meeting.

Liquor Permits

Mr. Huff stated that Walt's Hitching Post will tentatively be opening in February and we have been approached regarding the supplemental license permit for the second bar located in the restaurant. One of the owners asked if this license fee could be waived. We only have three supplemental bars in the City, Walt's Hitching Post, Shimmers Bar and Restaurant, which is now vacant, and Lookout Heights Civic Club. After discussion it was decided that we waive the first year supplemental bar fee and charge 50% the second year of business. We will bring this back to Council at the next meeting.

Directional Signs

Mr. Arnsperger of Walt's Hitching Post inquired if directional signs could be located on I-75 and Kyles Lane directing customers to Walt's. This would be up to the State to allow any signage on these roads. If signs are put up on Kyles Lane we would have requests from other businesses for the same. Council stated that we would have to deny this request.

Pizza Hut

Mr. Huff stated that there was someone that was interested in purchasing the old Pizza Hut building from Corporex. They wanted to keep 20 ft. setbacks and would have adequate parking for this business. Council agreed that this would have their approval.

Economic Development Committee and Council should look at approving the use of the TIF money that we have from the 3-L Corridor for Dixie Highway, to improve that area.

Mr. McMurtry stated that he will be moving to a new employer at the end of January.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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

Joyce Woods, City Clerk