

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

COUNCIL

CAUCUS/LEGISLATIVE MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2009 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present were City Attorney Pete Summe, City Administrator Gary Huff, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

TBNK – Cincinnati Bell Franchise Agreement

Mr. Tom Litzler, representative for TBNK addressed Council regarding the proposed agreement for a franchise with Cincinnati Bell, to provide competing cable TV service. He advised that TBNK was negotiating with Cincinnati Bell and it was recommended by a Resolution by TBNK for approval by the member cities and counties. Mr. Litzler advised that the entry of Cincinnati Bell was good for competition in the cable market. They are recommending that there will be 5 phases in 12 years. Two readings are needed for this Ordinance, which we will have at our regularly scheduled meetings in February and March.

Trauth Homes – Zoning CASE #1947R

Representatives from Trauth Homes and One Eleven Engineering & Surveying PLLC were present at the meeting to answer any questions Council might have on the proposed zone change and development on the four lots at the corner of Kyles Lane and Highland Pike. The materials for the homes were discussed which will be brick or stone wrap on most of the exterior. Brad Trauth passed out pictures of the the homes would look like, depending on the model chosen. He stated that all four homes would have two car garages and Mr. Maloney questioned if these homes would fit on the lots available. He was assured that they would by Mr. Trauth.

First Reading of Ordinance 2-09 Map Amendment for Zone Change by Trauth Homes Inc. and K&T Development LLC. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken Wessels, Wall Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

City Building & Storer Property Loans

Mr. Huff advised that he has been working with the Bank of Kentucky on researching refinancing the city building and Storer property loans to get a better interest rate and paying off the city building loan sooner. The rate of 4.25% is what we can get it for at this time and the fee of \$3500.00 for attorney fees to re-do the bonds is very reasonable. After discussion by Council, it was suggested that Mr. Huff check with a couple of other banks just to determine what their rates and fees would be for comparison.

EMS Billing

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe addressed Council regarding the fees charged for ambulance service in Fort Wright. Our billing company, Medical Claims Assistance, suggested that our rates are substantially lower for the services that we offer. They gave us a comparison of what surrounding cities are charging and suggested that we look at raising our rates. Discussion followed by Council and it was agreed upon that we need to bring up the pricing. This item will be on the agenda at the February 4th meeting.

No Parking – Barbara Circle

We have had a request to designate a handicap parking place at the home of Rose Siegrist, who is a resident at 32 Barbara Circle. After discussion it was decided that we cannot designate these spaces as we would have too many requests for this service. We can extend the yellow line an additional 55ft. further back, for no parking on the street and also across the street on Augusta Avenue in a section where the school buses, large trucks and emergency vehicles have a hard time turning from Barbara Circle if vehicles are parked in this area. It was decided to send out a letter to the residents that will be affected by these no parking designated lines.

Lock Box Agreement

This item has been discussed previously regarding the collection of insurance premium and property taxes throughout the year. After visiting the Bank of Kentucky offices where this is

done, Mr. Huff thinks that this will be beneficial for the city as far as getting the money deposited faster and with less manual work on the city. This will cost the city around \$1300.00 a year, with the insurance premium tax collected year round and the property taxes in a three month period. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, McMurtry, Wessels and Averdick voting in favor no one opposed. Motion passed.

TANK Tax Cap

An article was included in the packet that was recently written regarding TANK and their proposal to have the cap that is on payroll earnings raised, so more taxes can be paid through payroll tax for people who work in Kenton County. TANK advises that cost of buses and all other expenses have increased substantially and they need to have the legislators in Frankfort pass a law to allow the local officials to change this payroll cap within their county. Mr. Averdick suggested as residents, that we should write a letter of protest against this increase. Mayor Nienaber advised we will keep an eye on this issue as we hear more about it.

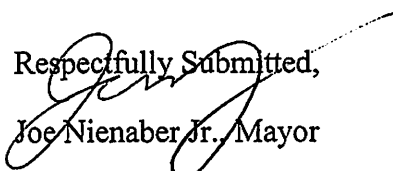
Discussion on Crime Prevention Meeting

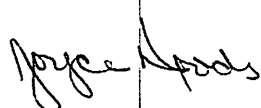
Two very successful meetings were held at South Hills and Lookout Heights Civic Clubs to discuss and give tips on crime prevention in Fort Wright since we have had a rash of car and home burglaries in the City. Most of these incidents were caused by home and car doors being left unlocked. The meetings were very well attended and well received by everyone who came to the meetings. The program information was useful and very easily understood. We will talk about having more of these information sessions in the future. Mr. Wessels advised compiling a list of suggestions for future meetings and to look at funding for people who can give us tips on crimes committed in our area. Mayor Nienaber advised that he, Mr. Huff and Mr. Wessels would work on this.

Tim Maloney, Public Works Director reported that he was advised we will have 40 tons of salt delivered soon. There are also more water main breaks happening with the cold weather that we have had.

Mr. Wall left the meeting at 8:10PM.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. McMurtry 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