

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2013 – 6:00PM

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

Items for Discussion

Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway Update

Mike Lorenz from the Highway Department was present for the meeting to update and explain changes made to the intersection of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway. Mr. Lorenz went over the updates to the maps and pointed out where things such as the turn lane, where landscaping might be placed in the future, pedestrian island and where utilities would be located. He stated that they would talk to the owners of BP and Shell to determine where the combined entrance would be located. Official right-of-way plans should be available in April. Discussion followed.

Mr. Maloney suggested that stamped concrete might be a better idea than landscaping.

CDS

Mr. Huff stated that he had contacted a few different cities regarding engineering fees and companies. After speaking to City Engineer Mark Brueggemann, of CDS Associates, he had updated rates and passed out the list of rates that the company was offering to the City. If there is a change in engineering companies there would be no streets reconstructed this year. The rates from CDS are well in line with other companies. The increase in the rates is minimal, and hasn't been raised in years. Mr. Maloney stated that CDS has collected a lot of data over the years that is very helpful to their work that they do for us.

Text Amendment – Shopping Center Zone

We are asking for a zone change to accommodate setback requirements, which would not be met for restaurants which are interested in locating in the parking lot area of the Christ Hospital offices. There is a potential for two outlets that could be used for restaurants. Mr. Wessels suggested that we should require all building materials to have a similar look unless Council approves otherwise. We will have this on the agenda for the March 6, 2013 Council meeting to introduce the Text Amendment.

Ordinance – Property Tax Collection

This Ordinance would allow the city to collect delinquent taxes in a mass foreclosure suit. Attorney fees would also be paid by the homeowner as part of the payment for taxes. We will have the first reading at the March Council meeting.

Parking Lot Signs

Business owners on Dixie Highway, in the plaza that includes Sub-Station, a hair salon and a sweeper shop have been putting signs in buckets in front of their shops restricting parking except for their customers. In this parking lot there are not enough parking spaces for the Sub-Station alone. When occupational license and zoning licenses were issued that should have been addressed at that time. The signs that are up are illegal because they include the name of the business on the sign. Mayor Nienaber advised that we should look at parking areas in the City for shared parking space and to identify potential parking problems in any other parking lots and to make sure zoning is checked when occupational licenses are issued. Mayor Nienaber and Mr. Huff will speak to Joe Von Lehman, who has a business in the basement area of this retail space.

Flood Insurance Maps

The Floodplain maps have been updated but have two panels that are not correct. FEMA has been notified but maps will not be corrected until after the deadline to approve them. When permits were issued they were not checked for these properties, 5/3 Bank. Wal-Mart parking lot, Brandicorp Plaza etc. to determine if they were in the floodplain or floodway. Improvements were made and these properties on Highland Pike and Valley Plaza Parkway are no longer in the floodplain. We will have an Ordinance at the March meeting to approve the maps with a notation that two of the panels are incorrect.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he would like to invite Dennis Gordon, Executive Director and Tom Litzler, Chairman of NKAPC to attend the March Council Meeting and answer questions that Council may have on different issues.

Representatives of Council attended the meeting at Notre Dame Academy concerning the Brent Spence Bridge construction. Mr. Lou Wartman, a resident of 1572 St. Anthony questioned the sound barriers that are not in the plans to be put in place in this area when this bridge is built. It was suggested that we invite representatives of KDOT to attend a meeting and address residents on this issue.

Mr. Huff and Mr. Abeln attended a meeting at NKAPC and expressed their opinion on Goals and Objectives that have been presented to the cities for approval. Council should submit a statement of Goals and Objectives and submit to them.

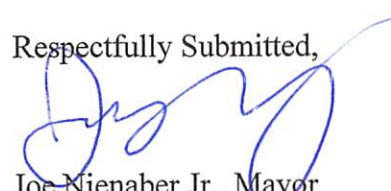
Mr. Huff advised Council that the owner of Rodeway Inn contacted the city and would like to know if the City would offer any tax incentives for his business to stay open on Dixie Highway.

Mr. Maloney applied for the Safety Grant offered by KLC and was awarded \$3000.00 to be applied toward sidewalk construction on Ashlawn when the street is redone in the spring.


Mayor Nienaber stated that he has two years left as Mayor and he would like to make a list and work on major issues to be addressed and to benefit the residents of Fort Wright.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall 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