

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 04, 2009 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order 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, Mr. Scott Wall, and Mr. Todd McMurtry. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Averdick and Public Works Director Tim Maloney were unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Steve Arlinghaus, candidate for Kenton County Judge Executive for the next election addressed Council and passed out his biography with his phone number and ways to contact him if anyone wanted to speak to him on any matter.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 02/04/09 Regular Council Meeting. McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/18/09 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 3-09 – No Parking Barbara Circle

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. This prohibits parking on the most northern side for 85 ft. from the intersection of Augusta Avenue. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Hatter and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 4-09 – Ordinance Granting and Issuing a Competitive Non Exclusive Franchise Agreement

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 5-09 – Changing Fees for Emergency Medical Services

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

First Reading Ordinance 6-09 – Rezoning Kuchle Family Property – Number 1951R

Mr. Wessels stated that he would not be voting on this Ordinance as his property is adjacent to this property. Mr. Summe read through and explained the recommendations from NKAPC. He stated that that NKAPC recommended approval of this zone change on a 5.3 acre area at the corner of Dixie Highway from PO1 and LHS to a CC zone. A public hearing was held on February 5, 2009. This was subject to the conditions that an automatic gate be provided at the northern access point to the site in question. Mayor Nienaber stated City personnel had several meetings with all involved parties concerning the best plan that would be approved by NKAPC.

Representatives from Anchor Properties and Viox and Viox were in attendance to present the concept plan and show property lines and to answer any questions Council might have. Mr. Wall asked if there were any other style buildings that were considered, and it was explained that this was a difficult site and this style building fit very well and landscaping would be as extensive as possible. Mayor Nienaber and Council do not really like the idea of the gate because of the potential of causing accidents on Dixie Highway. They like the idea of signage as a better solution because of the hazard that this could cause. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to accept the recommendation of NKAPC with the removal of the condition of the gate. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, Wessels abstained from voting, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 7-09 – Refinancing of the City Building and Storer Property

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

Executive Order 2-09 Appointing Barbara Hellmann and Jessica Nienaber to the Fort Wright Parks and Recreation Board

Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Ms. Hellmann was a previous business owner in Fort Wright and very active in the community. Ms. Nienaber is the events coordinator of the Childrens Home and both are very pleased to be involved. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 3-09 – Appointing Kevin Bright to the Fort Wright Board of Ethics

Mr. Bright had served on committees in Fort Wright and works for Duke Energy. Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Rezone application for property along Madison Pike from Town Center Form District to various zones.

Mayor Nienaber stated that what we are asking for is approval of Council to submit an application for a Map Amendment for this area to go to NKAPC for a recommendation on what zones to be approved for this area. We would like to cleanup zones in this area for future development. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to support sending an application to NKAPC for recommendation of zones for this area. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Wessels, and McMurtry voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Huff advised he met with the Community Preservation Committee to discuss having the First Fort Wright Cleanup Day at Fort Wright Civic Club, with area vendors and products to repair and spruce up property. Residents can talk to vendors about ideas or repairs that they might have questions on. Fire Department will have a table to sell mulch for their fundraiser, the Garden Club will be available, and the Civic Club will offer refreshments for sale. We are hoping for a good turnout and everyone is welcome.

Draft #2 of the coming year's budget is in the packets for suggestions or comments. Draft #3 will be presented at the March caucus meeting and Draft #4 will be in the April packet.

Bids opened for the water line Improvements on Saint Agnes and Vidot Court. This should be started on April 1, 2009 and completed on June 12, 2009, and if everything goes as planned we will be bidding the street improvements in April and opening bids in May.

Councilmember Hatter stated that he thinks Mr. Huff has done a great job on the budget process in keeping Council updated and for input from everyone.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that he had received a call from Senator Jim Bunning's office advising him that the Fire Department was successful in obtaining an Assistance for Fire Fighter Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 with a 5% match for the City. This will be used to replace extrication equipment that is carried on the rescue truck and a new thermal imaging camera.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the monthly report was distributed. There were a couple of residential burglaries, one on Cumberland Avenue and Morris Road. Thanks to all who call in regarding suspicious people in the area.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we have collected a few more delinquent tax bills. Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson has returned from maternity leave.

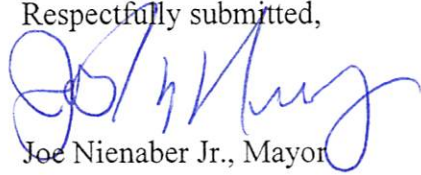
Councilmember Hatter reported that we would like to sponsor another blood drive in the City and will report back with more information.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS 61.810(b,c,g) All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. McMurtry to go back into Legislative Session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

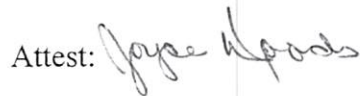
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. McMurtry to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Nienaber Jr.", written over the printed name.

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Woods", written over the printed name.

Joyce Woods, City Clerk