

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 7, 2012 - 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:04PM and recognized Daisy Troop 1707 from St. Agnes School that were present at tonight's meeting, to lead Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Tim Maloney arrived at 6:55PM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 12/07/11 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Wessels abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve the minutes of the 12/21/11 Caucus/Special Meeting. All members voting in favor, Feinauer and Wessels abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 01/11/12 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, McMurtry and Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01/18/12 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, McMurtry and Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 02/01/12 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve the minutes of the 02/15/11 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proclamation – Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary

Mayor Nienaber read the Proclamation naming March 12, 2012, Girl Scout Day in Fort Wright and presented it to the troop. We will post this on the sign in front of the building. The girls introduced themselves and thanked Mayor Nienaber and presented him with a basket of Girl Scout Cookies.

Chief Kreinest introduced our newest Police Officer, Dan Hampton, and stated that he comes from the Kenton County Sheriff's Department. We welcome him and are glad to have him working for the City.

Ordinance 02-12 – Second Reading Ordinance between Fort Wright and Kenton County Fiscal Court for Animal Control within the City Limits of Fort Wright.

This is the agreement between Fort Wright and surrounding cities, and bringing in Covington to staff more officers. The fee structure will stay the same. Mayor Nienaber read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 03-12 – Second Reading – Ordinance Enacting and adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Nienaber read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proclamation – Brain Injury Awareness Day

The City will declare March 14, 2012 Brain Injury Awareness Day and post this on the sign in front of the building for this day.

Resolution 01-12 – Terminating the Agreement with Rural Metro Corporation and Providing ALS Services by the City of Fort Wright.

Mayor Nienaber read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

This Resolution states that the termination with Rural Metro will be effective at 11:59PM on September 30, 2012. Fort Wright Fire Department will provide Paramedics on our ambulance for all calls. This will provide better and quicker service to all.

Executive Order 07-12- Appointing Granville Griffith to a 3 Year Term on the Museum Board

Mayor Nienaber read this Executive Order. He will serve a term starting March 7, 2012 and ending at midnight on March 6, 2015. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in order, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Surplus Property – Extra Large Police Vest

This belonged to a former Police Officer and since we have no use for it at this time we would like to sell it to Fort Mitchell Police Department at their request for \$350.00. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 02-12 – Supporting Senate Bill 62

This would lower the percentage of voter signatures required on a petition to ask the question, should the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission be dissolved. Mr. Wessels passed out paperwork on this Resolution. It was 25% of voters signatures required that voted in the last presidential election, this would reduce the percentage to 15% and also change the number of days required to collect signatures, from 90 days to 120 days. This also sets rules to how they verify signatures. KLC is opposing Bill 62 and Mr. Wessels would like Council to support this and allow our citizens the right to voice their opinion. We would send this to the Committee Chairman, that Fort Wright is in favor of this.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote take, Wall and Averdick voting in favor, McMurtry and Feinauer abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Finance Committee has met regarding the upcoming 2012-2013 Budget. We will be discussing this at the next Caucus Meeting. The Public Works department has painted areas of the building, and thanks to Tim for the chair rail installed in Council Chambers and to Nick Zumdick for the professional job of painting that was completed.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that some of the new offices of Christ Hospital, in the old Thriftway store, will be opening on March 26, 2012. This will be a great addition to our City. The Fire Department will do a walk through before the opening.

Thanks to Fire Department personnel for helping out with a truck in Piner for tornado cleanup.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that we have been experiencing vehicle thefts at Wright's Point Apartments and are working with their management.


Officer Brian Cornett will be starting with the Police Department on March 14, 2012, with one week of training in Richmond.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that Jeff Bethell has been working on restoring the park benches and decorative street light poles that are located throughout the City. We have a good stockpile of salt in reserve for future use. Our lawn service is starting to pick up trash around the City at problem areas.

Mr. Averdick proposed that there be another Finance Committee meeting to discuss items and also he has questions regarding the revenue from the South Hills Civic Club.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter 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