

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

MARCH 20, 2013 – 6:00PM

In the absence of Mayor Nienaber, Councilman Dave Hatter opened the meeting at 6:07PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call. Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Bernie Wessels. Also in attendance for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Abeln was unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. Huff addressed Council regarding the Budget for 2013-2014. He stated that there was a corrected copy of the General Fund and other information at their seats. He went through each department and fund and explained revenues and expenses. He advised that money is being put aside for maintenance of the Robke Bridge. There were a few questions by Council and Mr. Huff explained and answered any concerns that were brought up. Mr. Huff also had copies of the Amended and Appropriations Ordinances that would have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at the April meeting.

### Street Lights

Mr. Wessels suggested that the City look into adding streetlights in areas of the City that have no lighting on the streets. There was a list in the packet with types of lights and pricing, which were very expensive. Mr. Wessels stated that he thought this was a safety issue and we should at least get pricing for a test area, just to see what the cost would be. Council didn't have much interest in pursuing this idea. Mr. Maloney stated that he would look into it.

### Projectile Ordinances – Fort Wright

This also was an issue that Mr. Wessels wanted to discuss. A copy from the Code of Ordinances book was distributed in the packet explaining what instruments were unlawful to use, and the offenses and penalties that would be charged. Mr. Wessels stated that bow and arrows were not specifically mentioned in the Ordinance. He believes that everyone should have a right to bear

arms. Mr. McMurtry advised that the slingshot mentioned and similar instrument would probably cover a bow and arrow. Any State Statute would trump a City Ordinance. Discussion followed. Mr. Wessels stated that he would like to have some parts of the Ordinance repealed and bring this subject up at a Council Meeting for more discussion.

#### Legal

Mr. McMurtry stated that he will start collecting delinquent taxes under the new guidelines. There was a meeting with Dave Rader of Sanitation District No. 1, and hopefully this dispute will be settled in the City's favor.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that a conditional offer for employment was made to an Officer from Indianapolis, who is interested in moving to this area.

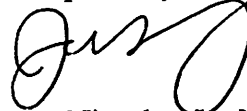
Activity has been picking up at Wal-Mart recently.

Mr. Wessels and Mr. Abeln met with representatives of Fort Mitchell regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Some of their members were thinking along the lines of Fort Wright, and some were not. Mayor Chris Wiest advised that he had done some research and cities can have different goals and objectives than the County, but still have to vote on County goals and objectives. Mr. McMurtry stated that we can seek the Attorney General's opinion.

Mr. Huff and Mr. Wessels will attend the meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the Dixie Fix. If this intersection is reconstructed it will be very beneficial to the City.

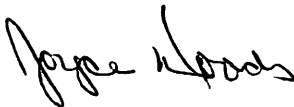
Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk