

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 2, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the Council Meeting at 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present were City Administrator, Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Council members Dave Hatter, Joe Averdick and Public Works Director Tim Maloney were unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber advised that the meeting started at a later time tonight because of a scheduled Organizational Meeting of the City of Fort Wright Economic Development Authority Inc.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 03-05-14 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 03-19-14 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

First Reading – Ordinance 04-14 – Appropriations Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Wright Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

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

First Reading – Ordinance 05-14 – An Appropriations Ordinance Adopting the City of Fort Wright's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

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

Executive Order 09-14 – Appointing Kenneth Holstein as Police Officer for the City of Fort Wright

This appointment will fill the vacant position in the Police Department open by the retirement of Danny Martin. Officer Holstein is retired from the City of Covington and has recently worked at Taylor Mill Police Department and Campbell County Sheriff Department. He is highly qualified and we were fortunate to hire him for our city. Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion – Kyles Lane, Dixie Highway and Madison Pike

Mr. Wessels stated that he had seen a few emails back and forth regarding this project, one from Congressman Massie's office regarding delays by KDOT because of land acquisition and utilities. Mr. Wessels suggested that we have scheduled meetings with KDOT to get updates and a schedule of repairs from a safety standpoint. There are some problems in the City that we need to keep on top of to make sure they are taken care of.

Some of the problems are sinking sidewalks on Highland Pike, curbs and islands on 3-L Highway, old parking lot removal at the entrance on Highland Pike Nature Center. There are many outstanding issues with KDOT that are safety issues in the city.

Mayor Nienaber stated that recently looking at the parking lot at the Nature Center that there has been more movement recently and separation of pipe. There was discussion that the City will go ahead and tear up the parking lot to get it taken care of.

Mayor Nienaber was at a breakfast with Senator McDaniel and he did not seem too confident that the Farrell Drive project would be done. The Dixie Highway project has been kicked into the 2015 cycle and Senator McDaniel has assured Mayor Nienaber that the money is still there for the project.

Mr. Huff stated that Mr. Maloney has a meeting with the State regarding the salt dome that we use to store our salt for use in the winter. They also will discuss the sidewalk issue on Highland Pike from Lorup Avenue to the City Building.

It was suggested to have a standing agenda item and this will be listed for discussion and to keep this fresh in everyone's mind. We will discuss a mechanism at the Caucus meeting to have something in place when we have chronic nuisance cases to be able to enforce the fees charged.

Administrator Report

Economic Development Committee met this morning regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Sharmili Reddy from NKAPC has met with Council to review our updated Comprehensive Plan and make sure that Council's concerns are included. There were only a few small changes to identify land uses on the small area study, as what will fit into developers plan.

Thanks to Council and the Finance Committee for all their help and input on the new Budget. We will talk about new revenue streams at future Caucus meetings.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the SCBA's purchased with the Fire Act Grant have been approved and certified. The ship date for these items is mid-June.

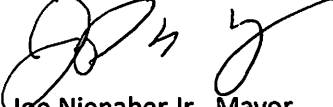
Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported everything has been quiet.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we have collected a few delinquent property tax bills. It has helped that Mr. McMurtry has sent letters to some that were delinquent for payment.

Mr. Wall stated that we have identified a couple of sites on City property where we may be able to build the Fallen Soldier Memorial that we have discussed. Have Council look at sites and keep moving on this project and discuss at a caucus meeting.

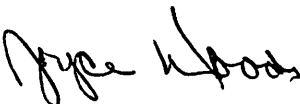
Mayor Nienaber stated that the biggest highlight as Mayor has been presenting the Proclamation to the State Champion Covington Catholic Basketball Team. It was an honor to be able to be included for this presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk