

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

04/06/11 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:04PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Todd McMurtry were unavailable for the meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 03/02/11 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 03/16/11 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 4-11 – First Reading – Zoning Case 2029R – Dickmann's Stage I Development Plan

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Richard Dickmann, owner of the property addressed Council and explained that he wanted to decrease the setback of the state right of way from 10 ft. to 5 ft. to allow more space for parking. The other issue was the outdoor dining to supplement the summer business and increase the customer base. Part of this area would be covered and landscaping would be enhanced in front of the building. There would be some music outside, but not live bands, and also televisions for sporting events. If there are noise complaints, the Police on duty will determine the decibel of sound. Mr. Dickmann stated that the live bands have been the main complaint of noise that was too loud.

June and Harry Holtkamp, of 389 Orphanage Road, neighbors of Mr. Dickmann's business addressed Council and Mr. Holtkamp advised that he was the person who complained because of the loud noise. He stated that the volleyball games that are played can get very loud also, but he had spoken to Mr. Dickmann and hopes this can be worked out between them. Mr. Wessels had asked Mayor Nienaber to let everyone know that he thinks there should be a reasonable cut off time for the outside entertainment.

The Police will respond when needed. The second reading of the Ordinance will be on 05-04-11.

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

Hope Box Derby – September 17th

Mayor Nienaber welcomed Chris Goddard, CEO of HealthPoint, to once again let everyone know that they will be holding the 3rd Annual Hope Box Derby at Wright Summit Parkway on September 17, 2011, with the first race starting at 1:00PM. Dickmann's will be the catering sponsor for the VIP tent and there will be a variety of activities. It is a family friendly event and all are welcome.

Mayor Nienaber stated that it is a great event and raises money for the medical needs of the homeless. Thanks to Mr. Goddard for updating Council on this upcoming event.

Proposed Changes to Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart wants to change the colors on their building and adjust the square footage of their signage on the building. They will be reducing the signage by 50%, which is unusual, and falls within the guidelines of the Ordinance. The entrance sign on Highland Avenue will have updated colors, but basically be the same sign.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve these changes. Roll call vote taken, Averdick and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2-11 – First Reading Amended 2010-2011 Budget

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

Mr. Hatter and Mayor Nienaber thanked everyone for being conservative in their spending and responsible to the residents of Fort Wright.

Ordinance 3-11 – First Reading Proposed 2011-2012 Budget

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

Mr. Huff wanted to thank the Finance Committee, Mr. Hatter and Mr. Averdick for their work and direction on getting this budget as trim as possible. Mr. Hatter mentioned that the cost of dispatch services will be going up with a potential increase of \$20,000.00 and will have an impact on this budget.

There is a public meeting at Dixie Heights High School with the three Counties represented to discuss the communications centers. This will start at 7:00PM.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported on the No Smoking Ban that was passed by Kenton County Fiscal Court, that will go into effect on April 15th and will be monitored and enforced by the Northern Kentucky Health Department. Packets for the businesses will be available here at the City Building if anyone would like to pick them up.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that there were some maintenance problems with some of the vehicles this past week, but everything is back on track.

The Fire Department Volunteer Corporation is holding their Annual Mulch Sale and bags will be delivered on April 16th.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the main server was down on Wednesday at NKOL and no email was received or sent. He also reported that there have been scams going around the area with the better weather and the Chief reminded everyone to be aware that this is going on. He also reminded everyone to lock your doors if you are working in the yard and cannot see who comes to your door.

City Attorney Pete Summe reported that headways are being made on the Ms. Classic agreement and will keep Council updated.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that the garage door in the Fire Department had to be repaired. The asphalt plants will be opening and Public Works will be repairing pot holes around the City, and will be working on other street maintenance.

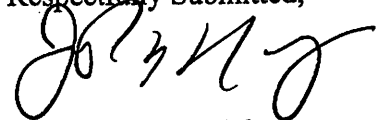
Mr. Averdick mentioned the mess on Park Road that was left by a Duke Energy Contractor, yellow tape, limbs and trash. Mr. Maloney did make a call about this, but has had no response.

Mr. Hatter suggested that we check with some of the high schools in the area to see about community service hours for the students to clean up litter.

City Clerk Joyce Woods stated that delinquent tax bills have been sent out again. Passport applications have been up, with vacation season coming up.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, 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