

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 7, 2010 – 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. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Todd McMurtry and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present 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.

Citizen Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 01/20/10 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Mr. Averdick abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 02/03/10 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Mr. Wessels and Mr. McMurtry abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 03/03/10 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Mr. Wessels and Mr. Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve the minutes of the 03/17/10 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Mr. Averdick abstained. Motion passed.

EMS Contract – Kenton Vale

The contract with Kenton Vale currently is \$1250.00 a year and will be raised to \$1500.00 with their approval. Mr. Summe advises that we should have an interlocal agreement with Kenton

Vale and Park Hills for these services. Included in the packet is Resolution 6-10 and the interlocal agreement to provide fire and emergency medical services to Kenton Vale. It also identifies that they will participate with the ALS contract for this period.

Resolution 6-10 Declaring Intent to Enter into a Interlocal Agreement with Kenton Vale

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

Award of Contract – Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recycling

The low bidder was Bavarian but could not follow the bid specifications of the contract to pick up waste and recycling on the same day. The next bidder was Rumpke who could offer this service to the City. The price will be \$11.96 per month

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. McMurtry to recommend that Rumpke be awarded the contract for waste and recycling services for Fort Wright beginning July 1, 2010 and extend until June 30, 2013 with three 2 year options that would extend the contract until 2019. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

Ordinance 01-10 First Reading – Street Tax

We will be re-introducing an Ordinance adding a proposed street tax to the ballot in November to collect additional funds for street repair and replacement. With declining amounts in our reserves over the past several years and still going in that direction to dip into the reserves we will be approximately 1.2 million dollars in the hole. ^{AT IN 5 YEARS} We are coming before Council now to take action to have this proposed vote on the ballot this year and because of time constraints we need to act now. This proposed tax would only be for streets and at \$.10 per each hundred dollars we would generate about \$500,000.00 for this purpose. Mr. Wessels stated that he would like to look at other options before we pursue this tax. Mr. McMurtry stated that he is in favor of it and Mr. Averdick advised that he thinks we should move on with it. Mr. Hatter stated that if other reserves are found to fund this program, we could always have it removed from the ballot before November. Mayor Nienaber stated that this will essentially move us forward and look for other options to fund the streets in others ways. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary.

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

South Hills Community Center

Mayor Nienaber stated that one of the measures to increase revenue that we have debated in the past is whether to charge for the South Hills Civic Club. The cost to run the Civic Club is about \$12,000.00 a year. We have a lot of rentals for this facility and hopefully we will be able to deter some of the cost with a fee of \$100.00 per rental. Mr. Huff stated that most of the same rules would apply, with the renter would still be responsible for cleaning up after their event and the second check submitted for \$100.00 deposit would be refunded. If passed tonight, this would take effect tomorrow April 8, 2010. Everyone who has already made a reservation will not be charged for their rental. Mr. Hatter stated that this is more of a user fee, not to make a profit. 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.

Meeting with NKAPC

Mr. Wessels advised that he and Mr. Hatter, as the City Representatives of Fort Wright, met with two of the Board members, Tom Litzler and Bill Goetz, of NKAPC regarding what the function of this organization is and what residents get and the services provided. They were very receptive and listened to what the concerns were of the City, but had no real answers. They spoke about the financial aspect and what is provided to the citizens. They advised they would bring back concerns to Dennis Gordon and get back to Mr. Wessels and Mr. Hatter on these issues.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reported that Prism is working on the website and hope to have it up and running in the next 30 days.

There will be a proposed update of the 2010-2011 Budget to review coming out to members soon. Instead of having a Budget Retreat on a Saturday, we will have the next caucus meeting to only discuss the upcoming budget. Members of Council were in favor of this.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported on the gas leak explosion on a Park Road residence that was a complete loose to the owner. There was theft of copper from the residence which caused this explosion. There was also another home in the City that there was a theft of copper pipe in an unoccupied home. Other surrounding cities have also had these thefts from vacant homes. Watch out for empty homes in your neighborhood and report any suspicious activity. Thanks to all the other departments that helped with this situation..

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the Police Department is actively pursuing these thieves. There was an arrest on the homicide that happened at Dickman's Café recently. The thief that robbed U.S. Bank was caught, thanks to all Police Departments working together to apprehend him. The Accreditation Team will be in next week and thanks to Sergeant Schworer, who worked very hard on getting this done. The license plate reader that was obtained from the Federal Grant has been received. Shred-It day will be on April 17th, from 10AM-2PM at the City Building with a Cintas truck here. This will be free of charge to whoever would like to take advantage of this service.

City Attorney Pete Summe advised that the curb at Ms. Classic Car Wash is still not constructed. He advised a deadline needs to be set.

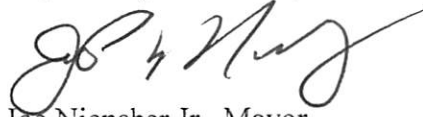
Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised that the park slab that was broken has been fixed. The St. Agnes/Vidot Court project has been reseeded.

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised we have collected a few more delinquent tax bills.

Mr. Feinauer wished everyone a Happy Easter and to be aware of children playing in the warmer weather.

Mr. Hatter stated that we had 48 donations of blood to Hoxworth at our last blood drive at the City Building, Thanks to everyone who contributed. There will be an area wide disposal of paint and other waste on April 24th at Toyota in Erlanger.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk