

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

04/20/11 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:06PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Joe Averdick. 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. Scott Wall was unavailable for this meeting and Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:24PM.

Mayor Nienaber acknowledged the email received from Mr. Averdick today regarding his scheduled surgery and stay in the hospital in May, and advised him to call if he needed any help or for any reason during his recovery.

Vision Committee

This item has been tabled until the next caucus meeting on May 18th.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Mr. Summe has sent letters to a few of the multiple year delinquent property tax homeowners in the City and has had minimal response. The next step if payment isn't received is to start foreclosure proceeding against them. These are owners that have multiple years' taxes due and have not attempted to contact our office or acknowledge delinquent bills. This will be on the agenda in May with a Resolution proposed.

Dixie Highway & Kyles Lane – Water for Flowers

Since the construction of Walgreens on Dixie Highway, we have not had access to a water source to take care of the garden at Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane. We had received an estimate from Henn Plumbing to install a backflow device and water service to this area for \$1555.00.

Discussion Followed and it was decided that Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney would proceed with this project. Mr. Averdick suggested that we use TIF Funds to offset the expense.

Erlanger Dispatch

Mayor Nienaber stated that at the Mayor's Group meeting it was mentioned that Judge Executive Steve Arlinghaus, Mayor Rouse and Mayor Bowman will meet and discuss the dispatch situation. Mayor Rouse, City of Erlanger, stated that since they are the provider of the service they have considered proposing a property tax to fund the dispatch. Since the \$4.25 charge on each phone land line is disappearing, with people discontinuing use of their landlines, they need to have alternative funding. The extra amount to next year's budget for the City of Fort Wright will be \$19,934.00 for dispatch. Mayor Nienaber stated that he is in favor of a larger combined Dispatch Center. Mr. Huff advised we need to get behind the County and get a model that will best benefit the citizens. We are paying for this service on our County tax bills and not getting anything for it, and also funding Erlanger.

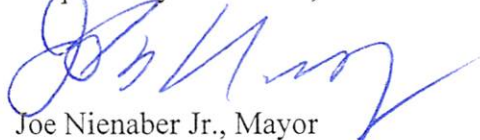
The minutes from the Mayor's Group meeting and notification of the next meeting will be forwarded to Council.

We will need to adjust the budget for the coming year and bring back to Council for a second reading.

Mr. Huff passed out an article regarding a warranty service available to residents of Edgewood for their sewer lines that are their responsibilities.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Wessels 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