

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 1, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:03PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. City Attorney Todd McMurtry arrived at 6:10PM and Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:55PM. Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Joe Averdick were unavailable for this meeting.

Chief Dan Kreinest addressed Council and stated that he will present a Commendation to Officer Jeff Hoppenjans who arrested a murder suspect, arising from a suspicious activity call in the BP parking lot. The suspect was wanted for a homicide in a city outside of Cleveland six hours earlier in the day. Thanks to Officer Hoppenjans keen observation, Officer Hampton was called and aided Officer Hoppenjans and an arrest was made without incident. Mayor Nienaber said that Officer Hoppenjans is an asset to the Fort Wright Police Department and the Commendation to him is well deserved.

Eric Redfield, who will be the proprietor for the proposed Pizza Bella Restaurant on Dixie Highway, and Bob Fessler of Corporex, who he is currently negotiating with, were present at the meeting to address Council regarding this new project in the City. Mr. Redfield stated that this will be a full scale and full service unique pizzeria located at the site of the old Pizza Hut building. There will be a complete transformation of the building, inside and out. This building will comply with all Fort Wright ordinances and be a nice addition to the city.

Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting - 04/03/13

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 04/03/13 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Caucus Meeting – 04/17/13

Not enough members of Council present to approve. Minutes will be tabled.

Second Reading – Ordinance 07-13 – Zoning Text Amendment to the Shopping Center Zone

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This Ordinance resolves the setback issues for out lots on Dixie Highway.

Approval of Site Plan for Pizza Bella as required by Ordinance 7-13

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

Second Reading - Ordinance 04-13 – Deleting Old Floodplain Regulations and adopting New Floodplain Regulations for the City of Fort Wright

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

This review is done every ten years and brings us into compliance to qualify for floodplain insurance.

Second Reading- Ordinance 5-13 – Amending the 2012/2013 Appropriations Ordinance for the City of Fort Wright

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

Second Reading – Ordinance 6-13 – Adopting the Annual Budget of 2013/2014 for the City of Fort Wright

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary.

The bulk of the income (operating fund) to the City is received between October and the end of December. We have reduced some of our debt in the last couple of years, and hopefully within two years we could possibly be debt free. The businesses in the City play a big part in the budget. Mr. Hatter stated that the department heads help keep cost low to reduce debt also and appreciate the employees sticking with us through the lean years. The financial picture is looking brighter for the future.

Proclamation – Redwood School

Mayor Nienaber read a Proclamation for Redwood School as they celebrate 60 years of guiding children and adults with severe and multiple disabilities to achieve independence and reach their highest potential throughout their lives, by providing enriching educational, therapeutic and vocational services.

The City of Fort Wright will designate Monday, May 13, 2013 as Redwood Day in the City of Fort Wright. This will be noted on our message board in the front of the building.

Mr. Wessels addressed Council regarding the Goals and Objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. The consensus from Fort Mitchell is that they would like to approve them and NKAPC is looking for direction from Council. Mr. Wessels and Mr. Abeln would like to take the draft items to them and have them move on to other cities. We will not be officially voting on the final draft tonight, but allow them to move on. This has approval from Council to move forward.

Mr. Hatter addressed Council regarding a resident who has a son in the military in Texas, but his car is registered in Fort Wright. He requested that since the vehicle is not driven in the City, he would like to be exempt from the cost of the vehicle sticker. Discussion followed. Mayor Nienaber stated that we will discuss this further in Caucus meeting.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff thanked the Finance Committee for all their help year round with the upcoming Budget. Walt's Hitching Post has re-opened and the new Izzy's Restaurant hopes to be open the end of June. These are both fine additions to the City.

Mr. Maloney advised that all of the concrete street and aprons on Ashlawn are in and the job has gone very smooth. There is work to be done on the storm sewers and should be completed within two weeks. At the next Council meeting we should have bids on Glazier Road and Morris Place.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that there were a few more delinquent bills paid for 2012.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Nienaber Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joyce Woods", written in a cursive style.

Joyce Woods, City Clerk