

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 4, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the Council meeting at 6:03PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, 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, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 04/02/14 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the 05/07/14 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 05/21/14 Special Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Second Reading - Ordinance 5-14 – An Appropriation Ordinance Adopting the City of Fort Wright Annual Budget July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

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

Thanks to everyone who had input into the budget for the coming year. It reflects that Council and staff have been extremely frugal and conservative to have a strong healthy budget.

Second Reading – Ordinance 06-14 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 07-11, to express that the Ordinance can be enforced as a Civil Offense.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary and stated that the only change is in Section A, adding that a violation of this Ordinance, (Chronic Nuisance), constitutes a civil offense. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hatter, Averdick, Wessels and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading - Ordinance 07/14 – Repeal of the Motor Vehicle Tax

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance. This Ordinance will abolish the motor vehicle license fee effective July 1, 2014. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Averdick, Wessels, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

Authorize the Mayor of the City of Fort Wright to submit a rezoning application for the Old Marathon Station, Shell Station and BP Station on Dixie Highway from LHS to CC. This will also include Skyline per the owner's choice.

This will bring into compliance the gas stations that are now in the LHS zone. Skyline is now a permitted use in this zone but if changing to the CC zone, it would give the owners more use opportunities if they would ever like to sell their business.

Motion by Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to authorize Mayor Nienaber to file an application to rezone this section of Dixie Highway including Skyline to a CC zone. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr.

Resolution 05-14 – Resolution Entering into an EMS Contract with the City of Park Hills

This is essentially the same renewal as the last one, only combined into one contract. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 06-14 – Resolution Entering into a Fire/EMS Contract with the City of Kenton Vale

This will renew their contract for the next two years for Fire protection and EMS service.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 07-14 – Resolution to enforce Ordinance 06-14 through the Joint Code Enforcement Board

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

First Reading - Ordinance 08-14 – Requiring Utility Companies to Repair and/or Replace City Streets and Sidewalks

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wall, Abeln, Averdick and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This Ordinance will make the utility companies responsible to replace the street as it was before their repair. These companies are given notice as to the streets we are replacing before the work begins.

Bid Results – Basswood / Cumberland / Crittenden Street Reconstruction

JPS Construction Company was the low bidder in the amount of \$1,019,823.94, for the replacement of Basswood Circle, Cumberland and East Crittenden Avenues. JPS Construction has done many projects in the City and we are very familiar with their work, and they have always done a good job with all of the projects that has been done.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Hatter to have Mayor Nienaber enter into a contract with JPS Construction, Inc. for the 2014 Street Program for the cost of \$1,019,823.91. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

City Administrator reported that there will be four homes built by Brad Trauth on the property on Park Road across from the Lookout Heights Civic Club.

Mayor Nienaber also advised that the Foltz property on Highland Avenue has been torn down and there are three lots on that property to be sold.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the shipment date on the SCBA's has been pushed back to July 2, 2014. This is the equipment purchased with the Federal Grant money received.

Chief Schewe reported our sympathy goes out to Regis Huth, former Chief of Park Hills Fire Department. His Mother died unexpectedly in an accident in Pennsylvania. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Chief Kreinest reported that the monthly report has been distributed to Council. Calls have picked up since the weather is getting warmer and more people out. Please do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicles.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that the lawsuit was filed against CERS. It was getting a lot of attention from the media.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported he was working with Mr. McMurtry regarding the chronic nuisance notices that have been sent. Normandy and Monticello Streets have been wrapped up and will be starting on the new street program soon. Nick Zumdick had surgery on his shoulder this morning and hopefully everyone went well and the healing will begin.

Mr. Averdick asked if Mr. Maloney could get them an updated listing on the progress of the zoning violations. Mr. Maloney stated that he could do that. Mr. Wessels stated that he would like to discuss the grass cutting around the City, but would save the discussion for the caucus meeting.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we did collect a few delinquent tax bills that we had trouble finding the residents of the property.

Mr. Averdick stated that we would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Clarence Lassiter, a longtime resident and friend to the City. He was a member of the Garden Club, a long time Veteran and had attended many functions in the City. Prayers for Mayor Nienaber who is having surgery next week.

Mr. Feinauer asked that all residents watch out for the kids out playing since school is out.

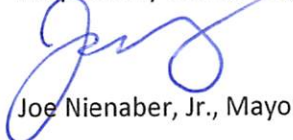
Mr. Abeln reported that he saw an article stating that legislation allowing for electronic tolling has cleared the Senate and is heading to Governor Kasich's office for his signature.

Mr. Wall thanked everyone for putting on the Memorial Day service.

Mr. Wessels stated that he and Mr. Huff met with Senator McDaniel to discuss the transportation plan. The Senator is very accessible and really listens to the needs of the people. Also met with Greg Schrand, owner of the Marathon and Shell stations on Dixie Highway regarding the upgrades at the intersection of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway. Email received from SD1 asking for comments on their proposed rate hike. Mr. Wessels doesn't think this rate hike is warranted.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer 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