

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

JUNE 18, 2008

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:08PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Todd McMurtry. Also present were City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Joe Lawrie addressed Council regarding opening a fitness franchise on the second floor at 10 Kyles Lane, the Guardian Savings Bank building. He would be using about 2500 square feet. Mr. Lawrie was advised that there would have to be text amendment change to allow this type of business at that location. The Mayor advised him to start the process at NKAPC and Mr. Maloney advised him to apply for a zone change. He thanked Council for their consideration in this matter.

Mr. Roger Kuchle, former business owner in the City addressed Council regarding his property on Dixie Highway. He advised he heard it was on the agenda to be discussed at tonight's meeting. Mr. Wessels stated that he should not be talking about it at the meeting. Mr. Summe stated that he could talk about the property and update Council as long as it was not a lengthy process. Mr. Kuchle stated that he wanted to give the City a good development on his site, as so many businesses were closing in the area. Mayor Nienaber advised Mr. Kuchle that he had a meeting scheduled with Anchor Properties, the Company handling the property and the City would work with them.

Payroll Collection Increase

Mayor Nienaber stated that he had received a letter advising the City of an increase in collection of taxes and licenses by Kenton County. This would be a 1% increase over the 1% that they were already charging. It was discussed and Council did not think this was that bad of a deal as the percentage has not been raised since the program was started. Other cities are not in agreement with the increase and are letting it be known that they would like more services for the increase in fees. Mr. Wessels suggested that we ask Mr. Drees or Mr. Kimmich to attend one of our meetings to give us a little more input.

Nature Center Slippage Update

Mayor Nienaber advised that he spoke to Chris Novak at the Sanitation District and was advised that they could not video the lines at the Nature Center. Jim Berling was surveying the manholes and pipes to determine slippage. Representative Alecia Edgington spoke to Mayor Nienaber about any help she could provide

Hoxworth Blood Drive

Mr. Hatter stated that there was a critical need for blood and would like to pursue a Blood Drive sponsored by the City. Council agreed and Mr. Hatter advised that he would try to get a date that was convenient to everyone, and would get more details on this worthwhile cause.

E-Mail from Debbie Dorning/Traffic concerns in South Hills

Ms. Dorning of East Henry Clay Avenue sent an email complaining about the speeders on East Henry Clay Avenue. Chief Kreinest advised that they have been patrolling more in that area recently. Mr. Hatter suggested that they have the equipment set up to note the speed of the vehicles traveling through that area and report back to Council.

CAO Update

There were a total of 139 resumes that were considered. The committee has it down to 17 for the first round of interviews, which will be scheduled every 30 minutes. Interviews will be conducted next week after everyone has been contacted. The final decision will be made by the full Council.

Economic Development Update (Kuchle, Michels, Tappan)

The Model Sign Ordinance was discussed at NKAPC and discussion was quite lengthy as to what is the definition of a billboard. This item was tabled at this time, but not to exceed 6 months, and sent back to staff for a better definition of a billboard. It was suggested, when this item comes before Council, to have Mike Schwartz from NKAPC address Mayor and Council.

Michels property was recommended for a zone change approval from NKAPC.

Kuchle property was recommended a denial of a zone change. There were too many variances needed.

Mayor Nienaber congratulated Dave Hatter and family on the birth of his son, Vincent John.

Pension Reform

General Assembly is calling for a special session to discuss and vote on pension reform that will affect new hires in the pension system and will have savings for the Cities.

Church Entrance

Dudley Construction was the low bidder at \$117,296.90 for the Highland Presbyterian Church access drive. CDS Associates recommends accepting this bid.

Park & Recreation Fund – Budget

This can be amended next June, 2009 and will be addressed at the next meeting.

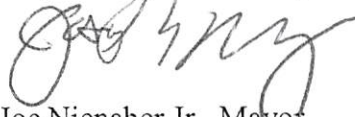
Chief Kreinest stated that he had received a request from Edgewood Police regarding contributing toward the cost of a School resource Officer for Dixie Heights High School, as there are residents from Fort Wright at the school. Discussion followed and Council did not think the City needed to contribute.

Discussion followed regarding creating a policy for media releases.

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


Mr. Wall left the meeting at 6:45PM and Mr. Hatter left at 8:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk