# CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 02, 2008

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Todd McMurtry. Also present were 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

Mary DeSalvo from the museum board updated Council on the activity at the museum. The Lookout House Exhibit held on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and was well attended and very interesting to all who viewed it. There are no special events in July. Battery Hooper Days will be held on August 16 and 17, 2008.

Deputy Judge Executive Scott Kimmich and Jerry Knockelman from Kenton County addressed Council regarding the increase of 1% in the collection fee for taxes and licenses that Kenton County collects for the City. They came to the meeting tonight to answer any questions that Council may have regarding this increase. The cost has not increased since this program started. Reports will be available through excel spreadsheets and a users group has been formed to explain the changes and how to get the information from this program. This will take place at the Erlanger City Building on July 10<sup>th</sup> and will be attended by a representative of the City. We will report back with more information as it is received.

## Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 06/04/08 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hatter and McMurtry voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 06/18/08 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and McMurtry voting in favor, Wall and Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Executive Order 6-08 – New Fire Lieutenant

Chief Schewe addressed Council regarding the new Fire Lieutenant that will be hired to replace Mike Harris, who took a position at Covington Fire Department. Jeff Hatter will start work on July 8, 2008, and this will be a full-time position. He currently works for Burlington Fire Department and will be an asset to the department. Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, McMurtry and Feinauer voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

### Executive Order 7-08 – Appointment to NKAPC Council

This will appoint Bernie Wessels as representative and David Hatter as alternate to Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission Council for the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, Wessels and Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 3-08 – ALS- Transcare Agreement

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

Interlocal Agreement on Payroll Collection Increase

We will review information received and discuss this further at the next meeting.

Bid Results and Recommendation for Park Entrance

Bid opening for Highland Presbyterian Church access drive was on June 5, 2008. The low bid was received by Dudley Construction in the amount of \$117,296.90. This bid was recommended for acceptance by CDS Associates and Tim Maloney. This is a safety factor for everyone who

visits the church and the Museum. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to have the Mayor enter into an agreement and approve this expenditure of \$117,296.90. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 10-08 – Tax Increment Finance District for Dixie Highway

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

Mayor Nienaber met with the owners of the shopping plaza, Tappan Properties and advised that we will do anything possible to get Dixie Highway promoted and prosperous. He requested that Council give suggestions on economic development in this area. It was suggested to form a committee of Council and business owners to get different ideas from all sections of Dixie Highway. Mr. Hatter suggested advertising this idea in the Top of the Hill News for anyone who would like to suggest input for this project.

## Department Reports

Chief Kreinest advised monthly reports were distributed at tonight's meeting. Congratulations to Sergeant Knight for completing a 3 week training course in Richmond.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that he is making progress on getting together the specifications for the new ambulance and is almost ready to go out for bid.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council on the projects going on in the City.

The intersection of Kyles Lane and Henry Clay Avenue is moving along, with the lights to be installed in about a month. They will time the new traffic signals with the ones around them to keep a steady flow of traffic.

The Dixie Highway to Werner Dive repaving by Barrett Paving should be complete within 30 days. We will advise of these changes on the message board in front of the City Building.

Met with residents of St. Agnes Circle and Vidot Court for a informational meeting. This will tentatively go out to bid in July.

South Hills Civic Club renovations finishing up.

Mayor Nienaber thanked the committee working on the interviews for the new City Administrator position.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick 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