

**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**7/15/09 – 6:00PM**

Mayor Joe Nienaber, Jr. opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Todd McMurtry and Mr. Bernie Wessels. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson. Mr. Scott Wall and Public Works Director Tim Maloney were unavailable for this meeting.

There was one citizen comment. Ms. Carolyn Zembrodt from 419 Morris Road addressed council regarding the recent discussions over the pit bull / vicious animal ordinances. She advised council that she would like to offer her services, if needed. She has worked with Ohio Valley Dog Owners – was president of their Association for about 3 years. They helped to organize dog laws for people for vicious dog laws that are pretty specific. When someone has a pit bull, if they are a good owner, they have the dog trained. When they are not a good owner, and you ban the breed they just switch breed. She has trained dogs for 15 years. She would like to offer her help in any way possible.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the 06/03/09 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, McMurtry and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 06/17/09 Caucus meeting. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer and Hatter abstaining, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 11-09 – Proposed Amended Stage I Development Plan submitted by D W Real Estate Holding LLC1 Number 1964R.

There was no presentation, Jay Bayer advised that nothing had changed since the last meeting. Mr. McMurtry advised council that he had no opposition, but that he had abstained at the last meeting because of business affiliation with the applicant.

Ordinance 11-09 was read in summary by Mr. Pete Summe. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the ordinance. Averdick and Wessels voting in favor, McMurtry abstained. Motion Passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 12-09 – Proposed Map Amendment to the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance submitted by the City – Number 1962R. Ordinance read in summary form by Mr. Pete Summe. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter. Mr. Averdick, Mr. McMurtry and Mr. Wessels voting in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion followed, Mayor Nienaber advised that at the Economic Development Meeting on

previous date there was discussion to take an overall look at our zoning to see if we can do something to clean it up, because we have a ton of different zones. It was the consensus that we could probably simplify our zoning.

Property between Upland & I-75. Mr. Bill Viox from Viox and Viox was at caucus meeting to address Council. He advised Council that the City had the entire plateau of property up there and saw the opportunity to develop something to enhance the property. It is up to the City on how to use it. It could be semi-private, open to groups only, open to the neighborhoods or public. Brock McKay was present to give a brief overview. The grant program received, Northern Kentucky has to do these things anyway – fortunately they did get funding for that. Project must be under contract by February 2010. That's why they are pushing it. Mr. McKay gave brief summary of project. Play off the idea of Nature Center, with storm water management related, but can go into park system as a green space. Different type of landscape features. This would create an access trail, which City and others (electric and utilities) could use to access and maintain the area. Concern was raised about children accessing the area in heavy rains, for fear of them getting into the area and getting hurt or worse. Not increasing any risks that are not already there. At this time, looking for Council to endorse the idea and then work on lease between City and Sanitation District #1. There will be no cost to the City.

Resolution 6-09 in support of Viox and Viox on moving forth on this project. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the Resolution. Mr. Averdick, Mr. McMurtry and Mr. Wessels voting in favor. Motion passed.

Ordinance 13-09 – Fixing the Penalty for Non-moving Violations was read in Summary by Mr. Summe. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick. Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hatter and Mr. McMurtry voting in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution 5-09 – Municipal Road Aid Co-Op Agreement. This is authorizing the City to contribute its 3% to the emergency fund. Mr. Wessels would like to see the formula for calculating City's portion. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the Resolution. Mr. Feinauer, Mr. McMurtry and Mr. Wessels voting in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Wessels requested to have a discussion regarding proposed joint dispatch between Kenton County and Erlanger. Mr. Wessels is concerned about potential dispatch problems that have occurred in the past. Number one concern is the division that was created, neighboring police departments are unable to communicate directly with one another due to having different dispatch centers. Judge Drees and Mayor Tom Rouse of Erlanger are talking, would like City of Fort Wright to encourage them to continue to talk toward a solution. Number one concern is safety of residents and safety to Police and Fire Departments. Would ultimately like to see a regional dispatch center in Northern Kentucky, encourage Judge Drees and Mayor Rouse to continue talks. Mr. Averdick and Mr. Hatter both in agreement with Mr. Wessels concerning problems that have been encountered. Makes budgeting harder when cities switch from one to another.

Mr. Huff will make a phone call to support and encourage continued talks between Judge Drees and Mayor Rouse. Need to make sure we understand the structure and how it is forming before

we pass a resolution.

Mr. Wessels would like to put on Caucus agenda, Electric inspection fees for the citizens of Fort Wright. We are possibly paying up to 3 times more than what neighboring cities are paying to NKAPC.

Mayor Nienaber brought up that Hope Box Derby is coming up in September. Economic Development Committee, Kim Jehn and Debi Martin have been working on branding and logo, the timing of it culminating will be around the time of the Hope Box Derby, which will be in Fort Wright at Wright Summit. The idea is to sponsor a car and maybe get sponsorships – The City as the major sponsor with the new logo and have smaller donors to help purchase car. Display car all year in City lobby, after the event.

Fort Wright Business Association representative Jennifer Johnson, reaching out to members and non-members to get the businesses of Fort Wright involved in Hope Box Derby. Do not want to use tax dollars for something that is giving to an organization. City is giving to the event regardless because of needing to use our staff for the event. That is idea behind getting donors, to offset costs while being able to get the branding and logo out.

#### Council Committee Reports

Legal Matters- Ms. Classic Car Wash

Mr. Summe advised regarding the car wash, we are in negotiation.

#### Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe had no news to report.

Chief Kreinest reported they had two unrelated break-ins to homes. Asking residents to keep homes locked, one the door was unlocked. Also a couple of thefts out of cars, would like to remind everyone to keep their cars locked, keep valuables out of site.

Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson had nothing to report.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Lonkard Construction is moved out of St. Agnes & Vidot Court, loading up the last of their equipment. Man holes are established and where they need to be. M&W Excavation should begin end of the week or beginning of following week to rebuild the roads. They have until middle of November to complete the project. If good weather, they could finish earlier.

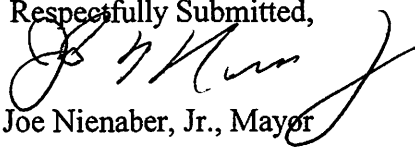
Vision Committee has a survey in Newsletter that asks citizens to rate the various services provided. Asking for rating on Police, Fire and Public Works, but concentrating on Public Works.

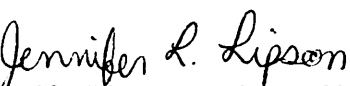
Mr. Hatter advised that City is working with Hoxworth to have the annual Blood Drive here at the City Building on August 20, 2009 from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Need people to come to give

blood. Last year we had 60 lives saved from donations. Bloodmobile will be here in parking lot. Do not have to have an appointment, but you can make one.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, 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:   
Jennifer Lipson, Assistant City Clerk