

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

JULY 21, 2010 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:10PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members were present for the meeting, Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe arrived at 7:22PM. Public Works Director Tim Maloney was unavailable for this meeting.

Items for Discussion

Storm Water - SD1

Mayor Nienaber stated that he attended the Mayor's Group meeting and there was a lot of conversation regarding the heavy rains that we have been having, and the flooding problems in the different cities. Covington was hit especially hard in the Peaselsburg area with over 300 homes with a lot of basements flooded with over 3 ft. of water. Fort Wright had problems on Mount Vernon, Kyles Lane and on Highland Avenue in front of Bluegrass Swim Club, with rocks spilling onto the road. Public Works will monitor this situation and try to keep the catch basins clear.

Mr. Huff advised Council that on 6-23-10 a new permit was issued that governs storm water discharge and water quality that took effect on 4-01-10. This new permit is very detailed and controlling. Mayor Nienaber stated that we need to come up with the permit that will benefit and be acceptable to the Fort Wright residents. We should only sign the agreement if it is what our responsibilities were in the 2003 agreement. There will be a meeting on 7-29-10 from 11:30AM-1:30PM at Sanitation District No. 1, which Mr. Huff and Mr. Summe will attend.

Proposed CC Zone – Economic Development Committee

Mr. McMurtry advised that there was some division on the Committee regarding changing some of the text on the proposed text amendment, Attachment A that is included in the packet for

tonight's meeting. The neighborhood zone basically will run from St. Agnes Church to Rivard Drive. We will discuss this again at the August caucus meeting Street Tax.

Proposed Street Tax

Mr. Summe advised that he has incorporated the verbage changes made by Garry Edmondson and changes that he also made for the ballot language for the November election. Mayor Nienaber stated that Council needs to decide if we are going to finalize this for November or drop the proposed road tax all together. We will need time to schedule informational meetings for residents and businesses. Finance Committee discussed items for cost savings at their meeting and took some out, considered others and some are already done or in the process. Mr. Hatter stated that he knows this is a necessary tax, but the timing will not be good with the economy so sluggish. We will probably need 3 informational meetings to represent the facts and have the support of Council. Have comparisons of tax rates with other cities.

Streets have been neglected because of lack of funds and the residents need to make the decision if they want to keep up with repairs or have new streets.

Consumer Electronics Grant

Mr. Hatter introduced this item. Best Buy offers Consumer Electronics Recycling Grants that allow organizations to apply for help in planning recycling events to dispose of electronics that people do not want or not have a use for in their homes or businesses. We will look into this.


Mayor Nienaber stated that he would like to discuss an item regarding the Mayor's Group, which he is a member. The Mayor's Group was originally formed to fight consolidation of the cities. Mayor Nienaber questioned if the County should have a seat and vote. Mayor Nienaber opposes this and would like to have a Resolution for Council to vote on for the August meeting. Mr. Huff and Mr. Summe will work on this.

Hope Box Derby

The car will be stripped of existing stickers and painted with a pearl white finish. It will be \$200.00 to participate and be advertised on the car, and \$50.00 to have the sticker made and affixed. The Hope Box Derby will take place on September 11, 2010.

Motion by Mr. McMurtry, 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