

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2010 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Dave Hatter. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

There were no Citizen Comments

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels, to approve the minutes of the 06/02/10 Council meeting. Mr. Averdick and Mr. McMurtry abstained, all other members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve the minutes of the 06/16/10 Caucus meeting. Mr. Wall abstained, all other members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the Municipal Road Aid Public Hearing. Mr. Feinauer abstained, all other members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 07/21/10 Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Hope Box Derby

Mr. Chris Goddard of HealthPoint and Mark Palazzo of Key Bank were present at the meeting to update Council on the Hope Box Derby that will be taking place at Wright's Point on September 11th. Activities will start at 2PM, with the first race beginning at 3PM and wrapping up the races at 6:30PM. There will be a car show, jumping houses for the kids, food booths and a live band until 8PM. The reason for this event will be to aid the homeless with medical care and services. Remke's Market and Insight Communications will be advertising on air. Donations are tax deductible with \$32,000.00 raised at last year's event

Chief Schewe reported that the car is at P&R Automotive being repainted for a fresher look and decals will be attached to the car at Crux Vinyl Graphics. We already have four sponsors committed to advertise on the car and waiting to hear from additional businesses.

Mayor Nienaber introduced Jeff Hoppenjans as our new Police Officer. Chief Kreinest reported that Jeff came to us from Park Hills Police Department with six years of experience and knows the area very well and is very qualified and will be an asset to the City. Jeff thanked everyone for his welcome and is very excited to be working for Fort Wright.

Resolution 9-10 – Proposed Smoking Ban in Kenton County

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, McMurtry, Hatter, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. McMurtry stated that Kenton County needs to be more open and listen to the residents and not force City Council's, on behalf of their residents to register their displeasure on Kenton County's approach to things like this.

Resolution 10-10 – Provide Emergency Medical Emergency Services to Park Hills

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Wessels, with an amendment to the Resolution, attaching the Interlocal Agreement to it stating the date of that document. Second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hatter, McMurtry and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 11-10 – Approving the Attached Ballot Language

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve with spelling corrections of Attached and Roads. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, Wessels voting no. Motion passed.

Resolution 12-10 – Opposition to HR 4899 – Mandatory Collective Bargaining

Mr. Hatter advised that KLC sent out an alarm regarding mandatory collective bargaining. If HR 4899 would pass it would force mandatory collective bargaining on every city in the United States and would cost the City an additional \$251,900 a year in fees, insurance etc. Mr. Wessels suggested authorizing the Mayor to bring this up at the Mayor's Group meeting and have them take a look at presenting a Resolution to their Councils for passage. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, McMurtry and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 13-10 – Support REINS Act – HR 3765

This act would reign in unfunded mandates in excess of \$100 million, leading to a major increase in costs to for consumers, businesses, state and local governments or significant adverse effects on the economy. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, McMurtry and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber advised that the Mayor's Group did discuss this at the last meeting and is a very important Resolution and to make the citizens aware of the unfunded mandates that are passed.

Resolution 14-10 – Support of HR 3745 – Community Access Preservation Act

Mr. Tom Litzler, who is the City representative on TBNK addressed Council at a previous meeting, and asked Council to support the CAP Act. This Resolution will preserve and fund public, educational and government access channels and also its facilities and operations. Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, McMurtry and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he and Mr. Huff received a request from the Museum Board that they be able to sell memberships for the Museum to generate funds. After checking with Mr. Summe on this issue he advised there was no problem with this being done. All monies will go thru the

City office for processing and Mayor Nienaber stated that he gave them his initial approval to go forward.

Proposed Community Commercial Zone

The Economic Development and Dixie Highway Committee have been discussing a text amendment to the CC Zone, redefining certain aspects of building size, uses, esthetics etc. Its intended use is for areas that we want to promote businesses that are community oriented and help preserve a community feel in the City of Fort Wright. Uses will be expanded beyond our current CC Zone, but moderate changes in materials, esthetics etc. We are looking at a signage Ordinance from Dublin, Ohio that will be reviewed by the committee. Mr. McMurtry advised that he would like to table this for tonight and send the signage Ordinance and the language for the CC Zone to NKAPC and bring back at the next meeting. Mr. Wessels stated that he would like to have more flexibility on the building materials that can be used and look at zoning text that was adopted by another neighboring City. Mr. Wessels will tweak the language and also submit his version for comments from NKAPC.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff advised that he had a meeting with the Vision Committee on Year 9 Plan. Should have a draft by next month and will bring it to a caucus meeting.

The Finance and Community Preservation Committees have also met and discussed cost saving ideas. Mr. Wessels and Mr. McMurtry also met concerning the cost saving ideas.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe welcomed two new members, Mike Jablinski and Donald Cunningham and both will be starting the fire recruit class and wish them luck on the classes for the next six months.

John Lewis of KY eScrap was at the meeting and explained what his company did with destroying and recycling of old electronics. He stated that he would be interested in supplying services for our recycle day in conjunction with Cintas. We could advertise on the website and in the newsletter and this service would only be available for Fort Wright residents and October 9th would be a possible date for this event. We could have a proposal by the next meeting.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported on the robbery at Heritage Bank that occurred the day before. The robber was identified as Shaun Ruby from Dry Ridge and also interested in talking to Ron

Hall, who has a warrant out of Boone County. Good work from Heritage Bank employees, Erlanger Dispatch and an Erlanger Sergeant who did a lot of good work to help our department.

There is a golf outing for the Northern Kentucky Police Memorial Fund on 09/10/10, at Eagle Creek at 1PM and sponsors are welcome.

Mayor Nienaber did advise Council that the talks with Park Hills regarding merging of Police departments have ended, as they have hired a new Chief of Police.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that they have been busy with street repairs. A couple of bad storms occurred recently producing a lot of water in a short period of time. Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their help in cleanup and traffic efforts.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we are starting to receive requests from mortgage companies for tax bills for this year.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. McMurtry 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