

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 06, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:01PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Dave Abeln. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Adam Feinauer was unavailable for this meeting and Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe arrived at 7:40PM.

Approval of Minutes – 07/16/2014 – Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes. Mr. Abeln stated that the minutes should be amended to read that Mr. Abeln met with Covington Mayor and City Administrator, it was originally listed that Mr. Dave Hatter attended this meeting. All members voting in favor of the amended minutes, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading – Ordinance 09-14 – Amend the Limited Highway Service (LHS) Zone

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. This Ordinance 09-14 amends the list of permitted uses within the LHS Zone to add Exercise/Fitness Equipment Sales and amend Specific Off-Street Parking Requirements. This property where this business will be located is the old Shimmers Restaurant/Bar on Dixie Highway. The potential owners had asked the City to file a text amendment, there was a public hearing and was approved by NKAPC as long as the City approves. This building is very large with only 53 parking spaces. The potential new owners came to the City with a Development Plan and drawings that were acceptable to the City for a building that is modern and has uniformity. Three sides will be visible from the Highway and the back of the building will be different.

Mayor Nienaber asked about a timeline for the improvements, Mr. Huff stated that the remodel of the building has to be finished when the business is opened, in a reasonable time.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to approve Ordinance 09-14. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Abeln, Wessels, Wall and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Development Agreement with the Developer of the property as approved and presented at the meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wessels, Wall, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor and Council wished the business owners much luck in their new venture.

Charles Daniel, Retired USN

Mr. Daniel was present to inform the City that from Rivard Drive to St James Avenue there would be Memorial signage dedicating that portion of Dixie Highway to the United States Navy Hospital Corpsmen. Mr. Daniel gave the background for the branch that he was in after he enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and retired after 20 years of honorable service in July, 1960. He is very proud of the service that he performed and is looking forward to the signs on Dixie Highway recognizing this branch of service.

Mayor Nienaber thanked Mr. Daniel for coming and giving the City knowledge of these great men and women who served proudly. There will be a dedication of the signs at the September 3, 2014 Council meeting.

Trey Grayson, President and CEO Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Grayson was invited by the Mayor to attend a meeting and update Council on his and the Chamber of Commerce position regarding the proposed new bridge. Mr. Averdick has concerns that most of the cities in Northern Kentucky has passed Resolutions against implementing tolls on the new bridge, and the Chamber is not taking into consideration the cities concerns. The City of Fort Wright has passed at least four Resolutions speaking out against putting tolls on the bridge to pay for the construction and upkeep. The Mayor noted that the City knows how important it is to have a functioning bridge by the reality of the traffic that comes through the City each day from all surrounding areas.

Mr. Grayson started at the Chamber on July 1, 2014. The Chamber Board took the position that the solution to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor was a urgent problem and stated that tolling is the solution to get this project done. Mr. Grayson stated that his job as a new employee is to carry out the wishes of the Board of Directors and educate himself on the issues before him. This bridge is functionally obsolete, narrow lanes, no breakdown emergency lanes and not enough lanes to handle the flow of traffic. The proposal for the bridge would not be toll booths on the bridge itself, there would be a bill sent each month to the people who travel this bridge and traffic would not be delayed or stopped. Mr. Grayson stated that the reason he is attending tonight's meeting, is that he wanted to get Fort Wright's perspective.

Council and Mayor thanked Mr. Grayson for attending the meeting.

Mr. Abeln left the meeting at 6:58PM

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reminded everyone the Hoxworth Blood Mobile will be at the City on August 14th for the annual drive. Call Hoxworth to schedule an appointment.

Battery Hooper Days at the Museum are on August 16th and 17th.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported there was a burglary on General Drive recently, please keep valuables out of sight. Mr. Wessels stated that he thinks there should be more tickets issued for trucks on I-75 that cannot travel at minimum speed or are in the wrong lane for traffic flow.

Mr. McMurtry stated that he has filed an opposition motion in regards to the CERS lawsuit.

Mr. Maloney reported that the street construction is in full swing and moving quickly. There is about five weeks of work left, weather permitting. There have been bad trees removed on Amsterdam Road and Highland Avenue. Nick Zumdick is still out from surgery, but Paul Wigger has stepped in to help out and is doing a good job.

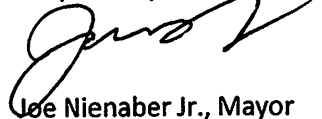
City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that 2 additional delinquent tax bills have been collected.

The Mayor, City Administrator Gary Huff and Fire/EMS Chief met with potential owners of Rodeway Inn to discuss what needs to be done on that property.

HopeBox Derby is scheduled for September 13th at Wright's Summit.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce Woods, City Clerk