

# CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL/CAUCUS MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2011 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the Special Meeting at 6:04PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Todd McMurtry, Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Scott Wall. 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. Mr. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber congratulated Mr. McMurtry on his son receiving a scholarship to attend M.I.T. He will be studying computer science and engineering. Also keep Nick Brake a resident of Fort Wright and member of the Garden Club in your prayers, after he recently suffered a stroke.

## New Business

First Reading – Ordinance 5-11 – Setting Real and Tangible Property Tax Rates for FY 2011-2012.

Mr. Huff gave tax calculations and rates that we received from NKADD and the paperwork was included in the packet for tonight's meeting.

The Real Property Compensating rate is .227 and Personal Property rate is .323 per \$100.00 of value.

The compensating rate plus 4% (allowable rate) is .236 for Real Property and .336 for Personal Property per \$100.00 of value.

If we take the compensating rate plus the 4% increase we will receive approximately an additional \$77,000.00 of revenue this year. Mr. Huff advised that we have more deductions because of lower property values and more residents eligible for the Homestead Exemptions and less additions to the tax records.

Discussion followed and it was mentioned that we will have an increase in Erlanger dispatch fees this year and are still paying off the MDT's to the Fiscal Court which are large expenses.

Mr. Rex Bowling of 1862 Mount Vernon Drive spoke and stated that the senior citizens of the City have not gotten raises and it is tough with everything going up in price. After an explanation of how much the calculations would cost residents, he stated that it wasn't too much of an increase.

Council stated that there was not really an option not to take the increase with higher costs of all services and supplies. Mayor Nienaber stated that there was zero room to cut anything else in the Budget, unless we cut services to the residents. Most members of Council were on board with the increase.

Mr. Summe read Ordinance 5-11 in summary. Motion by Mr. McMurtry, second by Mr. Hatter to take the Compensating rate, plus the 4% increase for FY 2011-2012. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, Wessels voting no. Motion passed.

#### First Reading Ordinance 6-11 – Setting Waste Fees for FY2011-2012

Mr. Summe read Ordinance 6-11 in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to establish a fee of \$143.52 per dwelling unit per year for collection of waste and recycling material. Roll call vote taken, McMurtry, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This is a pass thru cost to residents and is the same amount as last year.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the Special Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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##### Funding Ideas for Special Road Projects

Mr. Hatter stated that he would like to table this item until we receive more information and Mr. Averdick can be present. Council agreed and the item for discussion was tabled.

##### Discussion NKAPC Future

Mayor Nienaber advised Council that he had suggested that 50% of the Mayor's Group Meetings be changed to NKAPC Council Meetings to sort out issues that will be reasons that NKAPC may be eliminated at the November election. There was no agreement from the Mayor's Group.

There will be a meeting held on August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the NKAPC functions and overhead. Also addressed will be the cost for cities to do business if the issue to discontinue NKAPC is approved. This meeting will be informational. There will be a statement released from KCPC as to the value of NKAPC.

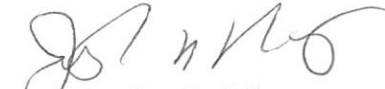
### South Hills Civic Club Requested Changes

We have had requests from non-profit organizations to be able to use the South Hills Civic Club at no charge. At this time we could decide on a reduced charge if the event is during the week, which we will offer to anyone who would want to rent it from Monday thru Thursday. We have also had requests to rent it every Monday at noon for a meeting, and could also charge \$50.00 for the month for these rentals.

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

Mr. McMurtry left the meeting at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk