

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL/CAUCUS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Sgt. Marc Schworer, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Todd McMurtry and Mr. Joe Averdick were unavailable for this meeting.

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss and set the tax rates for real and tangible property for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Mayor Nienaber stated that before we get started on the meeting he wanted to let the Fire Department know that they did a good job in assisting at the fire in Fort Mitchell on Dixie Highway Wednesday afternoon.

First Reading –Ordinance 4-10 – Setting Real and Tangible Property Tax Rates for FY 2010-2011

Mr. Huff advised that the tax calculation that we received in the packet, passed out to Council from NKADD was for the compensating rate for real property was .219 per hundred dollars and for personal property .327 per hundred dollars. This amount would bring in close to the same amount as last year. We did have more deletions this year because of property values dropping. If we consider the allowable 4% increase, it would bring in an approximate additional amount of \$37,000.00. Mayor Nienaber stated that at some point citizens have to realize costs continue to rise and paying for City services gets more costly each year. Mr. Hatter stated that he thought we should stay with the compensating rate of .219 and hope that we can get the street tax to pass for our road improvements. Discussion followed. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to take the compensating rates of .219 for real property and .327 for personal property per hundred dollars. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer voting in favor, Wall voting no. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 5-10 – Setting Waste Fees for FY 2010-2011

Mr. Wessels read a text message from a resident on Rosa Avenue that he received, suggesting charging households different rates for the amount of garbage that they put out to be collected. The rate for the trash collection will be \$143.52 for the year, this includes the remediation fee

added to each household. This amount is a pass-thru and if we would change the way we charge, we would have to go through the bidding process again. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve, roll call vote taken Wall voting in favor Mr. Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

Resolution 14-10 – Declaring Disposition of Surplus Property

Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Nienaber called the Caucus Meeting to order at 6:35PM.

Proposed changes to the Personnel Policies

Mr. Huff introduced an addition to the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky Personnel Policies regarding Section VI: Benefits N.

This addition reflects a change to the Education Assistance Program that states that if an employee terminates employment with the City within 1 year after completing a course under this program, the employee shall refund the total amount received for courses taken within 1 year of the employee's termination date. Within 2 years after completing a course the refund by the employee would be 75%. If the employee terminates the employment because of circumstances beyond their control there would be no refund. The amount to be refunded may be withheld from any termination pay due the employee.

Update – Economic Development Committee

The breakfast has been scheduled for October 12th, time to be determined, at Prism. We will have guest speakers regarding the Dixie Highway Road Project and the development of land in the City, but no one has been confirmed. We will have the packets available with maps and literature to raise visibility to Fort Wright.

The proposed CC Zone is at NKAPC for comments and suggestions.

Update – Finance Committee

There was no meeting of the Finance Committee this month due to conflicts of members of the committee. Mr. Hatter is working on a financial report and the committee is working on the cost saving list and waiting on a report regarding the take home fleet in the Police Department.

Update – Community Preservation

This committee is also working on the cost saving list. They have reviewed the Nuisance Ordinance and will go back to staff for their comments. It was decided that Mr. Maloney should have the authority to issue citations and expedite corrections to properties throughout the City.

Mr. Feinauer suggested that we should work on ideas to generate more revenue.

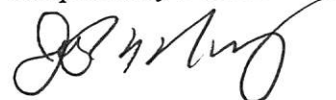
Saturday, October 9th will be the day for the Kentucky escrap at the City Building. This will take place from 10AM-2PM. Mr. John Lewis was present at the meeting to supply information regarding this event. More information to follow.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we had collected 3 years back taxes from one property owner to clear his account.

The Hoxworth Blood Drive will be at the City on August 19th from 1-7PM.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, 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:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk