

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 03, 2008

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:05PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott McMurtry and Mr. Joe Averdick. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

Kathleen Romero, A Museum Board Member addressed Council regarding an upcoming event on November 9, 2008. The Museum Board and volunteers along with the Sons of the American Revolution, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Highland Cemetery will be paying tribute to all Veterans and deceased military from all wars and conflict represented at the cemetery. This will be on November 9, 2008 at 2:00PM at the cemetery. It will be advertised to the public.

Mary DeSalvo, Museum Board member, addressed Council and gave a short update on the tours at the Museum and attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the 08/20/08 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. McMurtry to approve the minutes of the 08/25/08 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citizenship Award- Marc and Joseph Bernhard

Citizenship Award – Joan Pille

Last month we spent time speaking about safe neighborhoods and always be aware of strangers in the area. We have three outstanding citizens that are a perfect example of the way residents can look out for their neighbors. Chief Kreinest introduced Marc and Joseph Bernhard, of Beaumont Court, who noticed a stranger in a neighbor's garage up the street robbing him at gunpoint. When their vehicle passed and then came back down the street, the man got scared and ran from the residence. He was trying to get the residents wallet and car keys.

The second award was presented to Joan Pille of Parkside Place who noticed a suspicious vehicle in the area of her residence, which has been hit by vehicle thefts recently. She stayed in her driveway and called Police. In the course of the investigation and with the information given by Ms. Pille, there was an arrest made and an individual went to jail. Chief Kreinest presented Citizenship Awards to all three of these residents.

Mayor Nienaber stated that the pride he feels for these residents cannot be fully expressed and he thanked them for their example to the rest of the City.

First Reading of Ordinance 13-08 – Stage I Development Plan – Richard Dickman

This is an amended 1st reading. Mayor Nienaber stated that Dickman's Café, on Orphanage Road applied for a proposed Stage I Development Plan to allow for more parking spaces at his business. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, McMurtry, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mary DeSalvo – Educational Programs and Historical Marker – Museum Board

Jeanine Kreinbrink addressed Council regarding questions she had to supply to submit an application for a Historical Marker for the Museum property. This will be submitted by October 1, 2008.

Mary DeSalvo addressed Council regarding the Educational Outreach Program that the Museum is proposing. They would like to start offering these programs to elementary and middle schools in Northern Kentucky at \$3.00 per student. They were all set to start offering this program, when they were made aware that this had to be approved by the City before they could charge for this program. Mary introduced Arden Steffen who wrote some of these programs, along with Bethany Sterling. She explained the programs that they would offer and what it would involve. Discussion followed. Council asked questions regarding financial procedures for this and all programs. Motion by Mr. Wessels to approve with conditions that no Fort Wright residents will

not charged and that a policy is put into place within 3 months for the program and that is approved by Council for an accounting procedure. Mr. Wessels amended the part of the motion that states that Fort Wright residents will not be charged. His motion will be changed that all participants in the program are charged the same amount. Mr. McMurtry seconded the amended motion. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hatter, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Award of Bid – St. Agnes Circle/Vidot Court Sewer

Mr. Frank Twehues, of CDS Associates was present at the meeting to report on the bid for Saint Agnes Circle/Vidot Court Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Bid opening was on August 28, 2008 and six contractors bid on this project. The low bidder was Lonkard Construction with a total bid on \$1,235,609.50. The sanitary sewer portion is funded 100% by Sanitation District No. 1 and will fund the storm sewer at 50%, which will cost for their portion of the construction cost at just under \$218, 100.00. Mr. Twehues stated that this is a very significant project and they will have a construction meeting in the next two weeks. The NKWD will come in next spring and replace pipes and then the street will be replaced. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to accept the low bid by Lonkard Construction for this project. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick and McMurtry voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Permission to go to bid for EMS Unit

Chief Schewe provided the specifications for the new ambulance that the City is putting out for bids. There were a few minor differences with the width and height. He hopes to get at least four or five bids to choose from. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve Chief Schewe to bid this out. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, McMurtry, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff advised there is a new vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board. Floyd Hastings turned in his letter of resignation, effective immediately. We do have one resident with an interest in a position on the Board, and Mr. Huff suggested advertising this in the newsletter, on the message board and our internet contacts. Thanks to Floyd Hastings for all his hard work while on the Board.

Inter-Local Agreement – Collection of Municipal Occupational Taxes & License Fees

Administrators in Kenton County have been working to come up with some additional services and access through this program for the additional 1% increase in charges. They want to get more accountability for the increase in price.

There will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30AM to discuss the tax rate and waste fee.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported the St. Vincent De Paul Society requested that the City be a collection point for the coat drive for this year. This will be from October 1-15th and coats will be distributed to the needy on October 18, 2008. Council agreed that this was a good cause and good for the City to be involved.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported on the attempted robbery on Beaumont Court and also a burglary on Glengarry recently. We have been using the group email more regarding this information. Mr. Hatter suggested that maybe coming from the Police Department an article in the newsletter regarding identity theft from trash etc. would be a good idea.

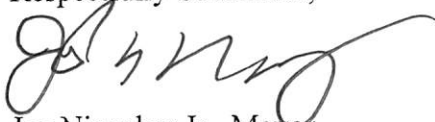
Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the gas company has just about wrapped up on Saint Agnes/Vidot Court project, and restoration has been done. We will have a pre-construction meeting with Lonkard Construction and a notice will be sent to all residents on the street. Park improvements are moving along, a little slow. We are waiting on the shelters and playground equipment to be delivered. Entrance almost completed but we need some rain for the grass to grow. Kyles Lane and Henry Clay Avenues is 99% completed. No further complaints from residents. CMAC Application for the Dixie Fix was awarded for the Kyles Lane/Dixie Highway intersection for \$1.9 million dollars to make improvements to the intersection.

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised that we will be getting ready for current year tax bills and had received two delinquent payments in the past week. Everything going well.

Mr. Feinauer wanted to remind everyone that the seventh anniversary of September 11th is approaching and not to forget one of the worst tragedies to ever hit this Country. Thanks to the military personnel for fighting for our freedom.

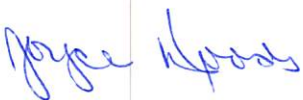
Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk