

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 05, 2012 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:04PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Dave Abeln. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Public Works Director Tim Maloney was unavailable for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 08/01/12 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 08/15/12 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 08/27/12 Special Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber introduced the three newest members of the Police Department to Council. They are Brian Cornett and William Brian Machal, who both came from Paris, Kentucky. They have been on the streets for a few months and are performing well. They both have considerable experience and we are glad to have them on the department. Our newest member is Jonathan Colwell, who worked at Kenton County Detention Center and will be starting training in Richmond at the Academy for Criminal Justice Training in October. His start date is officially September 16, 2012, and he will be riding with a training officer until he leaves for the Academy. This will bring the Police Department to the maximum number of employees.

Chris McDaniel arrived and introduced himself and stated that he is running for State Senator, as the Republican nominee in the 23rd District. Mr. McDaniel stated that he looked forward to working as our representative in the Senate. Council thanked him for coming and introducing himself and wished him well.

Old Business

Second Reading – Ordinance 12-12 – Setting Real and Tangible Property Tax Rates for FY 2012-2013

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the real property tax rate at 0.251 per Hundred Dollars and the personal and mixed tax rate at 0.342 per Hundred Dollars for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber stated that Council is not bashful about asking for what we need to run the City. He explained how we arrived at the amount of money we need for operational cost and street repairs and replacements. Since there are so many costs that are beyond the City's control we need to have funding for everyday expenses.

Second Reading – Ordinance 13-12 – Setting Waste Fees for FY 2012-2013

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick and Wall voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

This is a pass-through cost that is charged to the residents at what is charged to the City by Rumpke.

New Business

First Reading – Ordinance 14-12 – Imposing and Levying an Annual License Fee upon Motor Vehicles of \$35.00 per vehicle to help pay for repair and maintenance of roadways within the City of Fort Wright.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. This fee will be collected at Kenton County Courthouse when you renew you taxes on your vehicles. The City will provide to disabled

veterans and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross, who have been issued a special military-related license plate under KRS 186.041, a City vehicle license at no charge pursuant to KRS 189.4595. There will be no sticker issued. This tax will add about \$175,000.00 to the budget.

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

It was discussed that if a Special Tax for road replacement and repair ever passes, we will look at repealing increases in taxes or fees that are being imposed. Mr. Huff advised that the best time to review the impact that the additional revenue will have is when we look at the budget for the following year.

First Reading – Ordinance 15-12 – Increasing the Payroll Tax in Fort Wright from 1% to 1.15% and capping the amount at the FICA limit to help pay for the repair and maintenance of roadways within the City of Fort Wright.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hatter and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This increase in the tax will still keep the City very competitive with other cities on payroll tax.

First Reading – Ordinance 16-12 – Increasing the Insurance Premium Tax in Fort Wright from 6% of the premium to 8% to help pay for repair and maintenance of the roadways within the City of Fort Wright.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hatter and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 08-12 – Update of the NKADD Hazard Mitigation Plan

We had discussed this plan in recent caucus meetings. Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Wessels advised that the Economic Development Committee had met a couple of times and discussed the Comprehensive Plan with members from NKAPC attending the second meeting.

The staff has agreed to take our concerns and possible changes back with them and put it in writing and review the City of Fort Wright Plan. They will keep us advised and get us a draft copy.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reminded everyone of the Hope Box Derby taking place on Saturday, September 8th at Wright's Summit from Noon to 6:00PM. The sponsors listed on the car pay for the entry into the Derby.

Department Report

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that we are moving ahead with ALS on the ambulance and should be operational on October 1, 2012. The inspection will take place on September 24th.

Chief Kreinest reported that the Police Department will be at full strength with the hiring of Jonathan Colwell.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that he has been very busy with new Ordinances that have been created by the City.

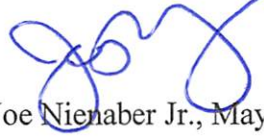
City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the tax bills should be sent out around October 1, 2012.

Mayor Nienaber thanked the present Council for signing up for the next two years and stated that there is a lot to do in the City.

Mr. Hatter stated that we had 16 blood donors at the Hoxworth bus on August 16th.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Joe Nienaber Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joyce Woods", written in a cursive style.

Joyce Woods, City Clerk