

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the Council meeting 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. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Public Works Director Tim Maloney was unavailable for this meeting. Councilman Todd McMurtry arrived at 6:15PM.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 08/17/11 Special/Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor, Mr. Averdick abstained. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber introduced Mr. Nick Brake, who has been a longtime resident of Fort Wright and a longtime member of the Garden Club and volunteer in other capacities throughout the City. He has been under the weather recently and will not be able to participate as he previously has been. The City would like to recognize him for his commitment and efforts to the community. Mayor Nienaber presented him with a Proclamation and read it before Council and declared September 9, 2011, Nick Brake Day in Fort Wright.

Mr. Brake thanked the City for its recognition and support of the City and St. Agnes.

Hope Box Derby Presentation

Mr. Chris Goddard and Mark Palazzo were in attendance to speak about the upcoming Hope Box Derby that will be taking place at Wright's Summit on September 17, 2011. New things will be added this year and there will be 25 corporate cars in the race. The goal is \$50,000.00 this year to benefit the Pike Street Clinic and the new facility on Madison Avenue, with medical treatment and prescriptions for the homeless.

This race was started by Leadership Northern Kentucky and has grown each year. There are corporate sponsors, who provide media coverage and 90 volunteers who work tirelessly on this event.

Ordinance 5-11 – Second Reading – Tax Rate 2011-2012

Mr. Hatter addressed Council and stated that the Finance Committee has been meeting and has put together a financial structure and explained that all revenues and expenses have been studied carefully. Mr. Hatter and Mr. Averdick went thru the spreadsheet and explained property values, exemptions on real estate, personal property and taxes collected. We are trying to slow down

spending of funds by making decisions to self fund South Hills Civic Club, James A. Ramage Museum and paying off the City Building next year. Mr. Wessels stated that there are large expenses that we have no control over, Erlanger Dispatch System and Kentucky Retirement System.

Resident Tilley Biery of Cloverfield Lane addressed Council and stated that she takes pride in living in Fort Wright and the City is to be commended on their roads. She suggested residents pay for a car decal or card to raise funds for street maintenance. Mayor Nienaber stated anything we do to collect funds will not be popular.

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve real property tax rate of .236 per One Hundred Dollars of value and personal property tax rate of .336 per One Hundred Dollars of value. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, McMurtry, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 6-11 Second Reading – Assessment for the Collection of Waste Materials

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the assessment of \$143.52 for Waste Materials fees for 2011-2012. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick and McMurtry voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

South Hills Civic Club Fee Adjustment

In April 2010, the City started charging a \$100.00 rental fee and a \$100.00 deposit that would be returned if the hall was cleaned up. The rentals have been very successful on the weekends. We would like to propose that anyone who would have a rental on Monday through Thursday would only pay a \$50.00 fee and a \$100.00 deposit with the same rules as always. All money paid would be in a reserve for future maintenance.

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

Resolution 5-11 – Surplus Property

A list of surplus property was submitted to Council, that the City has that is either of no use or broken. These items will be taken to the auction at Kenton County on September 10, 2011. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resident Tillie Beery spoke to Council regarding the traffic merge at Kyles Lane and Kennedy Road. When cars exit the I-75 exit ramp northbound, they are in a turn only lane. These vehicles pull into the lane of traffic that is going straight on Kyles Lane and there have been some very close calls of accidents happening. Since this is a state road we cannot put up any barriers or other traffic controls.

Ms. Biery also spoke about the overgrown grass and weeds at the lake in the Nature Center off of Augusta Avenue. She stated that fishing there is almost impossible. Mayor Nienaber stated that the City would look into it.

Ms. Helen Maul of Fortside Drive in Fort Mitchell addressed Council about her concerns regarding the look of properties on Dixie Highway, Shimmers, Rodeway Inn and Day's Inn Motel. Mayor Nienaber stated the Community Preservation Committee is working on an Ordinance for the purpose of cleanup of this area. The Dixie Highway Corridor project is also looking at this area and we are actively pursuing development around this location.

Mr. Joe Nienaber Sr. spoke and commended Council and staff for doing a great job to get business done and let people give their views.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Water District is replacing a water main on E. Henry Clay Avenue to Henry Clay Court.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that there was a structure fire on General Drive in July caused by children playing with matches. Thanks to Fort Mitchell and Park Hills Fire Departments there was only minimal damage.

On October 7, 2011 from 5-8PM there will be a Pig Roast/Safety Fair at the Fort Wright Fire Department. There will be a Bounce House and fire truck rides for the kids.


Texas Roadhouse is putting on an addition to their restaurant and should be finished by November.

Chief Kreinest reported that the Police Department did evidence destruction recently. Available on the computer will be "Revive the Drive" which will list road and lane closures during construction. This is provided to us by the State Highway Department and is a helpful tool.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported we have the 2011 tax information after tonight's passage of the rates and will be working on getting the bills out by the end of September.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter 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