

CITYOF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:00PM with the 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 present for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Sergeant Marc Schworer and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Abeln, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and Police Chief Dan Kreinest were unavailable for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

09-03-2014 – Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 09-03-14 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

09-17-2014 – Caucus Meeting

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 09-17-14 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading – Ordinance 14-14 – Authorizing Deer Hunting by Bow or Crossbow within the Fort Wright City Limits

Mayor Nienaber stated that there has been much discussion regarding this issue that goes back 4 or 5 years. There have been residents concerned with their landscaping and reopened the issue of what could be done regarding the deer population. This issue has been discussed in regular and Caucus meetings and the Mayor decided it is time to take action on this with an Ordinance and a vote by Council.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance.

Jocelyn Sodoma, a resident of 852 Pinehurst Drive and Amy Beth Able, a resident of 291 St. Agnes Circle both spoke in regards to this problem. Both residents do not want the deer killed but Ms. Sodoma asked Council if there are other things that can be done. Ms. Able is opposed to any hunting within the City limits, and suggested steering residents to the Kenton Co. Co-operative for ideas on what plants the deer wouldn't eat. Mayor Nienaber stated that we are trying to keep the vehicle accidents and property

damage at a minimum, anything that we do, as a City has to be met with the expectation that this is going to be a long process to see a difference in the deer population.

Mayor Nienaber read a letter from Councilmember Dave Abeln, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He was in favor of the bow hunting over gun. Discussion followed. There were comments from each Councilmember and the outcome was to take a vote on the second reading.

Motion by Mr. Wessels to approve Ordinance 14-14 as read with amendments on;

- 1) Section (D) instead of reading approved it will be changed to as required.
- 2) Section (F) 3 acres site in size.
- 3) Section (G) added at the end, prior to hunting agreement must be in writing.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hatter to amend Ordinance 14-14. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Hatter, Averdick and Feinauer voting in Favor, Mr. Wall voting no. Motion passed.

Ordinance 14-14 As Amended

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Hatter and Averdick voting in favor, Wall and Feinauer voting no. Motion carries 3 to 2.

Second Reading Ordinance 13-14 – Proposed Rezoning of 1730, 1750, 1804 and 1820 Dixie Highway, from R-2 and LHS Zone to CC Zone

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

Resolution 10-14 – Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Quit Claim Deed Facilitating the Transfer of Ownership of a Portion of Real Property no longer needed by the City, back to Joseph and Dorothy Trenkamp

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

Memorandum of Agreement – Northern Kentucky Business Retention and Expansion Program

This was started by Tri-Ed has put together this program and has requested that the City to join. The benefits for the City would be a quarterly report of businesses visited, the City would be invited along and have access to their reports. There is no cost to this initial program.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to authorize Mayor Nienaber to enter into this program. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Averdick, Wessels, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 11-14 – Approving the Transfer of Control by Comcast Corporation of Insight Kentucky Partners, II, L.P. to Charter Communications

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

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the Fire Department is out flushing hydrants and will conclude by the end of October.

Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that the complaint was dismissed on the case filed by Mr. Readnor. Oral Argument is on Thursday afternoon on the lawsuit filed against Kentucky Retirement System on the motion to dismiss.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the taxes are coming in and are due on December 31, 2014.

City Administrator Gary Huff reported the Senior Lunch is November 13, 2014 at noon, at South Hills Civic Club.

The road project on Cumberland, Crittenden and Basswood is progressing, all of the streets are in and all the side walk on Crittenden and most of the sidewalk on Basswood is in and they are working on Cumberland. This project will finish by the end of the year per the contractor.

There is an update of projects in the packet and will try to keep this up every month.

Mr. Feinauer noted that Halloween Trick or Treat times are 6-8PM, and hot dogs and drinks at the Fire Department from 7-9PM and watch for children out for the holiday.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk