

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 05, 2011 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:08PM 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. Todd McMurtry. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe. Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Scott Wall were unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone who was in attendance for the meeting.

### Citizen Comments

Mike Hoerlein, a resident at 1509 E. Henry Clay Avenue, addressed Council regarding the water main project that is currently going on at E. Henry Clay Avenue. He stated that there are large metal plates in the road and when traffic drives over them they cause a loud noise. He would like to know if traffic can be diverted up Highland Avenue and close E. Henry Clay to thru traffic. Mayor Nienaber stated that he believes that there would be too much traffic for the intersection at Highland Avenue and Kyles Lane to handle during rush hour. Mr. Maloney stated that most of the work is in the tree lawn area and the road part of the project will be finished shortly and the plates will be removed. He spoke to the foreman of the project and asked that signs be posted at the bottom of E. Henry Clay stating that there was road work going on and could cause long delays and maybe vehicles would take another route. Discussion followed. Mr. Maloney advised that he would speak to the contractor to see if he could quiet the plates as much as possible. Completion date for this project is scheduled for the end of November.

Mr. Brennan Scanlon of 1507 E. Henry Clay stated that this has become a younger neighborhood with small children, and since this is a cut thru from Covington, vehicles are traveling at a high rate of speed. Mr. Scanlon questioned if the speed limit could be lowered or post more speed limit signage.

### Approval of Minutes – 09/07/2011 Council Meeting

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

## Community Commercial (CC) Zone

Mayor Nienaber stated that we will not be taking action tonight on the CC Zone but would like to have an update from members of the Economic Development Committee. Mr. McMurtry addressed Council and stated that he and Mr. Wessels had a meeting and made some minor changes for adoption. Mayor Nienaber stated that he would like to have everyone in attendance to discuss this item in more detail. The NKAPC has tabled this item at our request to be able to work out the details with our signage. Mr. McMurtry stated that this proposal would modify our current sign ordinance and provide changes to this ordinance that would apply to the CC Zone. We would like to bring Dixie Highway up to date as things change and creating this zone would accomplish that. Motion by Mr. McMurtry to submit an amendment to our sign regulation to be considered jointly with the proposed CC Zone to the NKAPC. Motion seconded by Mr. Wessels. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

## Patricia Summe

There is a paper street or alley that runs alongside Ms. Summe home and behind neighboring properties on Lake Street. This has been addressed with the neighbors and they are in agreement to close this street. This will take survey work and the neighbor would assume the cost of this project and the portions that they front. Ms. Summe advised that they are waiting for deed descriptions and Mayor Nienaber stated that we would discuss this at the next Caucus or Council meeting. We will look at other paper streets in the City.

## Nature Center

It has come to our attention that the Nature Center has become very overgrown and there have been activities there that was not meant for the Nature Center. There has been some youth from our City and other surrounding areas using this as a hangout and indulging in non approved activities. There is also a 5ft. diameter pipe that drains into a spill way and it is our recommendation that there be a gate or some structure welded on there to prevent people from going up in the pipe. This is a safety issue and a dangerous situation the way it is. The graffiti will be addressed and grass cut to make this a more appealing place. Mr. Wessels stated that we need to get rid of the parking lot and clean up the Highland Avenue entrance. Mayor Nienaber advised that they will meet with the Highway Department on this project.

Mayor Nienaber commended the Police Department on their presence in the Augusta Avenue area and it has cut down on a lot of traffic.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Nuisance Order 7-11

The Community Preservation Committee has been working on this Ordinance for 2 years. The Ordinance given out for tonight's meeting does not have many changes. Mr. Summe stated the City has already established a Code Enforcement Board and has the ability to enforce fines which NKAPC now cites residents for the City. Discussion followed. Mr. Feinauer reminded Council that this is a chronic nuisance ordinance, where we can go after people that are being called on time after time and not doing anything to comply. Mayor Nienaber added that is not an ordinance to penalize lawful people. Motion by Mr. Hatter to accept the Ordinance as it is written with the potential amendment that we change it to go to an automatic provision of fines after a certain number of days. Seconded by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels and McMurtry voting in favor, no one opposed. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary and a second motion was made by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber advised that we have a piece of steel beam from the World Trade Center on display in our Council Chambers and also on display at the Fire Department Pig Roast/Safety Fair on Friday evening. There is a drive to have a Kenton County Twin Towers 9/11 Memorial built at the Crescent Springs Community Park, at the corner of Collins Road and Buttermilk Pike. There are brochures available explaining the levels of contributions and whom to contact regarding donating to this cause. If anyone is interested in donating, they can call the City Building and we will post it on our website. The City of Crescent Springs is co-coordinating this fundraiser and we would like to support them.

#### Department Reports

Fire/Ems Chief Schewe stated that on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM the Fire Department will sponsor a Pig Roast/Safety Fair at the Fire Department. There will be fire truck rides, safety literature and sno-cones and popcorn along with the dinner.

Mayor Nienaber thanked Lt. Cindy Ford for driving our Soap Box Derby Car and placing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 32 cars. This is a very positive event and \$50,000.00 was raised for this charity.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported on the traffic situation with the turn only lane at Kennedy Road and Kyles Lane. We have had many complaints regarding vehicles pushing into the Kyles Lane straight lane, instead of turning at Kennedy. Chief Kreinest advised he had contacted the Department of Transportation and they will check the timing of the lights with vehicles coming off of I-75.

There have been 2 or 3 burglaries in the area, be very vigilante of anyone knocking on doors and take any valuables out of cars.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that Amsterdam Road, Pickett Drive, Fort Henry and General Drive had all been resurfaced. Mr. Feinauer advised Mr. Maloney that the contractors did a very nice job.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the tax bills were sent out the end of September and were already coming in.

It was suggested to have the due dates and holiday schedule for days that the City is closed on the website. The last day that we are in the office for collecting tax bills is Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a drop slot in the front door to leave tax bills when the office is closed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels 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