

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2013 – 6:30PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:02PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone that was in attendance.

### Tom Litzler – Kenton County Government Study Group

Mr. Tom Litzler addressed Council regarding a government study that they had been working on for approximately two years. This included many meetings to find a united voice in government. It's a history marked by the occasional success as well as by failure. It is a history of continuing to try and improve on what we have. A booklet was passed out to Council titled, Kenton County Together, and A Call to Action. This book was a report to the public after much input from many speakers and roundtable discussions totaling sixteen. Council asked questions of Mr. Litzler regarding this book, and ideas and outcome of the many meetings.

Mr. Litzler spoke to the Mayor's Group and discussed organizing a sanctioned committee of 20 to 25 members, this would merge the Mayor's Group with the Fiscal Court to appoint this committee. Mr. Litzler advised that they have lined up \$30,000.00 in public funding from five donors and Kenton County has committed to \$15,000.00 from their budget. This organization is asking for a commitment of .10 cents a resident, which would be a total cost of \$572.00 from Fort Wright. Discussion followed. Council thanked Mr. Litzler for his time involved in this study.

### Rob Hans – KYTC – Update on I-75 Bridge Replacement and Sound Barrier. Also update on Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway Readjustment

Mr. Hans addressed Council and showed a power point presentation with information regarding the Brent Spence Bridge project. Also in attendance was an Engineer from the Kentucky Highway Department, who is working on this project. The residents in attendance were interested in whether a sound barrier wall was going to be installed behind their homes on Marcella and St. Anthony Drives. There is already a noise problem from the interstate at this time and with the addition of lanes being moved closer to their property they know it will get worse. They were advised that the noise decibel was recorded and there is no plan to put these walls in that area. Mr. Hans advised the residents and Council

that they could write letters to their Representatives to request that this section of highway be looked at again for some relief from the noise.

#### Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway Intersection

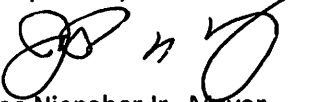
This project has been discussed since the fall of 2008 and is a federally funded project. There has been a lot of changes over the years for this project as it started with the Dixie Fix Project. When Walgreens was built there was a different plan and has changed since that project was complete. Mr. Hans showed the proposed design that will be constructed. It will add a dedicated left hand lane that will go to Kyles Lane for southbound movement and for northbound it will add a dedicated slip lane that you can make a right hand movement to Kyles Lane that will give you minor widening on the eastside. The key aspect will be combining the two fuel station entrances that right now have four entrances in a very short span. You will be able to enter into one shared entrance and go to either fuel station. Mr. Hans showed all of these proposed changes on a power point display. There will be seven parcels involved and they will proceed to get right-of-way acquisitions shortly. There also will be utility acquisitions to be attained and construction should move forward and begin late summer or early fall of 2014. The duration of this project will be four to five months for completion.

Mr. Wessels questioned Mr. Hans about the curbing on 3-L Highway. They are in extreme disrepair and are in need of repair. Mr. Hans stated that the Highway Department usually get together with the cities for a plan to repair that project. Mr. Wessels also questioned the mound of building material that is being stored by the Highway Department near I-275. Mr. Hans stated that they have tried to sell that material, but have had no bids. If the City knows of anyone interested in it, they would be glad to work something out.

Mayor Nienaber thanked to everyone for coming to the meeting.

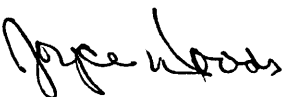
Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk