

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

10-21-09 – 6:00PM

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

### Fort Wright Trace Homeowners Association

Many members of the Fort Wright Trace Homeowners Association were in attendance to present to Council a request for some assistance with the maintenance of the streets in the Fort Wright Trace subdivision. Spokesperson and resident Ann Ruttle presented a list of names of residents that requested the City to assist them. Board President, of the Townhomes, Cliff Reed also spoke along with Barbara Reneker of the Condo Association. They requested that the City should consider helping them out with maintenance, snow removal etc., because the residents pay the same taxes as other residents in the City who receive these services. Ms. Ruttle stated that the townhomes and condos are an asset to the City because of their look and residents keeping them landscaped and appealing. Mr. Summe explained to them that the streets in that area are not dedicated streets, and cannot be maintained by the City. The builder choose this option for the streets when they were built 16 years ago. Mayor Nienaber advised that we would be willing to take a look at this issue, but can only do what the law allows. Ms. Ruttle suggested maybe an escrow fund be set up for the maintenance of the streets.

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann spoke and advised pavement cores and testing would need to be done and determine what the current regulations are. Mayor Nienaber advised that this would be looked at by Council and determine what can or cannot be done.

Mayor Nienaber thanked everyone who attended the meeting for their input and concern.

Highland Pike – Nature Center –SD-1 & KYTC

Rob Hans, Chief District Engineer of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Chris Novak of Sanitation District No. 1, addressed Council regarding the Nature Center hill slippage on Highland Pike. Council wanted a report on what was going on with this project and what the hazard is to this area. There was damage to a sewer line and they needed to determine what had caused this slide. This area will be stabilized and slippage will not extend back to the roadway. Mr. Hans stated that there is not a good way to replace or restore this area. He stated that they would be willing to help the City move the walkway pavement if they would like to reconstruct the sidewalk going down Highland Pike. Chris Novak stated that they had done a lot of geo-tech work in addition to the state work. They will work with Tim Maloney to co-ordinate the work that will be done on this site in the future.

#### Funding of Future Capital Projects

Mr. Huff advised that he had met with the Finance Committee to go over the budget for capital projects. He stated that the budget is very lean and only one car is in the budget to purchase for this year.

Mark Brueggemann went through the designated streets that were in the 5 year plan and the projected cost of each. When this work is done we will work with the utility companies to have any replacement of utilities done when the streets are being redone.

Mr. Huff stated that we will have discussions in the next 6 months regarding a proposed street tax that may be on the ballot in November, 2010.

#### Interlocal Agreement – Occupational License Fees & Taxes

This will be included on the agenda for the November Council meeting. There is a 2% charge by the County for taxes and licenses that they collect for us.

#### Ongoing Items

Mr. Huff advised we will have ongoing items that need discussion on the Caucus agenda each month.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe advised that he had been questioned by the media regarding mergers and consolidation of surrounding cities. He advised there is nothing to these rumors.

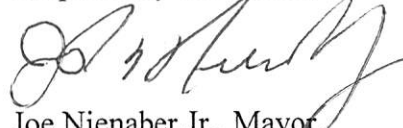
Chief Kreinest advised they are purchasing digital cameras with the \$15,000.00 Grant that was received.

Mr. Maloney advised that the St. Agnes/Vidot Court project is almost completed, with just a few things to finish. Residents on those streets seem to be very happy with the outcome. There were minimal problems for such a big project.

Joyce Woods advised that the previous year's audit had been completed.


Motion by Mr. McMurtry, 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