

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2009 – 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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Sergeant Marc Schworer, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Todd McMurtry arrived at 6:53PM.

Marketing Information & Materials

Debi Martin and Kim Jehn were present to show samples of the brochure and logo that they had been working on with Sheila Cooney for the marketing campaign. The brochure was very attractive and there were a few minor changes that will be made. The logo was shown on shirts and banners and will be included in the initial purchase of logo items. Information included in the brochure will be customized for different businesses and will be initially mailed out to contacts for new development in the City. Kim Jehn stated there would be an official Press Release to begin this campaign. Mayor Nienaber requested that banners and signs be visible around the construction of the Walgreens development so people can see the new logo. Ms. Martin stated that there would be a real estate brokers breakfast or lunch to display the logo and give them information on the marketing plan. Mayor Nienaber thanked Debi and Kim for all their hard work on this project, with more still to be done.

Mr. Huff stated that all the expenses were taken out of the current year budget as none of the bills came in before June 30th. We had \$10,000 in last year's budget and \$10,000 in this year's. This will cause overage in this year's budget, but nothing was used from last year.

International Property Maintenance Code – 2009

Mr. Maloney stated that the current maintenance code covers a few more items and makes some of them more understandable. These codes could be amended or expanded by City Ordinance if

necessary. Mr. Averdick asked how often there is regularly scheduled inspections done throughout the City. Mr. Maloney said most of the inspections are complaint driven. Community Preservation Committee will discuss this topic at their next meeting.

Transfer and Assignment of the SD1 Storm Water Drainage System

City Attorney Pete Summe stated that he had just received changes that had been made to the agreement that we had received previously. Mr. Wessels stated that he would like to have some of the issues with this agreement refined. Discussion followed. Mayor Nienaber stated that he was not in a hurry to put this item on the agenda and would like all Council members to review the disc that was sent before any decisions are made. Mr. Wessels requested that we invite Chris Wiest, an Environmental Attorney, and also a Fort Mitchell Council member, to a meeting to further explain this agreement. It was suggested to have a few members of Council and Mr. Summe and Mr. Huff meet in a private meeting, instead at an open meeting. This agreement will be discussed and then brought back to Council.

Healthcare for City Employees

Mr. Huff advised there was a committee of employees that met several times and discussed the different options for health coverage options. We will offer two different plans this year with the current plan that all employees now have to cost them some out of pocket for the upcoming year if they choose to stay with that plan. A Health Savings Plan will also be offered, with the City contributing for the next three years and then no additional contributions from the City. This renewal goes into effect on January 1, 2010, and will be on the agenda at the December meeting. Mr. Averdick questioned if all options had been explored with different companies and brokers. Mr. Huff advised we were still with the same broker, but two additional companies rates were received and reviewed. There is a committee healthcare meeting on November 24th at 9AM.

Funding for Future Capital Projects

Mr. Huff gave Council handouts of information for future Capital projects; this included a page of assumptions /definitions/notes for 2010-2015 Financial Plan. Fort Wright Receipts Financial Plan and Fort Wright expected expenditures. This will give you an idea of what to expect in the next five years.

Fort Wright Vision Committee Year 8 Plan

A copy of the Fort Wright Vision Committee Year 8 Plan was included in the packet for review. Mr. Huff advised that if no one had a problem with the plan, it would be adopted at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Wessels stated that he would like Council to explore every option for additional revenue before any tax increase assessments would be put on the ballot next year for a vote by the residents. Mayor Nienaber advised this would be discussed at a committee meeting.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney asked Council if the changes on the engineer design for Ms. Classic Car Wash had Council approval. This would be left and right turn in and right turn out only.

Mr. Averdick and Mr. McMurtry had to leave the meeting before adjournment.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer 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