

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
01/22/03

Mayor Weaver opened the Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, EMS Captain Jane Becker, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Jim Robke and Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe were unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Weaver advised that former Council Member and longtime resident of Fort Wright Dave Comisar had passed away recently and would be missed by anyone that knew him.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01/08/03 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 4-03 Zoning Map Amendment

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised attending tonight's meeting is City Engineer Mark Brueggemann and John Lyons from the Sanitation District to update City Council on our Kentucky Division of Water Notice of Violation and additional work done in the Lorup-Barbara Circle study area. Mr. Lyons advised there were 103 properties involved in this study with 97 being tested and 6 properties that were not tested by choice of the property owners. There were field crews with large equipment in this area and residents and employees of the Sanitation District were very complimentary of each other. Mr. Lyons explained the results of the testing and handed out a summary sheet to Council. Mr. Lyons advised the bottom line is that the public storm system and the public sanitary system both need work.

The private property situation is as follows:

- 65 sanitary laterals need replacement
- 21-storm laterals need replacement
- 43 downspouts directly connected to the sanitary
- 2 area drains directly connected to the sanitary
- 5 driveway drains directly connected to the sanitary
- 12 stairwell drains directly connected to the sanitary

5 uncovered window wells directly connected to the sanitary
Many "indirect" sources

Certain problems are unable to be corrected and are small in nature. When this project is completed not all problems will be eliminated.

Discussion followed.

Phase II will be an aerial photo of each affected property. Looking at the problems associated with the property and determine a reasonable solution. Work with an engineering firm and perhaps bid out portions or the entire project to contractors. Mayor Weaver advised we would have to look at all possible funding mechanisms and have Mr. Klein, Mr. Maloney and Mr. Brueggemann continue to work with the Sanitation District on this project. Thanks to Mr. Lyons for his presentation and for answering some of the questions that Council has regarding this project.

Mr. Klein advised that there is a Storm Water Interlocal Agreement draft in tonight's packet for review by Council for action to be taken within the next month. This agreement takes the 36 Cities and Countys in the Sanitation District jurisdiction and treats them all as one applicant through the lead entity of the District. The eventual plan would be for the District to take over ownership, operation and maintenance of the storm systems. Mayor Weaver advised the next meeting of Council would be February 12 and if everyone would be prepared at that time to take action.

Mayor Weaver introduced Melissa Jort a planner with Northern Kentucky Area Planning who will address Council regarding an Urban and Community Forestry Grant. Ms. Jort advised the plan she is working on is to design a master-planting plan within the interchange area of Kyles Lane and Interstate 75. This plan will also perform an ecological function in helping to reduce storm water runoff and improve water quality. Suggestions were made to have Gary Wolnitzek from Human Nature, Inc. carry out the design for the planting plan, and he has agreed to work with us. This program is a matching grant and matching in-kind services will be used.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to authorize the City to be the applicant for the Urban and Forestry Grant. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Nienaber voting in favor, Mr. Wolnitzek abstained no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver presented Don Martin Jr. with a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing his service to the City as a Council Member in his father's absence.
Don thanked everyone for this honor.

Second Reading of Ordinance 3-03 Prohibiting On-Street Parking on Amsterdam Road
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 5-03 Establishing the Schedule, Time And Place For The Regular Legislative Meeting and Committee Meetings Of The City Council Of The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky

Mr. Summe Read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 3-03 Preservation of Battery Perry

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein advised we would send this Resolution to property owners and developer. Mr. Hatter suggested that we also send a copy to our State Legislatures. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested we contact Jim Reis from the Kentucky Post regarding featuring this story in his column.

Administrator Report

Mr. Klein advised on the following:

Signature Wear

Currently surveying employees on style and color of shirts.

City Brochure

Mr. Klein and Mr. Feinauer met with Jeff Grayson before the meeting tonight and looked at copies of other sample brochures. Included in this brochure should be new development, City services, low tax rate etc. These brochures could be distributed to residents, new resident packets, real estate agents and Chamber of Commerce etc.

Recreation Committee

Vision Committee recommended in the City's Long- Range Plan establishing a Recreation Commission. It is very important that this Commission, as its primary mission is to plan, organize and carry out events and functions in the City. We need people on this Commission that will pitch in and carry out these events. If anyone has any ideas for people to serve on this Commission, please let us know.

Employee Sick Time and Vacation Time Usage

A report was included in tonight's packet regarding sick and vacation time usage by employees. Only 22% of sick time was used by employees. There was no abuse of this time by any department. There was approximately 17 days of vacation time that was not used that was available to employees that could not be carried over.

Cinergy Substation Cleanup

Cinergy owns approximately 44 acres in the City of Fort Wright and contracted for this area behind the TANK facility to cleanup at their expense.

Clean up was also done on the Ratermann property in this area at a cost of nearly \$20,000.00. Thanks to both the Ratermann family and Cinergy for their help in getting this area cleaned up.

Town Hall Meeting - Kenton County Fiscal Court

This meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2003 at 7:00PM in City Council Chambers for their regular caucus meeting and Town Meeting.

Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Association 2003 Executive Board

Chief Dan Kreinest has been elected to the Executive Board as will serve as Secretary. This recognition is a great honor for the City of Fort Wright.

Council Committee Reports

Legal Matters

Mr. Maloney advised a complaint has been filed in District Court against Ms. Classic Car Wash.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter would like to schedule a Computer Technology meeting before the next Council Meeting on February 12.

Department Reports

Captain Jane Becker of the Fire/EMS Department reported that she is attending the meeting tonight as Chief Schewe is out of town. On February 15 the Fire Department will be hosting an orientation and information session for potential new Fire and EMS members. This session will start at 9AM – 11:30AM and anyone who is interested in learning more about the department is encouraged to attend. The annual Fire Department Appreciation Party is scheduled for February 8 at 6:30PM at the Fort Wright Civic Club. The Fire Department painting by our Kenton County Detention Center volunteer has been completed and looks very good.

Chief Kreinest reported the Citizens Police Academy will be starting on the first Tuesday in March and if anyone is interested in attending please advise.

An arrest was made on a stolen lottery ticket and charges were filed.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported 100 tons of salt used already this year.

Mayor Weaver complimented the Public Works Department on the great job they always do on snow removal.


City Clerk Joyce Woods reported we have 49 tax bills pending after sending out the first delinquent notices in January. 27 bills were paid so far this month.

Mr. Hatter suggested we draft a Resolution opposing the shifting of \$14 million in state health insurance costs to local governments. Mr. Klein advised he would have one by the next meeting for discussion.

Mayor Weaver congratulated Mr. Hatter on being appointed to the Geographic Information Council by the Governor. This is an honor for the City.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods. City Clerk