

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2/09/05 – 6:00PM

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. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Matt Barker. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. arrived at 6:05PM. Mr. Dave Hatter was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Weaver introduced and welcomed our newest employee in the public works department, Christopher Zerhusen. Mr. Klein advised he comes to us with great qualifications and hopes he is with Fort Wright for many years to come.

Mark Brueggemann addressed Council regarding the bid results for the Lorup Phase IIA and Barbara Circle water main/storm/sanitary/street Project. He explained the bid process and the amounts received from the five companies that submitted bids. The overall lowest bid was received from RFH Contractors for \$1,539,431.50 and Mr. Brueggemann explained in order to keep the project on schedule, he recommends that we accept that bid. Mr. Klein recommends that we commit up to \$193,779.00 toward the RFH overall low bid for the Barbara Circle street replacement, and up to \$3,245.71, one-third of the cost difference between the NKWD's bid for its waterline. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept the bid from RFH Contractors. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Brueggemann advised if there are any concerns of the residents, please let us know. Mr. Klein advised that there will be a meeting of residents to explain this project.

Mr. Jim Sparrow of Rankin & Rankin addressed Council regarding the FYE 2003/2004 Annual Audit. He went through and pointed out items of interest to Council and advised the City had a good financial year and the internal controls within the City are functioning properly. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to accept the audit as presented. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Wolnitzek suggested printing a simple report of the audit in the Top of the Hill News so residents would understand it better. Mr. Klein advised that we are bound by law to print certain statements from the audit, but an easier to read version could be printed.

Motion by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01/12/05 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz and Mr. Nienaber abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

1st Reading of Ordinance 1-05 – City Council Meeting Dates

Mayor Weaver explained that this change would depend on his getting elected to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission. This change would be from the 2nd Wednesday of the month, to the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM for regular monthly legislative meetings, and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00PM for committee meetings. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised the meeting in March would be on the 2nd Wednesday. The change would take effect the following month.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2-05 – Insurance Premium Tax

Mayor Weaver explained that this is a reaction to the Kenton County Fiscal Court proposal of an 8% Insurance Premium Tax on all property, auto and insurance coverage, excluding health insurance. Currently we have a 6% insurance tax and we are proposing raising it to 8% to match what the County is proposing to offset this difference. The City would receive the entire 8%. Mayor Weaver suggested that we monitor the County and have first reading tonight and proceed from there. A discussion would be held at the retreat for a final decision. Discussion followed. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Tracey Gross of 2033 Lakeview Drive addressed Council regarding providing services to Lakeview Drive by the City. Mayor Weaver advised this subject has been discussed numerous times. Until the residents of this street bring this street up to certain standards as outlined in the subdivision regulations, this cannot be adopted by the City of Fort Wright. We are forbidden by law to spend money on a private street. Mayor Weaver advised we will work with the residents if they would like to proceed with this project.

Resolution 3-05 – Declaring Surplus Property

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. This surplus property is three vehicles. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Barker to approve this Resolution with the condition that the two Crown Victoria's be sold with salvage titles only. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Wright's Summit Signage

National City Bank will be moving their offices into the Wright's Summit office building. There will be a branch of the bank included on the first floor and additional signage has been requested on the front and back of the building. This signage request is consistent with the City ordinance and development agreement. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve as presented. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrators Report

Fire Inspection Fees

Chief Schewe found a statute that allows the Fire Department to charge an inspection fee for staff time to make multiple inspections to the same property after the second re-inspection. This is a State law and will be used by the City.

Adopt a Military Unit Update

A military unit has been assigned to the City through the Americans Supporting Americans program. We have been contacted via email by Major William G. Howard of the 50th Medical Company of the 101st Airborne from Taji/Baghdad. He indicated items on their wish list and advised that there are 105 soldiers in this unit. We will be in contact with the schools in the area and through the newsletter to solicit items from residents and anyone interested in helping with this worthwhile project.

Kentucky Community Preparedness Program

There was a press release issued by the State this week that Fort Wright is one of fifteen cities who have been selected by the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security to do an assessment of our City and its vulnerable sites. There will be an assessment team in the City who will give us a report and suggestions to lessen the risk of disasters. There will also be an evaluation of businesses in the area that could potentially be a target. Thanks to Chief Kreinest for nominating the City to participate in this program. There is grant money available to make improvements if needed.

One Stop Shop Building and Zoning Administration – Mr. Dennis Gordon, NKAPC
Dennis Gordon of NKAPC addressed Council regarding the program and proposal from NKAPC to have them do the building and zoning duties that the City is now doing. This program provides benefits and cost savings to the Cities. There are four service levels in this program, with the City choosing which one would fit their needs. Mr. Gordon explained the levels of service. If for some reason the City would not be happy with this agreement with NKAPC there is an opt out of the agreement. Discussion followed. Mr. Klein advised his recommendation would be to choose Service Level 1 and Mayor Weaver also advised that would be his recommendation and the City monitor Level 2 for property maintenance.

1st Reading of Ordinance 3-05 – Adopting The 2002 Edition Of The Kentucky Regulation Code

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

1st Reading Ordinance 4-05 – Authorizing The Mayor to Enter In And Sign the Interlocal Agreement for “One Stop Shop” Program

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

Resolution 4-05 – Authorizing The Mayor To Enter In And Sign For Level 1 Service for “One Stop Shop” Program

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

Building Security Grant Application

The City will be submitting a grant application to the Homeland Security Department for a building security system, including access control and video monitoring for all City facilities.

Model Ordinance for Utility Restoration

Previous discussion regarding specifications for restoration of streets and sidewalks when utility companies do repairs in the City. It was recommended to look to NKAPC to have a model ordinance for all cities with specifications for all restoration.

SOB Ordinance

Letter included in the packet from County Attorney Garry Edmondson regarding the ordinance passed by Kenton County Fiscal Court and has since been challenged in court.

TBNK

Information in packet regarding recent correspondence between Insight Communications and TBNK where non-member cities would not receive the signal where they have there own cable franchise agreement.

Snow Emergency

Information received on the meaning of snow emergency levels. This information was retrieved from the website by Chief Kreinest and included in the packet and in the newsletter.

Council Committee Report

Computer Technology

Additional work is being done on the City website.

Economic Development

National City Bank will fill up most of the Wright's Summit Building

Legal Matters –Ms. Classic Car Wash/Lorup Sewer Easements

The summary judgment for Ms. Classic Car Wash will be on the March docket. Lorup sewer easements that have not been signed will be filed next week.

Long Range Plan

Vision Committee will be meeting on February 22, 2005 and will have more information at the next meeting.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the generator purchased from the grant that we received will have a tentative delivery date of March 16th. All EMT's are going through additional training for breathing and allergic reaction training. The Appreciation Party is February 12th and a great response so far.

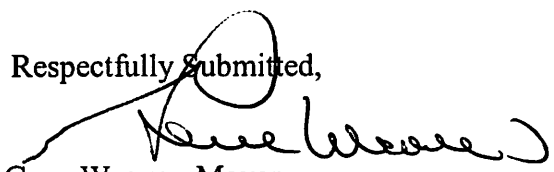
Chief Kreinest reported that he does not have the accreditation policy ready yet with his clerk off for an extended length of time. He advised he will get this ready as soon as possible. Also the monthly report is not available at this time. There was great co-operation in the recent bank robbery investigation throughout surrounding cities.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported his department has been working on snow removal and restoring the Storer property. We have used a great amount of salt this year, but still have an adequate supply.

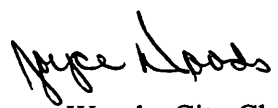
City Clerk Joyce Woods reported about 20 delinquent tax bills received in January.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, 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