

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

02/21/08 – 6:00PM

Mr. Klein advised that Mayor Weaver would not be able to attend tonight's meeting and Council would have to appoint someone to conduct the meeting.

Council decided to appoint Joe Nienaber Jr. as the one to conduct this meeting.

Mr. Nienaber called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. City Attorney Pete Summe was unavailable for this meeting. Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:30PM.

Mr. Nienaber stated that we called this meeting to re-visit how to use the grant money received for park improvements at Battery Hooper Park. We don't want to have to refund this money to the State because we couldn't come up with a plan.

Mr. Klein went through the last revision from last summer and cost estimate to the Battery Hooper Park Plan. Mr. Brueggemann, City Engineer, was in attendance to answer any questions that Council may have.

Mr. Klein explained that the cost of the Architectural/Engineering Plans was not a reimbursable expenditure we would have a total of \$170,000.00 that Council is willing to spend from the grant money on this project at this time. Mr. Klein advised there may be money left in the Sanitary Sewer Fund after all expenditures are made from that account that could be used to pay for the sanitary sewer extension to the park. That expense was \$80,000.00.

Mr. Nienaber opened the floor to all suggestions.

Discussion followed from members of Council regarding ideas and suggestions that they had for the park. Picnic shelters, restrooms, entrance to the park, playground equipment etc. were discussed.

Mr. Maloney suggested a safer entrance with the new driveway closer to the original driveway so that there would be some sight distance. This was budgeted for two years ago, but taken out of the budget to be done at the time of other park improvements.

Mr. Nienaber stated that we need to have phases for plans for funding.

Mr. John Johannemann of 1305 E. Henry Clay Avenue, a resident in attendance agreed with smaller steps to phase the park in. He stated that we would need restrooms, regularly scheduled maintenance and a police presence at the park.

Tim Siegrist, a resident stated that he was glad that the entrance way was a final plan. He thought we should have a bigger shelter house in the plans.

Council discussed buying quality equipment for a longer life span, and to keep with the Civil War theme.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the July 3rd, 2007 footprint to work from as the Official Park Master Plan with entrance and shelters. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Hatter, Nienaber and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Julia Hurst was in attendance.

Mr. Wall stated that he would like to see in Phase I a large shelter house to accommodate functions for families, such as larger parties. He also stated that he would like to see more opportunity for the seniors in the City at the park.

More discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to move forward with Phase I which would include two small shelter houses and a playground, and to have an additional swing set in order to implement full use of the park at this time. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Averdick and Nienaber voting in favor, Wall voting no. Motion passed.

Mr. Wall stated the reason he did vote no was because he would like to have more things for the senior citizens.

Mr. Brueggemann stated that he would take the proposal for Phase I and bring back the cost for Council at the March 5, 2008 Council meeting.

Mr. Nienaber stated that we may need a Committee to look at securing funds.

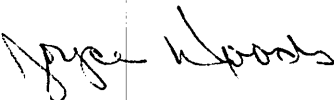
There was a note brought to the City Building by Kay Sweeney of 483 Cloverfield Lane with suggestions for the park. She would like to see a Fort themed playground.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Woods", written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Woods, City Clerk