

**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**02/26/03**

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. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Jim Robke. 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. Paul Hiltz was unavailable for this meeting.

Ms. Kathy Romero of 113 Ridgemont Avenue addressed Council and read a letter from Mr. Wayne Onkst, Director of the Kenton County Public Library sent to Mr. Henry Pogue, President of the Northern Kentucky University Foundation. The letter encouraged preservation of Battery Hooper.

Mr. Joe Gastright, Vice Chairman of the Kenton County Historical Society also spoke to support preservation of Battery Hooper.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve the minutes of the 01/22/03 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Nienaber voting in favor, Mr. Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Sidewalk, Street and Storm Sewer Improvement Program**

Mr. Feinauer suggested Council review the program and decide on the good and bad points of the last presentation before we try again to take this proposal to the voters. We need to have ideas on a revised program to continue this process. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested this would be a topic for discussion at the budget retreat and we need to start over with the process and have everyone on board with any new ideas.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver advised that possible dates for the retreat would be circulated and set soon.

**Interlocal Agreement for Storm Water Permit and Services**

Mr. Klein advised correspondence was received from the Sanitation District regarding the Interlocal Agreement for Storm Water Permit and Services for review and possible approval. All cities in our class are under federal mandate from the EPA to submit a notice of intent to file for an application for storm water quality control. This notification is due in Frankfort by March 10, 2003. The plan is to have the Sanitation District act as the permittee to manage our storm water quality program and also obtain the permit. The Sanitation District plans to assume all operation and maintenance of storm water control

in their jurisdiction for 3 to 5 years. Mr. Klein advised the rate would be \$3.75 monthly per single-family residences starting in August and added to bills in October. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Resolution 4-03 CERS Healthcare

Mr. Klein advised since this Resolution was written there has been a compromise on these proposed legislative changes regarding approximately \$4000.00 per year increase in cost to the citizens of Fort Wright to Kentucky Retirement System for retired employees. Mr. Robke advised if the amended compromise does not go through the original proposal would be brought back for a vote. KLC is supporting the amended proposal. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to support the amended proposal now being considered by legislation. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Resolution 5-03 Surplus Property

This item tabled at this time.

#### Resolution 6-03 Replacement of Brent Spence Bridge

This Resolution encourages Congress to provide full funding to replace Brent Spence Bridge

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

Scripps-Howard Foundation University-Community Partnership Grant  
Item deleted from agenda.

#### Sponsorship of City Vehicles

Mr. Hatter addressed Council and advised he noticed Fort Mitchell has corporate sponsorship of a City vehicle. Mayor Weaver advised if a donation of this kind was offered to our City we should be open minded but does not want any solicitation by employees for this advertisement.

#### Resolution 7-03 Support of Troops

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

#### Resolution 8-03 Municipal Road Aid Agreement

Mr. Klein advised this agreement is approved each year to receive our share of Municipal Road Aid funds that are received from gasoline taxes. This is approved by Council to be spent on City streets, curb, gutter, sidewalks etc. Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### **Fort Wright Point Waiver Request**

Mr. Klein advised enclosed in tonight's packet is a request from Grand Communities, Ltd. for Fort Wright Pointe that the subdivision regulations be waived requiring a street connection within Fort Wright Point to access Devou Park property to the north of the subdivision. The meeting will take place at NKAPC on March 6, 2003 and Mr. Klein advised he would be at the hearing and present a case that there is no warrant for exceptions to the subdivision regulations in this case.

#### **Administrator Report**

Mr. Klein advised on the following:

##### **Fort Wright Signature Wear**

Employee preferences have been collected

##### **City Brochure**

Mr. Feinauer working on content and layout format and hopefully will have a draft form in the next few weeks. Also working on how to finance this project.

##### **Kentucky Division of Water NOV Update**

Nothing to report at this time

##### **SOB Study Update**

Letter included in packet from County Attorney Garry Edmondson outlining the terms of the contract for this proposed study. Mayor Weaver advised he thinks it is in the City's best interest to participate in this study.

##### **Northern Kentucky Urban Forestry Council Award**

This grant was funded in the amount of \$2000.00. Eileen Hastings has volunteered more of her time to the City along with City staff for in-kind contributions for this grant. A meeting is scheduled in March with the landscape architect who will draw up the master plan for the planting for I-75 and Kyles Lane interchange. Once this plan is produced a second grant will be applied for in April and awarded in May by the State of Kentucky. Hopefully this will pay to implement this plan.

##### **Website Photographs**

On March 12, 2003 before the regular Council Meeting new photos will be taken of elected officials and department heads to update the website. We are also considering placing photos of officials and employees in the lobby.

#### **Council Committee Reports**

##### **Community Affairs**

Mr. Feinauer reported the committee is discussing something for the Easter season. Hopefully they will have something for the next meeting.

### **Computer Technology**

A meeting was held prior to the Council meeting and reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting which was purchasing backup tapes, replacement of older computers, placing more content on the website and GIS software. It was suggested to purchase switches to eliminate some of the network performance problems that we have experienced. All of this is well within the budgeted amount.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Nienaber congratulated Linda Chapman the City's auditor for her new position as Finance Director with the City of Florence

### **Legal Matters**

Mr. Maloney advised the complaint against Ms. Classis Car Wash has been filed and the paperwork was held up in the Kenton County Attorneys office, but should be served soon.

### **Long Range Plan**

Vision Committee met with the Long Range Plan Committee and discussed where we are with the year one project, assessing any new ideas and projects that have come up since September and looking at year two projects. The Vision Committee will look at all the year one projects after July 1, 2003 and issue a report on the final year one projects. Prior to July 1 the committee will issue a recommendation as to what to do with the year one projects that did not get done and what to do with any new projects that came up and where they are to be incorporated and what to do with year two projects. Another meeting will be scheduled in a couple of weeks.

### **Department Reports**

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported updated tax bills will be sent out again in March.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported we have had an expensive winter for snow removal. A report was given to Council regarding cost of salt and equipment failure. Everything is now in working order. Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for all their help when needed.

An application received for the Board of Adjustment from Mr. Ron Arnsperger of 417 Kentucky Drive for a variance to enclose a deck. This meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2003.

Mayor Weaver complimented the Public Works Department on the outstanding job they did on snow removal.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe advised the January report has been distributed. January was a very busy month within a 9-day period there were 39 calls. Typically we have that many in a month.

We have had mechanical problems with our ambulance and have a borrowed ambulance from Kenton County until our vehicle is repaired.

Chief Kreinest reported he appreciates all the help from the Public Works department in the bad weather.

There was a burglary at Sub-Station and also a break in at Dudley Construction  
The Citizens Academy will be starting shortly and would like to have Fort Wright residents included.

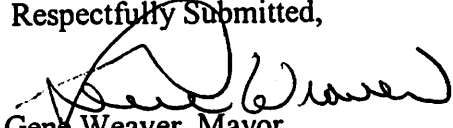
Problems with quad riders at KY17 and Howard Litzler Drive. All owners of the property have agreed in writing what will be permitted on this property.

Federal funds should be received soon for the bulletproof vests. A small amount of asset forfeiture funds have also been received.

Mr. Robke thanked the City and all who remembered him while he was recovering from surgery.

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