

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
3/09/05 – 6PM

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. 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. Paul Hiltz arrived at 6:09PM.

Kevin and Sherry Dowd, residents of 1 Park Road addressed Council regarding the parking around the Clear Channel offices on Park Road. Chief Kreinest advised that he had met with Mr. Berling and Clear Channel previously but they were starting to get complaints again and would meet again with them. Mayor Weaver advised that the Police would patrol around this area more. Mr. Dowd also advised that someone is cutting down his bushes and asked if it was City workers. Mr. Maloney advised that the City would only trim bushes if they were blocking signage or growing out over the edge of the road. Mayor Weaver advised we would keep checking on this situation.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/09/05 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Barker, Wolnitzek and Nienaber voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2005-2006 Street Program

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann addressed Council regarding the 2005/2006 Street Program. The scheduled streets for the program are Lake Street, with rolled concrete curb, asphalt pavement and an alternate bid of all concrete and storm sewer will be constructed. Cost is \$185,000.00. Kennedy Road is the second street and will be broken up into two sections. Included will be concrete curb with an asphalt pavement, under drains and constructing catch basins. This will help correct water drainage. Cost for Kennedy Road is \$208,000.00. Discussion followed. Mr. Klein stated that his thought was that since we are already fixing Barbara Circle this summer and fall, we should budget for this project in the next budget year and group the next streets, St. Anthony and Marcella to get a better bid. Mr. Brueggemann will get updated cost by the Budget Retreat.

Lorup PhaseIIA and Barbara Circle Project

Contractor selected based on low bid of RFH Construction. There will be a pre-construction meeting in a couple of weeks and the contractor is considering putting two crews on the project. One will start on Barbara Circle and one on Lorup Avenue. Mr. Brueggemann will have something to report on the Kyles Lane/Henry Clay Avenue intersection within a month.

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

This Ordinance would change the regular legislative meeting from the second Wednesday of the month to the first, and the committee meetings on the first and third Wednesdays as needed.

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek, Barker and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. As a result of this change the next Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Second Reading of Ordinance 3-05 – Building Codes Adoption

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 4-05 – Interlocal Agreement – NKAPC One Stop Shop

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

Administrator Report

Insurance Premium Tax

There will be no second reading of this Ordinance by the City as there is no need to move forward with this item since it has been taken off of the agenda for Kenton County Fiscal Court.

Adopt A Military Unit Update

An article was included in the March Top of the Hill News in reference to soliciting donations for the military unit adopted by the City, and the response from residents has been incredible. These items will be sent soon and it will be an ongoing project, as long as items are received. Letters will be sent to area churches, schools and civic organizations asking them to participate in this project.

TIF District

Mr. Logsdon from NKAPC spoke at a previous meeting explaining the Tax Increment Financing District in the KY 17/Old KY 17 Corridor that the City is proposing to implement. In the packet there are different components of how this Ordinance would be written with a map and spread sheet of this area and parcels of property included. Upon City Council approval this would pay for certain items along the corridor as various projects are started. Mr. Klein read a sample list of items that could be paid for from this fund. Mayor Weaver asked Council to also consider the Dixie Highway Corridor as well. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Summe to prepare an Ordinance for the next meeting.

Amsterdam Road Improvements Update

There is a letter included in the packet that the Mayor sent to Judge Drees requesting the status of Phase III, Amsterdam Road improvements. This letter was sent as a result of some phone calls from residents requesting information on this next Phase. Mayor Weaver asked the County to clarify if this project will be completed or left as is.

Right-of-Way Mowing

Since we are maintaining some formally County roads that are not typical right-of-ways we will try to get bids for this service. These roads are Amsterdam, Highland Avenue and KY 17. We will report back at the next meeting.

Utility Company Plan

Cinergy has responded to a request regarding future projects that will be done in Fort Wright. This will be very helpful in the future to coordinate our projects.

Battery Hooper Museum Contributions

Mr. Klein acknowledged the contributions made by Roger Schroder and Bob Clements to purchase two original color pages of Harper's Weekly magazine and a third page describing these events. These items will be displayed at the museum. Also Dillard's Department Store has donated lighted glass display cases for the museum. Thanks to all for these very generous donations. Letters will be sent to the manager and CEO of Dillard's.

Parks and Recreation Bowling Event Report

The bowling event sponsored by the Fort Wright Parks and Recreation Board was a great success with over one hundred people attending. This Board has done an outstanding job to make different events available to all residents.

Farrell Drive and Kyles Lane Intersection

A letter was received from Sister Shauna from St. Charles Nursing Home regarding the condition of Farrell Drive. Mr. Klein advised he did meet with representatives with Atria, St. Charles Nursing Home and Fort Wright School in January to explain that not only is Farrell Drive an issue but the intersection of Kyles Lane and Farrell Drive. This warrants some improvements and a request was made from these places for a listing of residents, employees, visitors etc that use these facilities. A letter will be sent to the Highway Department requesting information on what could be done by them to make this a safer area.

Council Committee Reports

Computer Technology

Work being done on the website.

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

Mr. Summe advised that we need a closed executive session to discuss this matter.

Long Range Plan

Mr. Barker advised that he has attended one of the two meetings scheduled with the Vision Committee. Mr. Klein advised that the committee met for review of City projects. They have started something new this year called a SWOT analysis, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The Vision Committee will be attending the Budget Retreat for input to Council.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported the Community Preparedness Assessment will take place April 4-8th. A copy of a CD was distributed to Council, included in this is current policy as they exist and also new policies. The biggest change being the use of force policy with mostly minor changes. Missing person reported in Fort Wright was found in Ludlow. Thanks to the media for their help. An arrest was made in a major case with Wal-Mart. There was an arrest made for the street and stop signs that were damaged in the Lookout Heights area. We will try to get restitution for the City and residents. There were two burglaries in the City on Tuesday with an arrest made. There are no monthly reports yet. Congratulations to Police/Assistant City Clerk II Julie Bosley on the birth of her son Ethan Daniel.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the department has begun to apply for the Fire Act Grant, and will apply for new turnout gear for the members and radio equipment for the vehicles. The Appreciation Dinner was a great success and thanks to Council for allowing the Fire Department to change the format and bring in other volunteers from the City. Mayor Weaver advised it was a great time and much appreciated by all who attended.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that the concrete slab to hold the generator has been poured and is due to be delivered next week. They have been very busy at the Storer Property with everything coming together well.

Mayor Weaver thanked all the departments for a very busy month and reminded everyone of the Parks & Recreation Board Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20th at 2PM. The Budget Retreat will be on April 23rd, at 8:30AM at the City Building.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to recess to executive session to discuss litigation per KRS. 61.810 (c) All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business conducted at this session.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods. City Clerk