

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
03/10/04 - 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. 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 arrived at 6:30PM.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 02/11/04 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

A presentation was given by Human Nature Inc. and CDS Associates Inc. regarding the master plan for the Storer property. Representing Human Nature Inc. was Gary Wolnitzek and Chris Manning. Representing CDS Associates was Mark Brueggemann and Jim Werner an architect from CDS Associates Inc.

Mr. Chris Manning addressed Council and explained the procedure for design and planning process to create a master plan for this property. He showed slides of other projects they had worked on in the surrounding area.

Mr. Jim Werner, of CDS Associates Inc. addressed Council and explained their portion of the plan.

Mr. Gary Wolnitzek advised that a detailed report which summarizes the process would be done in addition to the graphics that will be done for this project.

Mr. Mark Brueggemann advised this design team has worked very well together on numerous projects and are very knowledgeable in this type of planning.

Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver thanked everyone involved in the presentation and advised this is a very good team with many ties to Fort Wright with background and knowledge of the City.

Street Infrastructure Improvement Program

Mr. Nienaber advised a brief outline was included in the Council packet of discussions of the previous Finance Committee meetings. The plan is to fine tune this information before the annual budget retreat and present a proposal at that time.

Open Bids for Surplus Property

Mr. Klein advised there were a number of surplus items for bid and these were opened before the meeting.

1. Xerox Copier	\$502.00	Dudley Construction
2. Optic Pro Scanner with Cables	\$ 5.00	Richard Gerrein and Michael Harris
3. Intake Manifold	\$ 25.01	Daniel Martin

4. Carburetor	\$ 61.01	Daniel Martin
5. Misc. Hand Tools	\$ 5.01	Daniel Martin
6. CD Radio	\$ 16.01	Daniel Martin
7. Speakers	\$ 10.01	Daniel Martin
8. Gauges	\$ 6.01	Daniel Martin
9. Amplifier	\$ 5.01	Daniel Martin

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to accept the surplus bids as presented. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Park Master Planning

Mayor Weaver advised this item will be discussed in detail at the annual budget retreat.

Amsterdam Road/General Drive Sight Distance Improvement

Mr. Klein advised the City has always been aware of a site distance problem at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and General Drive. In recent months City Engineer Mark Brueggemann has looked at the site and included in the Council packet are two drawings of proposed road improvements that would improve the site distance and make this a safer intersection. Mr. Klein advised we would like to have input from Council as the cost for preparing a topo map and surveying could exceed \$5000.00.

Mr. Feinauer advised that Kenton County will not place a stop sign on Amsterdam Road in this area. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested that we talk to the elected officials at Kenton County regarding a stop sign and we will keep this item on the agenda for further discussion.

Resolution 4-04 – Municipal Road Aid Agreement

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

Mr. Klein will look into the fact that the amount of money received is getting lower each year.

Administrator Report

Building and Zoning Fee Schedule

Mr. Klein advised nothing to report.

Risk Management and Safety Committee

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe and Ron Becker have been working on an overall safety policy for the City. This would be for the employees, equipment, property, parks, sidewalks and special operator equipment training. This would be an overall comprehensive approach for our citizens and City property with regular inspections and record keeping. Eventually this will be brought to City Council for approval.

Kentucky Division of Water Notice of Violation Update

Mr. Maloney advised that we seem to be at an impasse with a few of our residents in getting the easements to their property signed for work to begin. There are two residents who refuse to sign the easements as written. Mr. Maloney has been in touch with the Sanitation District and City Attorney Pete Summe regarding changing language in the easement agreements for these two residents. A major redesign change was made for residents who requested this. There are three property owners who won't sign as is or are continually requesting more information or are unreachable. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised that we have to move along with this project and negotiate some type of easement by a certain time or the City will have to file a condemnation suit and move forward. It was decided to have Mr. Summe get more involved and have something in place by the next Council meeting on April 14, 2004. Mr. Maloney advised there are two more phases, no easements required on one phase and additional easements needed on the other phase. Mayor Weaver suggested getting started on these additional easements as soon as possible.

Building Generator

An application for a grant for a building generator is being completed by Fire/EMS Chief Schewe, through the 2004 round of the Assistance Firefighters Grant Program.

City Flag

The new City flag was introduced to Council and Mr. Klein advised it will be flying proudly at various locations around the City. Mr. Hatter asked if a smaller version might be available to residents who might be interested in purchasing one for their own use. Mr. Klein advised he will check into the cost and availability.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reported the second annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held the first part of April. The date has not been confirmed, but will be advertised in the Top of the Hill News.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter advised the City may want to purchase new notebooks, as the one we have is not functional.

Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek reported the second meeting was held on Tuesday evening at the Sanitation District regarding the KY 17/Old KY 17 Land Use and Marketing Analysis Study. The process is moving along very well.

Finance

Mr. Nienaber advised there will be another Finance Committee meeting scheduled before the Budget Retreat on April 10, 2004.

Legal Matters

Mr. Summe advised they are in the discovery phase of the Ms. Classic Car Wash case.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported the department has been very busy issuing a search warrant on Vidot Court resulting in 8 arrests, using the Emergency Response Unit and having very good success. A robbery at Superior Cleaners occurred and the department is working with other agencies that have had similar burglaries. Chief Kreinest asked that we remember Urban Siegrist who recently passed away. He was a long time resident of Fort Wright and 1st Police Chief/Town Marshall of Fort Wright.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the joint Fire response set up a few months ago with Fort Mitchell has been used recently and is working very well. The two EMT'S that are in classes now are due to take their tests next week and hopefully pass and be on board with the rest of the department.

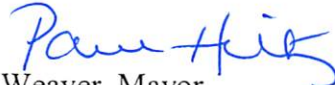
Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported no expense from the snow fall this past week. The Public Works Department is busy at the Storer Property clearing brush and stumps. Mr. Maloney advised he has been visiting the new businesses explaining the procedure for temporary signs and banners and has had very good cooperation from them.

Mr. Nienaber asked if there was any policy regarding access to the Storer property in the next few weeks, when the weather will be turning warmer. Mr. Maloney advised there are a few signs up regarding when access is available to this property. Many people have come on to the property when they were working there to just look around.

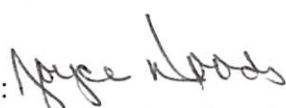
Mr. Klein advised the city had received a plaque this past week from the Sons of the American Legion. For the past year the City has allowed their organization to use the council chambers once a month for their meetings and they have presented the City with a Citation of Appreciation from the Sons of the American Legion out of Fort Wright. Mr. Klein advised this plaque will be hung in the lobby of the city building.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk