

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
04/05/06 – 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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. and Mr. Matt Barker. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Sergeant Dean Russell, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

There were no Citizen Comments

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 3/01/06 Regular Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Barker voting in favor, Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Barker to approve the minutes of the 3/07/06 Special Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Feinauer abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 6-06 – Amendments to Zoning Ordinance-Signs
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 7-06 – Text amendment to Zoning Ordinance –
Op Zone

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. This Ordinance adds funeral homes to the permitted uses in the OP Zone. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Middendorf thanked Mayor and Council.

Presentation on Park Property Concepts – Mr. Jim Warner, CDS Associates, Inc.
Mr. Warner showed his concept drawings for the shelter/restroom facility, amphitheater, and an entry feature at the church parking lot. Council agreed that it was a very nice concept and hoped we could develop something like this in the future. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Warner and Mr. Brueggemann for all the time spent in drawing up this project.

Zoll Auto Pulse System

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe introduced Dione Amirkhan to Council regarding the demonstration of the Zoll Auto Pulse System at tonight's meeting. Chief Schewe advised that he has been researching this product for about ten months and thinks it would be a life saving asset to the Fire Department. Ms. Amirkhan demonstrated the equipment and explained the capabilities of it and answered questions regarding the product. The cost of this product is \$12,534.00. This would be paid for from the Fire/EMS Fund, which was created from the billing of ambulance services. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feinauer, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to authorize the purchase of the Zoll Auto Pulse System. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 8-06 – Sexually Oriented Businesses

Mr. Klein reported that Fort Wright participated in a study of sexually oriented businesses along with other cities in the area. This study was to determine which locations across our regional communities would serve best for these businesses. It was recommended that each City that participated in the study adopt this Ordinance to clarify different definitions and regulations. 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.

Resolution 6-06 – EMS Agreement with Park Hills

Both cities are very pleased with this agreement and how good it has worked out for everyone. This contract will have a 4% increase and will be billed quarterly instead of monthly. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. 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.

Acquisition of Life Squad

Mayor Weaver advised this was previously discussed with Council regarding the purchase of the Park Hills life squad as a backup for our life squad. This vehicle is fully equipped and would be an asset to Fort Wright. The negotiated price was \$18,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to enter into an agreement with Park Hills to purchase the vehicle. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Building Security System Grant

Mr. Klein advised we received a letter from the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet regarding last year's assessment of threats in the City by that Department. They have made detailed recommendations for the City and as part of the program the City is offered up to \$10,000.00 to implement some of these recommendations. The deadline is April 15, 2006. Staff recommends security to the City building access. We have received an estimate of just under \$20,000.00 for a security system that includes a key card access and software program into the City Building, Museum and South Hills Civic Club. There is a definite need for better access security and changes could be made as workers come and go. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolnitzek questioned this system because he advised

there are more high-tech systems out there and didn't want the system that we purchased to become obsolete too soon. Mr. Wolnitzek would like to look at other systems before we make a decision. Mayor Weaver advised we would apply for the grant and look at more systems.

Nature Center Eagle Scout Project

We have the good fortune of having another Eagle Scout, Mr. Robbie Day planning a project for the entrance at Edna Lane and Augusta Avenue to the Nature Center. The cost to the City is minimal with the addition of small and large trees, a kiosk for information, a trash can and removal of weeds. There will also be a completion of a trail with mulch leading to the lake.

FYE 2005/2006 and FYE 2006/2007 Street Program Bid

Since we modified the bid to include only Kennedy Road and Lake Street. An addendum was sent out and bids are due on Friday, April 7th. We will report on this at the next meeting.

Resolution 7-06 – Dixie Fix Top 5 Projects

This is a Resolution of support for the top five most important projects on Dixie Highway. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Dixie Fix Typical Cross Sections

This is the next and last phase of the Dixie Fix Project. In the future if the Transportation Cabinet makes changes along Dixie Highway, what types of typical cross sections would Fort Wright like to see in their part of Dixie Highway. Discussion followed.

Administrator Report

Civil War Museum Update

On April 28th there is a Volunteer Appreciation Night for all Museum Volunteers. Mayor, Council and staff are invited to attend from 5:30-7PM. The City received a Government award from the Kentucky History Society at a dinner in Frankfort for preserving a piece of Kentucky History. Mr. Klein, Dr. Ramage and Jeannine Kreinbrink will be attending a dinner at the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable Society and we are anticipating that we will receive a \$1000.00 grant to be used to construct some type of interpretive panel to be placed on the Battery site. The Museum was also named as one of the Top 10 Travel Destinations in Kentucky for 2006 by the "Kentucky Monthly" magazine.

Ky 17 Modern Roundabout Study Timetable

Mr. Klein included a schedule where we are now in this study. This should be done in July.

Debt Refinancing RFP

An outline of the City's notes that are coming due on June 30th and September 19th, 2006. This was discussed at an earlier meeting and just wanted to get more input if Council had any other ideas. Mr. Klein hopes to bring this back at the May or June meeting.

Professional Engineering Services

There is a spreadsheet included in the packet showing what other City's services include and charges for these services. After looking at these charges, it seems our City is in line with others as to what CDS Associates are charging for their services.

TIF District Fund Update

This fund was established last year, and after just finishing our first calendar year you can see for 2005 the property and payroll tax for that area is around \$49,000.00. We will be transferring this amount from our General Fund to the TIF District Fund before June 30, 2006. This is quite reflective of what's going on in the KY 17 area.

Model Zoning Ordinance Survey

There is a model zoning ordinance survey on the NKAPC website. If anyone has any input this is the time to log on and give any ideas, suggestions, complaints etc., this is the time to let them know.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reported Sunday, April 9th is the Easter Egg Hunt at Battery Hooper Park from 3-5PM. Please watch out for walkers and bike riders since the weather is getting better.

Computer Technology

Meeting re-scheduled until May, so everyone can attend.

Finance

Budget Retreat scheduled for April 29, 2006.

Legal Matters – Ms. Classic Car Wash

The owners of the car wash have appealed the lawsuit.

Long Range Plan

The Vision Committee continues to meet and will be present at the Budget Retreat.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported a few more delinquent tax bills have been collected and we will continue to send them out each month.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported since the weather is starting to break more outside work can be done. There have been a few park benches installed around the City Building and around town. The landscapers are back on the job in the City mulching and cutting grass. A Saturday will be scheduled soon to bring in volunteers from Kenton County Detention Center to help chip the brush that the Public Works Department has been clearing against the fences behind the office buildings and Speedway on Dixie Highway.

Police Sergeant Dean Russell reported the monthly report will be in next month's packet. There was a break-in at Tire Discounters last month and an arrest was made on this case. There was an arrest in Covington for counterfeit checks that relates back to the Fort Wright Wal-Mart. Chief Kreinest is in training for the week.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that there is about 4-6 weeks of work left on our ambulance. There are five EMT students in class and hope all will pass soon.

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