

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
04/09/03

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

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 03/12/03 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Character Council

Mr. Hatter addressed Council regarding information he received on the Character Council program. The basis for this program is to advocate good character in a business or organization. As a participant in the program you are encouraged to promote the 49 character traits in the program introducing 1 per week. A sign would be placed at your business with one character trait each week. Mr. Hatter advised there would be no cost to the City for this program. Training is available if requested by employer. Mr. Hatter stated that we would probably pass a Resolution that we are a Government of character and support the goals of the organization. Mayor Weaver suggested that Mr. Hatter circulate the material to everyone to read before a vote of Council is taken.

#### Animal Control Services

Information is included in the Council packets regarding a proposal by Kenton County to assume animal control services for the City. Currently we receive services from the Kenton County Dog Authority along with 15 other cities. We pay approximately \$8000.00 a year based on our population. The Kenton County Dog Authority employs 2 full-time employees. Several cities have been concerned about the management and supervisory structure. In January a committee was created and Mr. Klein advised he was appointed and acted as chair to work with Kenton County to develop a proposal to make to the Dog Authority members to assume animal control services. The proposal from the County is to offer full-time 24 hour a day, 7 day a week service at the same rate we are now paying and bring the two current employees over to Kenton County with no reduction in pay or benefits. The only annual increase that the Cities would pay would be in connection with pay or benefit increase for the employees. Also there would be additional employees hired to total 4. The cities of Erlanger, Independence and Fort Mitchell have already authorized their Dog Authority representative to withdraw and this

would increase the cost to the remaining cities. Mr. Klein advised his proposal would be to accept the County proposal and withdraw from the current dog authority. This would require a vote from Council at tonight's meeting. This new agreement would cover all animals with no additional cost for after hour service which we now pay. Mayor Weaver stated that this would give our City better service.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to authorize Mr. Klein to withdraw from the current Kenton County Dog Authority. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Condemnation of Landlocked Parcel

Mr. Summe advised a motion of the court is needed for this parcel at the rear of the Dixie Gardens property. This is being done at this time.

#### Administrator Report

##### NKU Foundation/Storer Property Update

Mr. Klein advised there was a meeting of the NKU Foundation on February 28, 2003 to discuss the Storer property on Highland Avenue and phone calls made by Mr. Klein after the meeting were not returned by Mr. Pogue. Mayor Weaver advised he has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Votruba, Northern Kentucky University President sometime in May and will report back to Council at the May 14, 2003 meeting.

##### Fort Wright Signature Wear

A vendor is putting Fort Wright logo on swatches for approval.

##### City Brochure

Mr. Feinauer reported he is collecting more data and has information coming in from Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

##### Fort Wright Pointe Waiver Request

Mr. Klein advised there was a public hearing on April 3, 2003 at Northern Kentucky Area Planning regarding Grand Communities LTD request for a waiver of the subdivision regulation requirement to connect all public streets to adjacent undeveloped property. After debating this issue for 2 ½ hours, Mr. Wessels made a motion to table this issue for 6 months in order to allow all parties to discuss this issue further and come to an agreement. A motion was made to allow the City of Fort Wright and Covington to attend these meetings along with the developer. Mayor Weaver advised we should stick to our original motion to dead end the street to the property line and we would not have anything to negotiate. Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver advised we would work through the process but hold the position we originally stated.

##### April 26<sup>th</sup> City Council Budget Retreat

The annual budget retreat has been set for April 26, 2003 at 8:30AM at the City building. Lunch will be provided and a tentative agenda will be sent out with items to be discussed.

#### Banklick Creek Cleanup

This will take place on May 10, 2003 from 9AM-4PM. Mr. Klein advised he is part of the Kenton County Skate Park Committee, which is a committee of the Kenton County Mayors Group. For several years they have been trying to develop a skate park at Pioneer Park and this project would be funded through private and corporate sponsorships. This would be the first fundraising event which would be a cleanup of a 2 mile portion of the Banklick Creek. This would start at Pioneer Park and extend through a portion of Fort Wright past the Sanitation District. Lunch, drinks, bags and supplies will be provided to all workers and we have several sponsors for this event including Cinergy, Sanitation District, Rumpke and the Great American Cleanup of Cincinnati will be providing bags and gloves. There will be a meeting for all skateboarders on April 15, 2003 at 7PM at Dixie Heights High School Auditorium and pledge sheets for sponsorship will be distributed at that time. A rain date of May 17 is scheduled.

#### Wal-Mart Design Presentation

Mr. Klein advised there is quite a bit of information in the packet and he will go through the presentation of the type of brick, landscape, signage etc. and try to answer any questions anyone may have.

On March 7, 2003 Wal-Mart was given their Stage II Development approval with conditions. Traffic control signals and road improvements are guaranteed before the store is open. Storm water quality will be taken care of with underground tanks which filtrate out oil and gasoline from the parking lot. Landscaping will be extensive and a sprinkler system will be installed. There will be no outside storage of materials, supplies or product. Everything will be completely screened even dumpsters and utility compressors. There will be a property owners association with a representative from the City sitting on that Board. All properties will be maintained according to our City ordinances and enforced by the City. No Wal-Mart trucks will be allowed on Kyles Lane and Highland Pike, they must use I-275 and signs will be posted to encourage all delivery trucks to use I-275. There will be a bus stop next to the Wal-Mart building. Light poles on Valley Plaza will be similar to the ones in front of the City Building. and all utilities will be underground. The City has received a signed escrow agreement on the \$100,000.00 that the developer was required to give to the City for future traffic improvements on Kyles Lane in the residential area. A traffic signal will be allowed by the State at Kyles Lane and East and West Henry Clay Avenues with a redesign of this intersection.

Mr. Hiltz stated that the final design of this project will be much more attractive than the original with additional expense to the developer to give the City an attractive development. Mayor Weaver stated that Mr. Klein is to be complimented as he has endless hours of thought and time devoted to this project to make it first class for the City.

Mayor Weaver proposed that at the Budget Retreat we authorize a comprehensive study of the Madison Pike area, to look at the traffic situation and the zoning that is now in place to make this area more attractive.

#### Council Committee Reports

#### Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer advised with the help of volunteers and businesses in the area we hope to have a really successful 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 13, 2003 from 2-4PM at the City Building. We have supplies lined up with donations from Johnny's Toys, Burger King, Ameristop, Kroger's, Drug Emporium & Arby's. There will be three different age groups, coloring contest, decorating sugar cookies and crafts. Everyone is welcome.

#### Legal Matters

Mr. Summe advised there will be an arraignment on April 14, 2004 regarding the Ms. Classic Car Wash case.

#### Long Range Plan

Mr. Klein advised the Long Range Plan Committee met with the Vision Committee and there is another meeting planned. The two committees will produce a recommendation on the City's Long Range Plan and where we are with year one. The Vision Committee will be present at the Budget Retreat to recommend on the year two plan as far as priority on what should be included in the budget and the focus of our resources for next year.

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported there only 14 unpaid property tax bills remaining for 2002.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the Public Works Department recently completed the street sign inventory. Signs that were broken, faded or stolen were replaced. This was a recommendation by our Insurance carrier that this be done twice a year.

The new sidewalk on Highland Avenue has been re-seeded.

Cinergy is completing their restoration work on yards from the gas line project.

Treatment and mowing of the lawn has been done at the City building.

The dam at the Nature Center is taking shape.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported he received many calls regarding the Shell Station canopy that was torn down by a truck.

Chief Schewe advised he is trying through the ISO ratings to get the City of Fort Wright rated as a Class 3 City. He will keep Council informed.

At the end of the first quarter the call volume is up about 10%.

The Fire Department applied for a Federal Grant for a Health & Wellness Program for the department. Chief Schewe will have more information at next months meeting.

Chief Kreinest reported the Police Department has been very busy. There have been 9 robberies since the first of the year with 5 arrests in 3 of the robberies. A couple of burglaries in the Augusta and West Crittenden Avenue area and one on General Drive. Mr. Nienaber thanked the Police Department for extra patrols on Kentucky and Lorup Avenues in the morning rush hour.

Mayor Weaver advised that the Father of Greg Aylor, one of our part-time fire fighters recently passed away. We send our condolences to him and his family.

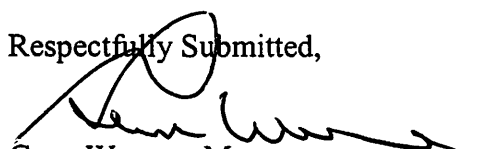
On April 15 at 6PM in the Fort Wright Council Chambers the Kenton County Regional Citizens Police Academy will meet for their class.

April 13 at 2PM-4Pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the City Building.

April 10 at 7:15PM the City will sponsor a Support the Troops Rally here on City Building grounds at the Veterans Memorial. If the weather is inclement it will be held in the fire bay.

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