

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
04/14/04 – 6:00PM

Councilman Paul Hiltz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

City Attorney Pete Summe advised that in the Mayor's absence at tonight's meeting a motion is needed to appoint Paul Hiltz as acting Mayor. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to appoint Mr. Hiltz as acting Mayor for this meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. 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.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve the minutes of the 03/10/04 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Robke, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Street Infrastructure Improvement Program

Mr. Klein advised this item was discussed at the budget retreat on April 10 and it seemed to be the consensus to wait on this item until the next general election in 2006.

Municipal Order 2-04 – Appointment of MGLNK Representative and Alternate
Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve Mayor Weaver as the City's representative to the Municipal Government League of Northern Kentucky, and Mr. Larry Klein as alternate representative. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 3-04 – Fire/EMS Department Rules and Regulations
Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order which reduces the age by which Volunteer Fire/EMS Department members can obtain a Light and Siren Permit from 21 years old to 18 years old, but only under certain conditions. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 5-04 – Disposition of Land Locked Parcel

Mr. Summe read this Resolution approving the sale of a land locked parcel of land in Fort Wright, Kentucky, which was acquired in Kenton Circuit Court through eminent domain, for storm water control to Automanage, LLC. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Wright's Summit Signage

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve the temporary signage for leasing, per the Development Agreement, at Wright's Summit development. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Videos in Vehicles

Mr. Klein advised this item was requested to be placed on the agenda by Mr. Hatter. Mr. Hatter addressed Council regarding the danger of offensive videos being seen by children in surrounding vehicles in traffic. Since a lot of the newer cars are equipped with video players this is becoming more common. Mr. Hatter will send the article to Council that he came across regarding this subject and asked Council to think about this in case it becomes a problem in our area. Chief Kreinest advised the person with the offensive videos could probably be charged with creating a public nuisance or disorderly conduct, but have not had a problem with this yet.

Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Sales Times

Mr. Klein advised this item be placed on the agenda at the request of Mr. Nienaber. Mr. Nienaber addressed Council and advised he had received requests from business regarding the Sunday sale times of alcohol in Fort Wright. A representative from Cassidy's was supposed to be in attendance at tonight's meeting but was not at the meeting. Mr. Hiltz suggested waiting to discuss this item until requests on this issue came from the business.

Amsterdam Road/General Drive Stop Sign

Mr. Klein advised this item was discussed at the last meeting regarding improving the sight distance at Amsterdam Road and General Drive. There is a memorandum in the Council packet from Garry Edmondson regarding placing a stop sign on a county road. There is an established procedure used by the City to have the Safety Committee of City staff discuss this and make a recommendation. Also to get accident history and speed data in this area.

Storer Property

Mr. Klein advised it was discussed at previous meetings how to proceed and at what extent to allow residents to have access to the Storer property as soon as possible. Mr. Hiltz advised we should consult with the neighboring Church regarding parking for visitors to the property. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested City staff come up with a temporary use for the property, a few picnic tables, port-o-lets etc. for use as soon as possible. Mr. Klein advised that we could come up with a temporary plan to present at the May meeting in addition to the long term plan.

Administrator Report

Building and Zoning Fee Schedule

Mr. Klein advised we are still working on this item and looking at cost data. NKAPC are looking at all the fee schedules of cities and county's to come up with more uniformity among the cities. Mr. Klein reported that he hopes to have a report in the near future to bring back to Council.

Lorup Sewer Project Update

Mr. Summe advised there were a few issues regarding language in easements to be granted and have worked this out with the Sanitation District. There are two easements waiting to be drafted and returned to us with signatures. Mr. Maloney advised the work that is being done now is in a different area and will be completed in the initial area as soon as the easements are completed.

Nature Center Lake and Dam

The lake and dam structures have been inspected by the state and a letter was received by the City that we are permitted to impound water effective March 15, 2004. This has been placed on our liability policy with KMRMA and the cost is about \$650.00 a year to the City. The Vision Committee has discussed this area and may include it in their future plans. Restoration work will be done in this area.

Municipal Road Aid Correction

A correction to an earlier Municipal Road Aid amount that was given previously. We will be getting approximately the same amount as last year \$80,000 – \$82,000 but it is being paid out slower than last year.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reported the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th was very well attended and successful. There will be an acknowledgement in the Top of the Hill News of all the sponsors that donated items for this event.

Legal Matters

Mr. Summe reported there is discovery taking place in the Ms. Classic Car Wash case.

Department Reports

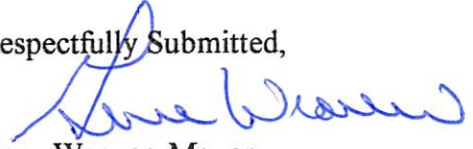
Chief Kreinest reported there is a speed survey included in tonight's packet that was conducted on Mount Vernon Drive. The maximum speed in this area was 39 MPH. Also included in the packet is the monthly report. The department is very busy with all activity up in March. Officer Knight was involved in an accident on KY 17 when another vehicle ran a red light. Chief Kreinest was following Officer Knight and cited the driver in the van. No one involved in the accident was injured.

Fire/EMS Schewe reported that the house across from the TANK bus garage is being used for drills by the Police and Fire departments. We have had a few calls from residents concerned about all of the activity at this residence. The mulch delivery by the Fire department will be on Saturday, April 17th for those who placed orders.


Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised that we will again be placing bricks at the Veterans Memorial for those who have previously or are currently serving in the military. We will need to have this information at least two weeks before Memorial Day to have them placed in time.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk