

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 07, 2008

City Attorney Pete Summe called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Summe advised the first item was to accept the resignation of Mayor Gene Weaver as of May 4, 2008. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to accept. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Appointment of Mayor

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to appoint Joe Nienaber Jr. as interim Mayor until the November election. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, and Feinauer voting in favor, Wall voting no and Nienaber abstaining. Motion passed.

Council members stated that they thought Mr. Nienaber was the right person to fill this position. Mr. Wall stated that the reason he voted no, was because he thought we should have a temporary interim Mayor that was not a member of Council.

Judge Ann Ruttle swore-in Mr. Nienaber and congratulated him.

Mr. Nienaber stated that he needed the support and help of Council and staff, and thanked his family and friends who were in attendance.

Roll Call of Council Members

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Dave Hatter. Also present were City Attorney Pete Summe,

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

Mary DeSalvo addressed Council as one of the liaisons between the City and the Museum Board. She noted that they would try to have someone update Council at each meeting regarding the Museum.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the 04/02/08 Regular Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 04/08/08 Special Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 04/16/08 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 04/23/08 Special Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 8-08 – Amended FYE 2007/2008

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in Summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hatter and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 9-08 – FYE 2008/2009 Budget

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber presented and read a Proclamation to Tom Cardosi and the daughter of Bill Melton commemorating Walt's Hitching Post 50th Anniversary in Fort Wright.

Municipal Order 1-08 – Adopting Amended Job Description – Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Added to this job description Grade and Level of this position.

Resolution 12-08 – BLS Contract with City of Park Hills

This item will be tabled until Park Hills has an updated copy of the contract with Fort Wright.

CAO Search Committee

Three members of Council will make up the search committee to fill the City Administrator position. They are Mayor Nienaber, Joe Averdick and Adam Feinauer. This position will be posted in the Cincinnati/Kentucky Enquirer, online at Career Builder.com, through NKADD and KLC. We have set up H/R @fortwright.com to receive resumes online. Council will interview and select and recommend candidates for this position with the final decision made by the Mayor.

Council Committees

A Transition Committee has been established to review on-going projects. This committee is made up of Mr. Hatter, Mr. Wessels and Mr. Wall.

Official Naming of Battery Hooper Park

Mr. Averdick stated that he attended the last Vision Committee meeting and that Battery Hooper Park had not been officially named. It was decided to keep the name as Battery Hooper Park and discuss it at the next meeting.

City Website Management

Mr. Averdick suggested a student to help out on the website. Mr. Hatter suggested putting together a committee to move forward and come back to Council with suggestions and have a policy in place.

Highland Pike Slippage

The sidewalk has slipped about 12 ft. below the parking lot and the entire area has been closed. The man holes have been displaced and the Sanitation District has been notified. Mr. Shoemaker from the Highway Department has advised that their geotechs have been involved also. The City has been working with all parties involved. Mr. Maloney advised they had put up fencing because they were replacing the caution tape every day. Mayor Nienaber stated that safety is the first priority and any information received will be passed along to Council immediately.

Contract for Professional Services

We do not have a final decision by Mr. Klein if he will continue as a consultant for the City. We should know by the end of the week or early next week. Mr. Hatter stated this would provide continuity and knowledge transfer.

New Council Member

We do need to appoint a new member for Council within 30 days from the acceptance of Joe Nienaber's resignation. This will be discussed at our next caucus meeting.

City Attorney Report

Ms. Classis Car Wash

Mr. Summe advised this is still in litigation.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest thanked Reading Police Department for recovery of two sewer grates. The monthly report has been distributed. The number for Erlanger Police is 727-2424 if you have alarm systems or other things to be transferred.

Fire/Ems Chief Schewe reported that four new members of the department have graduated from Kenton County Fire Recruit Class. Congratulations to them. The Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring Safety Day on May 18th from 1-4PM. The preliminary specs will be ready for the caucus meeting for discussion.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney gave a status report of the projects going on in the City.

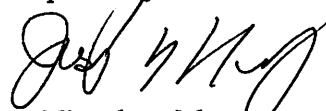
Top of the Hill Newsletter

Mr. Hatter stated that he would like to have a policy regarding content for the newsletter. He advised he was disappointed on some of the content in the previous issue.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he wanted to recognize Gene Weaver and Larry Klein on their contributions to the City under their leadership. Council and staff will continue to do our best to have the City move forward. Thanks to everyone who has supported his decision to take the Mayor's position.

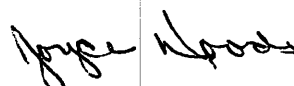
Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, Clerk