

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
06/06/07 – 6:00PM

Mayor Weaver called the Council Meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson. Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. arrived at 6:10PM.

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 05/02/07 Regular Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the 05/02/07 Municipal Road Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Wall voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 3-07 – Amended FYE 2006/2007 Budget

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 4-07 – FYE 2007/2008 Budget

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

Executive Order 8-07 – Appointment of Police Sergeant – Marc Schworer

Mayor Weaver reminded council that this addition of a third police sergeant was discussed at the Budget Retreat on April 28th. This order will appoint Marc Schworer to the position of Police Sergeant effective July 1, 2007. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Chief Kreinest highlighted Marc Schworer's abilities and qualifications. Specialist Schworer thanked Council for the opportunity and his wife Amy Schworer for support.

Mayor Weaver stated that some officer who are here show the level of support of the officers toward Specialist Schworer.

Mr. Nienaber arrived at 6:10 PM.

Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Dispatch Services

Mr. Klein advised all council members that this was the information that was distributed at the end of the May 30, 2007 Special Council Meeting. Action requested tonight is not to approve the Interlocal agreement, but to let Erlanger know who is interested by June 15, 2007, so they can move forward in planning and implementing their expanded emergency dispatch service. Discussion followed, Mr. Nienaber questioned compatibility of radios.

Motion to notify Erlanger of our interest to be a part of this and to pursue an Interlocal agreement dependent on approval. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Averdick. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Hatter, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 6-07 Adopting a Five Year Street Improvement Plan

Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Mr. Mark Brueggeman from CDS Associates, Inc. advised that the low budget amount in 2009 is to allow a catch-up and save for the following year. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Hatter, Nienaber and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 7-07 Declaring Surplus City Property

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

Mr. Brueggeman addressed City Council in regards to the current project on St. Anthony and Marcella. The contractor has proposed some changes that were all in the City's favor. The gas services had to be lowered and took about a week to have that completed by Duke Energy who had crews on the project immediately. Mr. Brueggeman was notified a week ago that the project would cost about \$120,000.00 more than the original proposal. This is due to incorrect number on sidewalks and curb on the part of CDS Associates in the bid specifications. Options discussed were to decrease the sidewalks from 5 feet width to 4 feet, this would save \$30,000; or to eliminate the sidewalk from 1 side of street, this would save approximately \$63,000. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hatter to proceed with street program as it was originally designed, and find a way to cover the costs, second by Mr. Averdick. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Nienaber, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Council addressed Mr. Brueggeman in regards to the situation on Fort Henry Drive. Mr. Brueggeman advised that the Water District did some borings to find the condition of the road and the borings are done but analysis is not, they are awaiting the results of an

analysis before proceeding. They should have this information back by next week and will then proceed with repairs.

Crack-sealing program will be done on concrete streets this year, then back to crack-sealing on the asphalt streets next year.

Administrator Report

Trail Projects at Battery Hooper Park

The segment of mulch trail from the church parking lot to the rear of the Museum has been completed by the Boy Scout troop from Florence. The path was cleared and a mulched trail put in place. They did an outstanding job. The next segment of this trail, from behind the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church to the woods by the parking lot, will begin shortly.

We are waiting to hear on the Recreational Trail Grant. Supposed to hear about that in June, that would be for gravel trail from Bluegrass Swim Club to up behind the museum. This area has already been cleared. Grant would pay to rent equipment to grade that out and put gravel down. We have a scout that is going to build a bridge over that ravine. Tim has not heard back from him yet.

Museum Update – Schools Visit and Events.

Museum Visitor count as of May 31, 2007 was 7,129 from the day it opened. Tours from all sorts of groups and military reunion tours too. In August there's a reunion of about 800 former members of USS Forrestal – an aircraft carrier. An estimated 100 of them have requested a tour on August 25th. They want to see park, museum, archaeological dig site, many museum volunteers will be on hand that day to help show them around.

Fort Wright Elementary 5th graders – project of history of Fort Wright and this area during the Civil War. They painted a mural on the retaining wall. It is amazing, accurate, informative and well done. This was started with their visit to the museum.

July 2007 Council Meeting Rescheduled

Regular meeting of July 4th has been cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, July 5th at 6:00PM.

Memorial Day Observance

Memorial Day service on May 28th went very well. It was at Battery Hooper Park for the first time and we had about 125 people. It started to rain about halfway through, but no one left. Museum Volunteer Edward T. Schneider was the keynote speaker – quite an impressive man. He gave a great speech. Everyone here did a great job honoring those people on Memorial Day who lost their lives.

Wal-Mart Contribution

Wal-Mart contributed \$2,500 to cover the cost of the 3 benches at the 3 new bus stops.

One Stop Shop Annual Report and Fee Schedule

Passing along memo to Mayor and Council, it's the financial report of their one stop shop program and also announcing fee increases effective July 1st. Council had no questions about this.

Committee Reports

Legal

Ms. Classic scheduled for July.

Wessels has filed paperwork for reconsideration to Kentucky Supreme Court.

Long Range Plan

2006 Comprehensive Plan – can we include in website.

Department Reports

Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the Sanitation District has finished their project on Highland Pike with boring and restoration, just waiting for grass to grow. That project turned out well – the project is in the middle of the parking lot of South Hills Civic Club. Pipes are in, just restoration there and that will coincide well with renovations, which should go out for bid shortly. Pavement and actual parking lot will remain a little bumpy until we get other project over and done with. Will have help with new parking lot then. Some unhappy renters when they show up for using civic club, due to equipment on site and mounds of dirt. We are letting people know that there may be a mess for the next couple of months.

Council Member Hatter asked Tim Maloney to look at a depression area at intersection of Amsterdam Road and Fort Henry Drive.

Request to repaint pavement with right turn arrow on George Huser at Dixie Highway.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest thanked Council for authorizing third Sergeant position. They have received several letters of compliments.

Reminder that the next Council meeting has been changed to Thursday, July 5, 2007, at 6:00 P.M.

Thanks to Nick and Cyrilla Brake, Jane Fangman, Betty Goetz, Floyd and Eileen Hastings, Jennifer Keating, Bob & Joy Kress, Norma Rauf, Mary Lee Scheper and Harry Schwabe for their work and volunteering and beautifying the grounds.


Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to adjourn to executive session per KRS-61.810(g). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to close legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: 
Jennifer Lipson, Assistant City Clerk