

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6/09/04 – 6:00PM

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of Former President Ronald Reagan. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Jim Robke and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Public Works Director Tim Maloney was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Carolyn Zembrodt of 419 Morris Road addressed Council regarding the decision of the Zoning Administrator and Board of Adjustment to have her take down the illegal fence that she recently had installed by Mills Fence Company without a permit. Mayor Weaver advised that we cannot make exceptions to the Ordinance for an individual case. The Ordinance would have to be changed to be uniform throughout the City and this is part of the model building code throughout Northern Kentucky. Mr. Summe advised the Board of Adjustment is also controlled by law and cannot stray from the zoning ordinance. Ms. Zembrodt advised there is a large hedge at the edge of her property blocking the view of her neighbors. Mayor Weaver suggested that she ask her neighbor if this hedge could be trimmed down so her property would be in clearer view of her neighbors. Mr. Klein advised he would be in touch with her to look at the hedge.

Mr. Dave Neely of 535 Montpelier Court addressed Council regarding REJ Contractors cutting into the hillside behind his property for development on Valley Drive. Mr. Neely asked Council to have this activity cease until proper permits are obtained. Mr. Klein advised a couple of permits have been obtained for this development but a geotechnical report that was requested has not been submitted for review from the company. Discussion followed.

Mr. Klein advised he will check with NKAPC inspectors and proceed from there.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 05/12/04 Municipal Road Aid Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 05/12/04 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

ALS Update

Mayor Weaver welcomed Mayor Tom Holocher from Fort Mitchell who along with Mr. Klein has been working on a plan for ALS service in Kenton County. Mayor Holocher advised that this situation has been discussed since January, 2003. There is a proposal from Transcare to continue service from 7/1/04- 6/30/05. A sample Resolution was distributed to Council regarding supporting an ad valorem tax to create a special district and not to exceed two cents (\$.02) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation to support the creation and the continued operation of the Advanced Life Support Services. The majority of the cities involved are in favor of creating a District to have a taxing authority for permanent funding. Each city would have a least one member on the Board. Mayor Weaver thanked Mayor Holocher and Mr. Klein for all the time spent on providing continuing ALS service to our City. Discussion followed.

Resolution 9-04 Recognizing The Importance Of The Availability Of An Advanced Life-Support Service To Its Citizens

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 3-04 – Amend FYE 2003/2004 Budget

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 Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 4-04 – Proposed FYE 2004-2005 Budget

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Nienaber voting in favor, Robke and Wolnitzek voting no. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 5-04 - Parks and Recreation Ordinance

Mayor Weaver advised this Ordinance was sent to Council for review and discussion. After discussion and review with a couple of minor changes to the original Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Preserve America Program

Mr. Hatter advised he thought this program would be an excellent fit for the preservation of the Storer property. This program would be beneficial for us to be involved in for future grant programs and would be minimal cost to the City. Mr. Klein advised it is a White House initiative for communities to get recognition for things being done in their City. There are essays to write and pictures to be submitted from events pertaining to this program. Mr. Klein advised the excavation of the battery on the Storer property would be a perfect example.

Mr. Hiltz stated that he is opposed to selling this property and would like Council to figure out a way to finance this property long-term and consider alternatives. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised we need to commit to funding of this property to make sure people know we want this property long-term.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to seek alternative long-term funding. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Robke voting no. Motion passed.

Park Master Plan Steering Committee

Human Nature, Inc. has requested a steering committee be formed to act as a sounding board as they develop the master plan for the Storer Property. Mr. Klein suggested naming a representative from different groups, organizations, employees etc. Mayor Weaver advised we can add or delete names as needed.

Resolution 8-04- Honoring President Ronald Reagan

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

Administrator Report

Building and Zoning Fee Schedule

Mr. Klein updated Council regarding the letter received from NKAPC outlining the various service levels of building and zoning administration. This is a tiered level of service depending on what services are requested. Mr. Klein advised he hopes to have something firm on this by the August Council meeting.

Lorup Sewer Project Update

Mr. Maloney is on vacation at this time. Mr. Summe reported there was a meeting held to discuss a plan for Phase II. Mr. Summe advised he will handle these easements and approach residents for permission.

Sanitary Sewer Use Fee Schedule

Mr. Klein advised he put this on the agenda for discussion by Council. Mr. Klein asked Mr. Summe if the existing sanitary sewer user fee paid by everyone in the City could be extended with the Sanitation District to be used to pay for our storm water cost. Mr. Summe advised he will research this and report back to Council.

NKU Grant Update

Mr. Klein reported he attended a meeting with Dr. Ramage from NKU and Jeannine Kreinbrink of Behringer-Crawford Museum regarding the tentative schedule for two consecutive weekends in September for archaeological excavation and documentation work. Also they would like to open this opportunity up to residents and anyone interested in participating in some of this work. Mayor Weaver suggested having sign-up sheets available for this dig.

Memorial Day

Mr. Klein reported that the service held on Memorial Day was very moving and well received. Volunteer Fire/EMS Joe Bowman spoke about his experiences in Iraq and did an outstanding job. There was a slide show in Council Chambers after the service. Mr.

Klein read a letter received from Jenny Roose, a resident of Fort Wright, who attended the service to thank Mayor Weaver on a very well planned ceremony.

Unincorporated Areas

Mr. Klein reported that a map of Fort Wright, surrounding areas and unincorporated areas is included in the council packets. There was discussion at the budget retreat regarding annexing property that could be annexed in the surrounding area. These maps were produced by NKAPC. It was requested to check other maps that show topo, zoning etc. Discussion followed. Mr. Summe will check on this and advise at a future meeting.

Amsterdam Road Improvements Update

Enclosed in the Council packet is a letter to Judge Executive Drees from Mayor Weaver regarding the status of the third and final phase of the Amsterdam Road project. Mr. Klein advised he attended a meeting on June 8 with Scott Kimmich and was advised bid documents should be out in about two weeks. Hopefully the project will be done in the fall.

Eagle Scout ceremony for Jimmy Murphy

There will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony in August for Jimmy Murphy who headed the storm water awareness program in Fort Wright. The ceremony will be at Lakeside Christian Church and all are invited to attend.

Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that we purchase flags for every residence in Fort Wright in memory of September 11. He would like to organize groups to place one at each home. Mayor Weaver advised we will get prices and notify residents in the newsletter.

Council Committee Reports

Legal Matters

Mr. Summe advised that the summary judgment is almost complete for Ms. Classic Car Wash.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that there will be a 55Alive/Mature Driving Course at the City Building on June 15 & 16 from 1-5PM. Former City Administrator of Edgewood, Lou Noll will be teaching this class. We have completed our first month agreement with Park Hills ambulance and there have been no problems. Spaghetti dinner held by the Fire Department raised about \$1700.00 and was successful. A small 10 ft. inflatable boat has been ordered for the lake property.

Chief Kreinest advised that the April and May reports were in the Council packet. MDT's coming soon, waiting on training for software and will be assigned as training is completed.

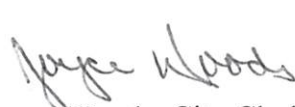
Mayor Weaver reminded everyone that the steering committee meeting #2 will be at the City Building at 4:00PM on June 15. The stakeholders committee meeting #2 will be held the same day at the Sanitation District No. 1 at 7:00PM.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, 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