

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
8/11/04 – 6:00PM

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. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Jim Robke, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Paul Hiltz. 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. Dave Hatter was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Harry Holtkamp of 389 Orphanage Road addressed Council regarding the loud music and noise at Dickmann's Café on Orphanage Road. Mr. Holtkamp advised this summer has been a nuisance with noise pollution until 1:30AM. Volleyball games are taking place very late with noise also coming from those games. Mr. Holtkamp has called the police numerous times. He advised the café is 275 feet from his house. Mayor Weaver advised that any complaints received by the police department should be investigated and if music is heard outside of the building it should be stopped.

Mr. Holtkamp stated there are also high weeds in the state right-of-way on Orphanage Road at Old KY 371 that is blocking the view and is a hazard in this area. Mayor Weaver advised the City will contact the State or cut these weeds and look at the Ordinance pertaining to the noise at Dickmann's Café and have the business comply with this Ordinance.

Mr. Rex Bowling of 1862 Mount Vernon Drive addressed Council regarding a violation letter he received pertaining to parking a recreational vehicle at his property. He advised that his wife had attended a previous meeting back in 1999 and was advised it was okay to park in the driveway to load, unload and clean the vehicle for a reasonable length of time. Mayor Weaver advised it is not the City's intention to cite residents for a short term temporary situation. If this situation arises, Mayor Weaver advised residents to call and advise that vehicles will be moved within twenty four hours.

Mr. Clarence Lassiter of 2003 Pieck Drive addressed Council and stated that he had three observations to report since the last meeting. That the UPS and Rumpke drivers noted that Pieck Drive should be fixed. He also stated that there were children from Barbara Circle at the lake in his backyard. He advised that signage is needed stating that this was private property. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Maloney to have private property signs installed as soon as possible.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 07/14/04 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein introduced Ms. Laurel Derks, a resident of the City, who will serve as an intern for the next several months. Ms. Derks is a graduate student at NKU who works full-time in accounting and will be working on revenue forecast for the City based on the new development in the City. Mr. Klein thanked her and stated that he is looking forward to working with her.

Second Reading of Ordinance 6-04 – Stage I Development Plan-Helen Ruth Drive
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Robke and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Tom Frickman, the developer of this property showed a larger version of the landscaping plan. This plan was expanded to include more trees and bushes. The hillside will be cleared and non maintenance plants will be included.

Mr. Tom Jacober, Chair of the Vision Committee, addressed Council and presented for approval Year 3 of the Long Range Plan. Mr. Jacober stated there was a public hearing held to get input from citizens. The input received was worked into the projects on the list. Mayor Weaver stated that this Plan has been a great asset to the community and helped Council and staff stay focused on what people who work and live in Fort Wright really want and address their needs. Thanks to all members of the committee who worked on this project.

Resolution 12-04 – Adopting Year 3 of Long Range Plan

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

Mayor's Proclamation – Mr. James Vincent Murphy, Eagle Scout

Mayor Weaver advised this will be presented to Mr. Murphy at the Eagle Scout ceremony on Saturday, August 21st. Mayor Weaver advised that James has helped the City in many ways and is a fine young man.

Resolution 11-04 – Supporting Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill

Mr. Klein advised this Resolution was requested by the Kenton County Mayor's Group to be considered for approval asking Congress to fund the federal reauthorization transportation bill. This provides funds for bridges, roads, sidewalks etc. This Resolution will be sent to our federal representatives to let government know which bill we support. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber voting yes, Wolnitzek voting no and Robke abstained. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 7-04 – Establishing Special District for Advanced Life Support (ALS)

Mr. Klein advised that several weeks ago Mayor Holocher of Fort Mitchell, attended a Council meeting and addressed Council regarding meetings by the ALS group of Mayors. He outlined the contract with Transcare for the first year. What this Ordinance will do is seek a long-term solution and create a special district comprised of the cities listed on the Ordinance to provide ALS or paramedic services to participating cities. Mr. Klein advised that we need to have this established before January 1, 2005 in order for the property tax to be effective that date for the year 2005.

Mr. Robke advised he supports the ALS but suggested that this money should come from the general fund and residents should not be taxed. If this rate is on the tax bills and residents charged, then a rebate should be given to each homeowner. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that he would like to take this year by year and not have to raise property taxes by 10%. If a rebate would be available to homeowners then it should be refunded. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve, roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hiltz voting in favor, Robke voting no. Motion passed.

Mr. Hiltz suggested updating residents in the newsletter to let them know what is happening with this situation.

First Reading of Ordinance 8-04 – Establishing Property Tax Rate for 2004-2005

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

First Reading of Ordinance 9-04 – Establishing Waste Collection Fee for 2004-2005

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

Administrator Report

Public Service Park Dedication

At Sanitation District No. 1 on September 11, 2004 at 10:00PM, there will be a formal dedication of their Public Service Park. Possibly Governor Fletcher will be in attendance, along with City Officials and staff.

City of Fort Wright 9/11 Observance

Thanks to a very generous donor we were able to purchase 3000 flags to be distributed to each residence and at major intersections in the City. The cost of these flags was over \$2000.00. On the evening of September 10th we will have volunteers distributing the flags. We are looking forward to this very important observance.

Building and Zoning Code Administration

For some time we have been discussing our building and zoning fee schedule. NKAPC have proposed to offer various levels of service 1-4 and offer building inspection, set the

fee schedule etc. and the City would be out of the process completely. Possible Dennis Gordon will attend the next Council meeting to explain this process.

Lorup Sewer Project Update

Mr. Summe advised requests were sent out for easements and right-of-entry. Response were received from 7 or 8 residents and concerns were expressed by most of them. Mr. Summe advised individual meetings with these residents are probably the best way to handle these requests. Mark Brueggemann advised construction will not be held up for this year, it will continue as scheduled. The next Phase construction will probably not start until spring of next year because of winter weather conditions. Discussion followed.

KY 17/Old KY 17 Land Use Study Update

The NKAPC staff has been working very hard on this study attending many meetings with the steering committee and stake holders. All meetings have been open to the public. What they would like to do is at the special meeting on September 1st is to update Council on where they are at and what they are going to recommend.

Morris Road Speeding

A letter is included in the Council packet from a resident of Morris Road regarding speeding on Morris Road between Amsterdam Road and Howard Road. A resident from that area is concerned and has made a request of the City to monitor the speeding. The Police Department has done a speed study in this area and Chief Kreinest read some of the numbers from that study and advised there is a problem in that area and will patrol and monitor more on these streets.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek requested that the grass on Kyles Lane be cut back further to look more like a lawn area. He also requested that a Welcome to Fort Wright sign be placed on the new grass median on KY 17.

Mayor Weaver noted that there were representatives from Wal-Mart in attendance at the meeting and asked if they had any comments. Mr. Ken Bardo, the manager of the new store is very pleased with the progress in the store. 80% of the fixtures are up and stocking will begin next week. The tentative opening date is September 15, 2004 and they will maintain 500 employees at this store. The sign at the entrance of the store at Valley Plaza Parkway will have brick around it when it is complete.

Legal Matters – Ms. Classic Car Wash

Mr. Summe advised the motion to dismiss all the individual Council members, Mr. Klein and the Mayor is pending before the Judge and will be finished by September 15th.

Department Reports

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that Schweitzer Construction, working with the Sanitation District No. 1 did not get the contract through the District. This was bid out and Building Crafts received the contract to proceed with this project. Mr. Maloney advised that he has never worked with this company but has heard good things about them.

Fire/EMS Department

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the Fire Department will be placing flags at residences on September 10th and distributing them at intersections that evening. If there are any citizens interested in helping they are more than welcome to participate.

Fire Department has been working with Wal-Mart and they have been very co-operative. Everything that has been recommended or requested by the Fire Department, they have complied.

The lake is now full and the Fire Department has a 10ft. inflatable boat that they will be training with.

Police Department

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that there was a robbery at the Bank of Kentucky on Ashwood Circle on Tuesday and a suspect was identified and an arrest was made on Wednesday. Thanks to Warsaw Police Department, Grant County Sheriff Department, Kentucky State Police Department, citizens and Crime Stoppers for their help in this arrest.

There were a few officers out on bike patrol and this will be done periodically weather permitting.

Mr. Hiltz advised he was contacted by Mrs. McMurtry, a resident of Saint Anthony to thank Mr. Klein for his tour of the Boy Scout Troop through the City Building and other departments.

Mayor Weaver reminded everyone of the dedication of Public Service Park on September 11th at the Sanitation District No. 1 from 10:00AM-Noon.

The archeological dig at Battery Hooper on September 18th & 19th and September 25th & 26th.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn to executive session per KRS.61.810(b). Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

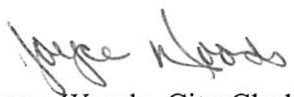
Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve Resolution 13-04 – KYTC Project Funding. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek voting in favor, Robke abstained. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk