

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
08/13/03

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. Paul Hiltz, 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, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:15PM. Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. was unavailable for this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 07/09/03 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Robke voting in favor, Mr. Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Infrastructure Program

Mr. Klein advised we will be gearing up in the next few weeks to start collecting information on our revenue structure and revising portions of the engineer study that was done regarding sidewalks.

Condemnation of Landlocked Parcel
Nothing to report

Mr. Tom Jacober, Chair of the Vision Committee addressed Council with the Year 2 2003/2004 Plan recommendation. Mr. Jacober thanked Council for their participation in the development for the Year 2 Plan and urged Council to pass Resolution 11-03 at tonight's meeting to adopt a long range plan in Fort Wright.

Resolution 11-03 Vision Committee 2003/2004 Recommendation

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Kentucky Division of Water Notice of Violation Update

Mr. Klein advised Council there is a copy of a letter in tonight's packet that was sent by the City to Kentucky Division of Water with a timetable to correct the violations in the sanitary and storm sewer repairs in the Lorup Avenue, Olivia Lane, Werner and Kentucky Drive neighborhoods. We wanted to let them know that there is a plan in place and that this project has been budgeted by the City and the Sanitation District and we are proceeding to make the much needed corrections. There will be two public meetings in September for all residents affected and these meetings will be at the Sanitation District. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that the creek should be named officially and it may be a good idea to discuss this idea and have a contest to name the creek.

Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Materials Cleanup Reimbursement Rates
Nothing to report

Parking of Large Vehicles on City Streets
Nothing to report

NKU Foundation/Storer Property Acquisition

Mayor Weaver advised there has been much written in the newspapers regarding the City's intent to purchase this property. Through the cooperation of Northern Kentucky University the City is looking at a variety of ways to improve upon the site through Federal Grants and other Foundations to assist in offsetting some of the costs. Mr. Klein advised we are looking for ways to finance this project and to look at a planning process and collect input from City Council, Vision Committee and the Parks and Recreation Board as to what they would like to see this acreage used for. Possible the City could hire a planning consultant to put all the ideas together into a master plan. Mr. Summe advised we do have a signed contract and we need to advise the University of a closing date. Mr. Robke suggested a time frame for financing of two years to plan for developing this land and to make sure the City can afford this purchase. Mayor Weaver advised we can't mandate future Councils as to what will be done with this property. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve the purchase contract for the Storer property. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to authorize Mr. Klein to put together an RFP to secure financing for this purchase of 36 months with balloon payment. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 10-03 Establishing Property Tax Rate of \$.1960 on Each One Hundred Dollars of Real Estate and \$.2460 on Each One Hundred Dollars of Personal and Mixed Property

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

First Reading of Ordinance 11-03 Establishing Waste Collection Fee of One Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Eighty Two Cents Per Dwelling Unit

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

Mayor Weaver advised there would be special meeting on August 27, 2003 at 6PM to have a second reading of Ordinance 10-03 and Ordinance 11-03 to comply with the time frame allowed.

Mr. Jeff Talkers, a Civil Engineer for Land Development Consultants, LLC., on behalf of Eason Properties, LLC, addressed Council regarding the Stage I Development Plan to construct an office building on Helen Ruth Drive. Mr. Talkers advised this plan calls for a 72 square foot office building, one story with approximately 30 parking places. The Stage II submittal will have landscaping and signage plans. There are presently 14 employees in one of the Hemmer Buildings on Thomas More Parkway in Crestview Hills, Kentucky and the next step is to have a first class office site for the present employees and allow for future expansion.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-03 Stage I Development Plan – Helen Ruth Drive
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 13-03 – Text Amendment - Definition of “Family”
Discussion followed. This Ordinance has been tabled indefinitely due to the fact that Council is not agreeable with the wording of this Ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance 14-03 – Text Amendment – Manufactured Housing Regulations

Mr. Klein advised that no zones in Fort Wright allow mobile homes and what this text amendment is trying to do is establish the meaning of manufactured housing and requiring it to meet certain capatibility standards based on the neighborhood it will be located in. This will give us standards that will have to be met. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised we will get more information from NKAPC before the second reading.

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

First Reading of Ordinance 15-03 – Moratorium on Sexually-Oriented Businesses
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 8-03 – Volunteer EMS Incentives Policy

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe advised Council that this is a small incentive program for the EMS volunteers to encourage them to stay at the station and be ready for runs.

Mayor Weaver advised this is a budgeted item and will help on weekend coverage. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Liability Insurance Deductibles

Mr. Klein advised we currently have a zero deductible on the City’s general liability policies and a \$1000.00 deductible on our automobile policy. If we raise our deductibles to \$10,000.00 on the General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Law Enforcement

Liability and raise the deductible to \$2500.00 on our automobile policy we could see a savings of \$10,000.00 a year. Since we have had no claims in recent years Mr. Klein recommends that we consider this opportunity for these savings. Mr. Robke asked if we knew the breakdown of savings between the policies. Mr. Klein advised he would research the savings and report back at the next meeting.

Cellular Tower Location

Mr. Klein reported that a meeting was held with representatives of Sprint regarding location of a cellular tower on City property. The proposal of a 120 ft. high tower with equipment at the base or a 120 ft. high flag pole. Monthly rent would be paid to the City for this use. Mr. Klein advised if the City does not allow this on City property the company does have the ability to place a tower in a single family residential area and negotiate with a property owner to place a tower on their property. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested that we continue to talk and negotiate with the company and report back to Council.

Retention Lake and Dam Liability.

Nothing to report.

KY 17 CPUD Overlay

The new Walmart and outlet development on KY 17 is under the CPUD zone. There are a few properties in this area that do not fall under this zone and Mayor Weaver stated he would like to have input from Council to consider amending the zoning map to apply the CPUD overlay so that this is in place for the rest of the property between Highland Pike and Orphanage Road. Discussion followed.

Since all of Council is in agreement, this would be sent to NKAPC for two map amendments.

Administrator Report

Fort Wright Signature Wear

The Fort Wright logo shirts have been received and distributed to all that have purchased them. They turned out very nice and everyone is pleased.

2003 Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grant Update

The City has been advised that the \$20,000.00 grant has not been awarded to the City. We have been advised by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that approval has been given to the City to seek encroachment permits for the I-75 and Kyles Lane interchange project as we go through each phase. We will be looking for different funding as this project moves ahead.

Report on Extended Office Hours

A report is included in the packet regarding the total number of calls and walk-ins totaling 52 since the extended office hours of 7:30AM-5:30PM went into effect on July 1, 2003. There is no additional cost to the City as staff has rearranged their schedules.

Parks and Recreation Board Event – Ice Cream Social

Our newly established Board has scheduled their first event on September 7 from 5:30-7:30PM in the Fire/EMS bays. Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

The road is in at the Dixie Gardens development and they will be submitting for the first office building shortly. Additional developments in the City include, the new office building on Helen Ruth Drive, the development on Amsterdam Road, fifty single family homes by Henry Fischer Builders, the fifty three unit condo development on Sleepy Hollow.

Legal Matters-Ms. Classic Car Wash Zoning Violation

Mr. Summe advised that the County Attorney's office has decided that they were not interested in pursuing a criminal prosecution in this case, so our only recourse is to go back into the civil case and seek an injunction to close the driveway. Mayor Weaver asked Council to have Mr. Summe do whatever necessary to move forward on this issue. Mr. Robke would also like to have a letter sent to the County Attorney with an explanation of his position in this case. Discussion followed.

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

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that four delinquent tax bills have been paid, with four remaining.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council and advised the dam and drainage structures in the Nature Center are nearing completion.

Included in tonight's packet is a list of violation notices that were sent. There are four applications to the Board of Adjustments regarding the outside storage for Fort Wright businesses. One application is for the Shell station canopy and an application from a potential buyer of the Equipment Consultant property. These cases are scheduled for review on August 28 at 6:30PM.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe advised there have been five structural fires in 40 days. The worst was a roof fire on Morris Road from a lightning strike. A fire today at Lookout Motel was responded to with the help of Fort Mitchell and Park Hills Fire Departments and we would like to thank them for their quick response. There will be a 55/Alive Program here at the City Building and if both classes are completed there will be a 5% reduction on car insurance for participants.

Mayor Weaver welcomed home Fort Wright Firefighter Joe Bowman who served in Iraq for the past months.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that there is gas line project that will be started from Kyles Lane to Town & Country property. This will be starting in the next couple of weeks with a lot of the work being done at night.

Please be aware that there is a problem if you have an unlisted phone number, Emergency Management does not have access to this number for the reverse 911 system. If you have an unlisted number and would like to participate in this program, you can either contact the Police Department or Kenton County Emergency Management. The Regional Citizens Police Academy will be starting soon and if anyone is interested please contact the Police Department by August 26. The monthly report has been distributed for July and the department has been very busy. A robbery suspect from Superior Cleaners was caught with the help of many departments from surrounding cities. An arrest was made in a burglary on East Henry Clay Avenue and also an arrest on a scam on area restaurants. The Beaumont speed study is included in the packet and will also be published in the Top of The Hill News.

Mr. Klein advised Phase III has been received for the Amsterdam Road improvements by Kenton County and they are hoping to get that out for bid next month.

Mayor Weaver complimented Council on acquiring the Storer Property and advised he thinks this will be a real jewel for the City in years to come. This will take the City of Fort Wright to a new level.

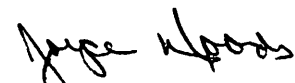
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn to executive session per KRS 61.810(b). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business as a result of this session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce Woods, City Clerk