

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
8/17/05 – 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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Matt Barker 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. Mr. Paul Hiltz was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 07/06/05 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Edna Lane Storm Sewer

At the last meeting there was discussion regarding the pooling of water between the Edna Lane storm sewer outfall and the Nature Center detention lake. This water is very stagnant and a possible solution is to fill in the ditch line to avoid the pooling of water. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann advised that there would still be water on the surface and was not a very good solution. Mr. Maloney advised this project would connect the two areas and give better access to the Nature Center. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised that we will have to do something soon or residents in the area will be complaining of the odor.

Mayor Weaver suggested that members of Council who have not visited this area, meet with Tim and see the problem and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Resolution 9-05 – Adopting Revised Vision Statement

Eileen Hastings and Ann Flood, members of the Vision Committee were in attendance to answer any questions Council might have on the minor changes that were made on the Vision Statement. These changes are regarding utility providers, whether private or public to maintain infrastructure in the City responsibly. The body of the Vision committee report was presented to Council last month and since there were no comments, this remains unchanged. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 10-05 – Adopting Vision Committee Year 4 Plan

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

Mayor Weaver thanked everyone involved on the Vision Committee for everything they have done to make this a reality.

Resolution 11-05 – National Incident Management System

Several weeks ago the Department Heads attended training to learn how to fill out an online assessment of our City's preparedness for emergencies. How our City would respond to an event and coordinate with other cities. We do have a deadline to adopt the Resolution and if we do not we may not be eligible for future grants.

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

Resolution 12-05 – CEGG Grant I

This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to make application for a Community Economic Grant. It is a very good program with no match required. This application would be to extend the public sanitary sewer onto the Storer property to the Museum from its nearest point, which is on Highland Avenue close to the entrance to the Wright's Point apartments, at an estimated cost of approximately \$65,800.00. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 13-05 – CEGG Grant II

This grant will be for the extension of the sewer line to the Museum and amphitheater/restroom/shelter facility location. These grants will help us further the Master Plan. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 14-05 Supporting Legislation To Amend Sections Of Chapter KRS 220 Effecting Sanitation District No. 1 Of Northern Kentucky

This Resolution was passed unanimously by the Mayor's Group last Saturday. This shows that municipalities want the Sanitation District to manage our storm water facilities. If passed, this Resolution would be sent to our state legislators letting them know we support changes in the statutes and clarify that the Sanitation District can manage our facilities for us and have a funding source to do that. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 17-05 – ALS Contract Addendum

All cities expressed a desire to have mutual aid between Transcare, Inc and the City of Erlanger. This Municipal Order is to provide for mutual aid for advanced life support medical services between the City of Erlanger and the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky by Transcare, Inc. Discussion followed.

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

First and Second Emergency Reading Ordinance 15-05 - Establishing Temporary Full Time Position

Mr. Klein advised that this establishes a new position. As a temporary position, there would be no CERS or health insurance cost to the City. This will be an emergency reading as this position of Police Chief needs to be filled immediately. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Discussion followed.

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

Executive Order 2-05 – Appointment to Temporary Full-Time Position

This is the Temporary Full-Time appointment of Daniel J. Kreinest to Police Chief of Fort Wright, Kentucky not to exceed the period of one year. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 11-05 – Zoning Text Amendment HOC and NSC Zones

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. This zone change will specify that only banks, savings and loans and credit unions will be allowed as permitted uses in these zones. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-05 – Waste Collection Fee for FYE 2005-2006

This is a pass through of funds collected from property owners and billed at the fee billed to the City by Rumpke. This rate for FYE 2005/2006 is \$122.40 per dwelling unit. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 13-05 – Property Tax Rate for 2005

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. The tax rate proposed for fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2005 and ending June 30th, 2006 for real property is \$.1940 on each \$100.00 value and \$.2270 on each \$100.00 value of personal and mixed property. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 14-05 – Zoning Text Amendment IP Zone

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. The NKAPC recommended approval of this text amendment. Mr. Klein suggested adding to the list of permitted uses "Kennel". In adopting the zoning text amendment, further refine the definition of "Kennel" by eliminating the "raising" part of the current definition. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Easement for Park Property Access and Parking

Included in the packet is a proposed easement City Attorney Pete Summe has prepared and has indicated that Council should authorize the Mayor to sign. The next step would be to propose the easement to the Church. This is for the permanent easement of the parking lot and access for the new access driveway and permanent parking for the Museum, which includes a \$5,000 payment from the City to the Church. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the signing of the easement with The First Presbyterian Church of Covington. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Dump Truck Bids and Financing

There is a bid out for a two ton dump truck that was authorized to purchase in the current budget. This is an additional truck to help us provide better snow removal to our residents. The bid is due back on September 2, 2005 and will be opened publicly and results will be analyzed and a recommendation made at our next Council meeting. KLC has some pre-approved bond money in a pool with fees attached.

KLC Safety Grant

Each year we have applied to the KLC Safety Grant program for reimbursement for safety equipment up to \$2500.00 purchased for the City. We have received this grant for the past 5 years and this year applied for reimbursement for 2 sets of turn out gear for the Fire/EMS department, Police department re-accreditation expenses and road safety signage replacement.

DOCJT Kentucky Community Preparedness Report

In the packets there is information pertaining to the security assessments conducted in the City last April. It is the City's job to analyze this information to see if there are any improvements that need to be made. The rest of the report will be sent to other entities that were assessed.

Storm Water Lawsuit Update

A notice was passed on from the agency that handles our liability claims letting us know that the lawsuit filed by Wessels LLC against the Sanitation District #1 is only a declaratory judgment with no money involved. The City is responsible for any legal fees that are incurred to defend ourselves as a result of being named in the lawsuit.

One Stop Shop Update

This started on July 1st, 2005 and is working out pretty well.

9/11 Commemoration Update

Flags will be placed in each yard once again this year in commemoration of 9/11, to everyone that wants one. Volunteers are welcome to help distribute the flags in their neighborhoods.

Adopt-A-Military-Unit Update

Numerous items have been received and sent to our troops of the 101st Airborne in Iraq. We have received word that the troop will be redeployed back to the United States in October or November.

National City Grant

The City has received a grant from National City Bank in the amount of \$5000.00 for the park property, to purchase benches and to construct a viewing area on the front lawn of the museum. Thanks for the support given to this project.

Civil War Museum Final Report and Dedication August 20th at 10:00AM

The City will formally dedicate the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum on Saturday, August 20th at 10:00AM. Dr. James Votruba will be the keynote speaker, along with Mayor Weaver and Dr. Ramage. The Museum Board and our Public Works department have been working very hard to make this museum very nice inside and out. Parking and other activities will be at Community of Faith Church, both Saturday and Sunday. There will be live cannon firing, re-enactors, food and drinks and many activities. Mayor Weaver thanked everyone involved and stated that this has been a great effort by Mr. Klein who has spent endless hours on this project.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Parks and Recreation Board sponsored Fort Wright Night at the Florence Freedom ballgame. Mr. Feinauer reported that a good time was had by all. And just a reminder to watch for school buses now that school will be starting.

Legal Matters – Ms. Classic Car Wash

Car Wash pending. Lorup Sewer project, all easements resolved.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods stated that after the second reading of Ordinance 13-05 Property Tax rate for 2005 we will start getting the data entered into the computer and bills printed to be sent out the first week of October.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised they have been very busy with the Storer property. The truck is out for bid and an offer out for a new hire.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that last week interviews were done for the new firefighter candidate. There are five strong candidates and hopefully there will be a decision soon.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported there was a bank robbery at Huntington Bank and Detective Knight has been working with the F.B.I. on this case. Recently we had a couple of burglaries at Dickman's Café and Finke's Market. Thank you letters included in packet for Detective Knight and Specialist Marc Schworer.

Mr. Klein advised that the Lorup sewer project will be extended out into Highland Pike for 5 days. They will be working at night, so that it is less disruptive to traffic.

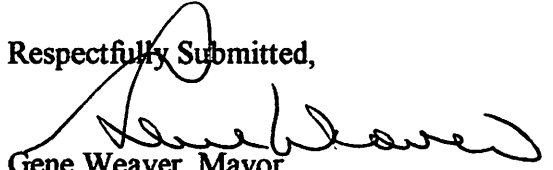
Thanks to Fire/EMS Chief Schewe for donating a refrigerator to the City for a replacement to the old one that no longer was working.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS.61.810 Paragraph c, concerning litigation. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk