

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
9/07/05 – 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. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Matt Barker and Mr. Dave Hatter. 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. Jeff Wolnitzek was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no citizen comments

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 09/07/05 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Barker voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Presentations of Mayor's Proclamations to Eagle Scouts Derrick Freeman and Drew Lavey

Mayor Weaver introduced family and friends in attendance for these presentations to the Eagle Scouts and read proclamations and presented plaques to each Scout. Thanks to Drew and Derrick and also their parents who have supported them in these projects.

Barbara Circle/Lorup Phase IIA Project Change Order

Included in the Council packet is a price quote from RFH Construction, the contractor who is currently working on the Lorup/Barbara Circle project. The change order is for \$47,000.00 to make a storm water improvement at Edna Lane. We have discussed this at several meetings and now have a resolution in the matter. We do need to amend our current contract with RFH Construction. As discussed this improvement will be paid for by one of the project partners. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the change order. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 11-05- Zoning Text Amendment HOC & NSC Zones

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 12-05 – Waste Collection fee for FYE 2005/2006

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr., Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. The waste fee for FYE 2005/2006 is \$122.40 per dwelling unit.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe introduced the City's new Firefighter/EMT, Steve Bramlage. Previously he was a volunteer with the department and Chief Schewe advised we are very lucky to have him work for the City.

Second Reading of Ordinance 12-05 – Property Tax Rate for 2005

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. The tax rate for real property is \$.1940 on each \$100.00 value of real estate and \$.2270 on each \$100.00 value of personal and mixed property.

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

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

Dump Truck Bids

A copy of the breakdown from the recent bid opening was received by Council for their approval. Four bids were received. Mr. Maloney reported on the bids received and recommends Miami Valley International Truck for the cab and chassis and Kauffenbarger Truck Equipment for the dump body and equipment. The total bid is \$77,513.70 with delivery in 120 days fully equipped. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed.

Dump Truck Financing

Mr. Klein advised he will present information on financing at the next meeting.

Administrator Report

Ridgewood Sanitary Sewer

Information included in the Council packet on the seven houses on Ridgewood Road who do not have public sanitary sewer service. These residents are 100% in favor to permit the connections by SD1 through a program that is offered for new connections. We would like to have Council's approval to facilitate the seven residences to connect into the system. There would be minor expense to the City. Meetings will be scheduled to determine the cost to the City and homeowners. Council agrees to move forward with this project.

9/11 Commemoration Update

We are again placing U.S. flags in every yard in the City that wants one. City personnel, neighborhood volunteers and Fire Department volunteers will distribute the flags at key intersections in the City. There will also be a boot drive for Hurricane Katrina victims. Mayor Weaver suggested that since there are so many collections going on for the victims we will work with the Sanitation District through their relief efforts. Chief Schewe reported that two volunteer members of the Fire Department will work through FEMA to help the victims. They are Mike Gorman and Christina Coyle.

Adopt-A-Military Unit

The 50th Medical Aviation Unit of the 101st Airborne which the City has adopted, are being re-deployed back to the United States in October or November. We still have contribution items to send and Mr. Klein asked Council if they wanted to sponsor another unit or conclude the program. Discussion followed. Mr. Klein acknowledged Tom Jacober, Allan White and Leo Broering who are in charge of the collection effort at St. Agnes. They have done a great job in coordinating this project with the parishioners of St. Agnes. Mayor Weaver suggested that the City continue this project.

Civil War Museum Dedication

The formal dedication of the museum was on August 20th and we had a great turnout even though it was a little warm that day. Thanks to the Museum Board, volunteers and our Public Works Department for all the work done to make this museum a success. Sergeant Russell had a video presentation of the dedication put together and showed this to Council.

Smithsonian Magazine Article on Battery Hooper

Copies of the September, 2005 Smithsonian Magazine was passed out to Council and included in this edition was an article about the Battery Hooper site. We are trying to get permission to reprint this article and include it in the Top of The Hill Newsletter. It is a very accurate article and a great source of pride to the City. There are future digs scheduled on the site for students and residents.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reported that the Museum is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday and is well worth your time to visit whenever possible. The volunteers that are working there are very knowledgeable and helpful.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter reported that the new website is up and running.

Economic Development

Mr. Klein advised there is a White Castle Restaurant being built next to the Golden Corral. Plans have been approved.

Legal Matters – Ms. Classic Car Wash

Mr. Summe advised we are still waiting on a decision for Ms. Classic Car Wash

Department Report

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that they have hired Jeff Bethell from Florence Nursery as our new Public Works employee. He has good background in snow

removal and will be starting in about a week. Mr. Maloney thanked Council for the dump truck and advised that it will be able to be used for many projects.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest updated a few items. Sentencing of an individual that was printing bad checks. A robbery outside of Fifth Third Bank on Highland Pike, robbery in the 1st degree. A search warrant at 115 Kyles Lane and arrest of the owner for cultivating and trafficking marijuana. An arrest was made for CD's stolen from Wal-Mart and a burglary occurred at Quik-Stop on Eaton Drive. Working on filling the vacancy in the Police Department.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported he is looking forward to Steve Bramlage starting work on Monday; he will be a strong addition to the department.

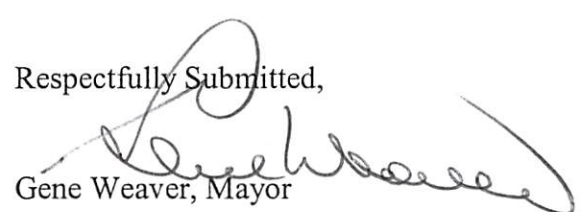
Thanks to the volunteers for a strong summer and their time spent staffing the hours when the paid people were off duty.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk