

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
9/8/04 -- 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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., 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. Paul Hiltz was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Weaver advised that the first order of business to be addressed at tonight's meeting is to fill the vacant Council position with Matt Barker. Mr. Barker had filed to run in the November election and it was Council's decision at the last meeting to fill the unexpired term through December with Mr. Barker.

Mr. Summe swore in Mr. Barker and he was welcomed and congratulated by Mayor and Council.

#### Citizen Comments

Jeanne Zeis of 14 Barbara Circle and Tami Eckerle of 449 Pickett Court addressed Council regarding the 5K Booster Boogie on September 19, 2004 sponsored as a fundraiser for Saint Agnes School. The proceeds from this event will benefit the athletic program at the school, which many children of Fort Wright and the surrounding areas participate in. Ms. Zeis and Ms. Eckerle asked the City for financial support for this event to help with maintaining the fields and other improvements needed.

Mr. Summe advised that City funds cannot be used for a Church related activity. Ms. Zeis stated that if there was any way the City could help it would be appreciated. Mayor Weaver advised that we support the effort but cannot mix Church and tax dollars. Mr. Nienaber suggested maybe the Fire Department Corporation could help. Chief Schewe advised the corporation funds are low but he will pass along the idea.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 8/11/04 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 9/1/04 Special meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Feinauer voting in favor, Mr. Barker abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Nienaber to appoint Matt Barker to fill the unexpired term for Council through 12/31/04. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hatter voting in favor, Mr. Barker abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor's Proclamations - Mr. Brandon Schamer and Mr. Tommy Vollmar

Mayor Weaver advised that both of these young men have done considerable work throughout the City and in the Nature Center building timber shelter and stone serpentine wall. Scout Leader Tom Hampel was present and Mayor Weaver thanked him for directing them in the City's direction and that they have been a great asset to the City. Mayor Weaver read the Proclamations and presented one to each young man and thanked them for their service.

Park Master Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Bluegrass Swim Club  
The City was contacted by Bluegrass Swim Club to have Ms. Julie Hurst of West Crittenden Avenue and a Board Member, appointed to the Storer property's Park Master Plan Steering Committee. This property is adjacent to the swim club property. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, Mr. Nienaber abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Mr. Keith Logsdon addressed Council and passed out maps with changes to the Comprehensive Plan. The next step is a three part plan.

1. Approval of the draft by Council.
2. Have council authorize the submission of an application for a comprehensive plan amendment.
3. Authorize NKAPC to begin development of the zoning ordinance and zoning map amendments.

Discussion followed regarding a time table for this project. Mayor Weaver suggested that the committee review and give their input and recommendations. It was suggested that a meeting with the Steering Committee be set up and then a Public Hearing with any interested party attending. Mr. Klein will check on availability and set up these meetings.

#### Administrator Report

##### Lorup Sewer Project Update

Mr. Klein advised that since the last Council meeting they have met with several remaining property owners on Lorup Avenue and surrounding streets that are affected by this project. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann and City Attorney Pete Summe have been a part of these meetings and two additional easements have been signed and good progress has been made. Mr. Summe advised some of the property owners want compensation for these easements, either monetary or replacement items. This project and Barbara Circle will not begin until next spring.

##### NKU Grant Update – Excavation Schedule

Cultural Resources Analysts of Lexington performed testing on the Battery Hooper excavation site on August 28 and found various objects and outlines beneath the surface of Battery Hooper. There are two weekends in September scheduled for citizens, students and archaeology and history teachers to begin their work. School children from various schools will be on the site on September 30 hosted by Behringer-Crawford Museum.

#### Sick Time Usage Report

Report included in the packet regarding sick time usage by employees. Only 13% of sick time was used by employees for the year. This is very commendable for the employees and a very important statistic.

#### Annexation Information

Several meetings ago maps were distributed of unincorporated areas around the City. Enclosed in the Council packet is a reprint of annexation information from J.D. Chaney of the KLC explaining the annexation process. This is for Council's review and discussion. Mr. Feinauer suggested that maybe we could gather more information and discuss this at the next budget retreat.

#### Public Service Park Dedication

Just a reminder that the Sanitation District No. 1 Public Service Park will be dedicated on Saturday, September 11, 2004 at 10:00AM. Everyone should have received an invitation. The Governor is scheduled to attend and Fort Wright will have a presence at the ceremony. This is a great facility and an asset to the City.

#### Storm Water Issues

Information included in the Council packet on four different unrelated storm water issues that have been brought to the City's attention in the last few months. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann has looked at three of them at this time. This has been brought up to Council to see if they could give some direction how or if to proceed. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver stated that if we need to proceed with these problems we need to have the City Engineer involved.

#### Council Committee Reports

##### Legal Matters – Ms. Classic Car Wash

Motion filed to remove independent council.

##### Long Range Plan

Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Barker that Mr. Robke had served on the Long Range Plan committee, he suggested that he get with Mr. Klein to update him on the duties of this committee.

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the information for the tax bills has been received and we are working on this program to get the bills printed and sent out the beginning of October. Thanks to Mr. Hatter for a very user friendly program.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised his report is included in the Council packet. He also advised he had one more storm water issue that was not included on the list. He has been in contact with the homeowner and this problem is affecting their driveway apron. Dye testing was done and there is a problem with the storm line on West Crittenden Avenue, this is causing settlement in the resident's driveway. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Maloney to get pricing for video taping. Mr. Maloney advised he can get pricing from the Sanitation District who we have used in the past. West Crittenden Avenue could possibly be done in house, but Morris Road would probably have to be contracted out.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that crews from Fort Wright responded with Ludlow Fire Department on a structure fire in their City and an infant was rescued from the residence. Chief Schewe thanked the members of his department for the four hours that they spent at this fire. The Fire Department will be distributing flags throughout the City for 9-11 observance in yards and handed out at major intersections throughout the City. Two volunteer members have been accepted into the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland funded by the federal government. Tony Kettler and Darin Ditomasso are the two members that will be attending the last week of October. Mr. Klein advised he and Chief Schewe attended a meeting at Park Hills recently and they are very pleased with the agreement for coverage of ambulance services provided to their City.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that there was a major arrest at Ramada Inn with the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force. We were very pleased to have their assistance in arresting owner/operator Michael Todd Griffith with trafficking in over five pounds of marijuana. There have been charges filed for three burglaries and two thefts clearing these cases.


Mobile Data Computers have been installed in all cars except the Tahoe which needs a special mount. Wal-Mart opening September 15, extra staff will be working that day.

Mr. Klein advised that he was notified by Kenton County Fiscal Court that they plan on doing Phase III of Amsterdam Road from Redwood to Morris Road.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:   
Joyce Woods, City Clerk