

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
09/10/03

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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Jim Robke. Mr. Paul Hiltz arrived at 6:13PM. 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. Lou Wartman, a resident of 1572 St. Anthony addressed Council regarding the infrastructure in the City of Fort Wright. He advised he would like to see the issue of the streets and sidewalks brought back before the residents of Fort Wright since it failed by such a small margin in the previous election. Mr. Wartman stated that this will raise property values in Fort Wright and make our City a more attractive place to live. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Wartman that Council has discussed this issue many times since last November's election and between now and the next few months, early into next year we will look at a different program addressing certain needs and try to put this issue on the ballot in November, 2004.

Jimmy Murphy, an Eagle Scout from Troop 717, addressed Council and presented his project for approval in the City of Fort Wright. His project for the City would be to pass out pamphlets door to door explaining excess water drain off from yards to keep the environment nature friendly. Also a stencil to be applied to the sewer drains to make people aware of ecological damage of waste in the drains. All workers would be provided and at least one adult would be with every four scouts. There would be no cost to the City; Mr. Murphy would supply all materials. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that Mr. Murphy contact the Sanitation District for materials in this project and he advised that they have kits available for this type project. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Murphy and appreciated him choosing Fort Wright for this worthwhile project.

Bond Financing Inducement Resolution

Mayor Weaver advised this proposal is comparable to other buildings owned by Wessels Company in Fort Wright. Mr. Spoor, an attorney addressed Council and gave a brief summary of this Resolution that will lead to a bond issue. This Resolution must be passed by Fort Wright as a first step and then approved in Frankfort so that the Wessels Company can proceed with the bond issue.

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

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 08/27/03 Special Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 08/27/03 Property Tax Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Infrastructure Program

Mr. Klein updated Council and advised that he has asked City Engineer Mark Brueggemann to review and revise his comprehensive study of a couple of years ago with cost estimates from that study. Streets that do not now have sidewalks to take out the cost of adding sidewalks at this time and to replace sidewalks on streets that have existing sidewalks.

Condemnation of Landlocked Parcel

The money is in the bank for this property at Dixie Gardens including filing and legal fees.

Second Reading of Ordinance 15-03 Text Amendment To Delete The Existing Definition(s) Of "Family" And Add A New Definition Of "Family"

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 16-03 Establishing Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Materials Cleanup Reimbursement Rate Schedule

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

Resolution 12-03 - Continuity of Government

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that the wording of this Resolution was not his original proposal. He advised the wording was correct with additions of City Administrator, Police Chief and or Fire/EMS Chief.

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

Storer Property Acquisition Financing

Mr. Klein reported that three bids were received for financing the Storer property. These were received from The Bank of Kentucky, Fifth Third Bank and Koch Financial. Mr. Klein advised his recommendation would be to select the bid from the Bank of Kentucky which is closest to what Council wanted with their Option 1 with a fixed rate, three year note with a balloon payment at the end and the starting rate at 2.52%. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept Mr. Klein's recommendation. Roll call vote

taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Retention Lake and Dam Liability

Mr. Klein advised we do need to develop a policy as this will soon be the City's responsibility.

KY 17 CPUD Overlay

Mayor Weaver advised there was an Economic Development Committee meeting prior to the Council meeting and Mike Schwartz from NKAPC made a presentation of the pros and cons of the CPUD overlay zone. Mr. Wolnitzek reported that this was discussed at the last meeting and the original consensus of Council was to have a unified development in this area. After discussion Council did not have answers as to what this would do to the zone or potential as to what uses could be used in a new zone. After Mr. Schwartz presentation it was NKAPC opinion that it is better to have it than not.

Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hiltz to add the overlay to the CC and HOC zones, all the way from Burger King south and west on Orphanage Road all the way to the Decker property. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Nienaber voting in favor, Mr. Robke voting no, Motion passed.

Municipal Order 9-03 – Establishing Assistant City Clerk II Position

Mr. Klein advised the proposal is to establish a full-time Assistant City Clerk II position at a Level 8 which is one level below the Assistant City Clerk position. If this proposal is passed the two part-time Police Clerk positions will be eliminated. The purpose of this proposal would be to increase productivity and increase customer service and be available as support to all departments. This proposal would not increase the budget.

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

Municipal Order 10-03 – Position Classification System and Salary Schedule

This Municipal Order puts the job title of Assistant City Clerk II in a Level 8 classification and establishes a salary range. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 11-03 – City Organizational Chart

This Municipal Order adds this position in the Administration department. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

RFQ's for Madison Pike Study

Six RFQ's have been received by the City as a response from our request for a consultant to study KY 17 corridor and make land use recommendations. These have been

distributed to Council for review and will be pared down to three for interviews. Mayor Weaver suggested within the next week, to have Council rate their choices and determine the order for interviews. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that he thinks we should narrow the interviews down to only two.

Bill of Rights Essay Contest – December 15th

Mr. Klein would like to have an essay contest regarding Bill of Rights Day that is observed by the City on December 15th. We could discuss this with the area schools and get their input as to the age groups for participation in this contest and bring the winner to Council to read the winning essay. Mr. Klein will report more at the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation Board Event – Ice Cream Social

Mr. Klein advised this event sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Board was a great success with over 300 people attending with the minimal cost of approximately \$122.00.

FYE 2002/2003 Annual Audit

The annual audit is being done at this time by Rankin and Rankin. Mr. Klein suggested the finance committee meet with Ms. Klasener before the final report is presented to City Council.

Official Naming of Stream – Highland Pike

Mr. Klein advised there is a federal agency called the U.S. Board of Geographic Names as we inquire as to the procedure to follow to officially name the creek along Highland Pike. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested we should also look at a name for the lake which will be part of the creek.

Park Planning Meeting Date- - October 4, 2003

The date of Saturday morning, October 4th, has been set for the Storer property Park Planning Meeting. This meeting will be held to get input on ideas for this property. It was decided to meet at the Storer property at 8:30 and continue at the City Building after a tour of the property.

Tax Incentives

Included in the Council packet is a copy of an Ordinance from the City of Wilder regarding tax incentives to locate in their City. At the last meeting Mr. Wolnitzek requested information regarding potential tax incentives to attract businesses to Fort Wright. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested we look at and establish a program for any future inquiries into a short term tax incentive program request. Mayor Weaver instructed Mr. Klein to look at other models on a State level and keep this idea going.

Council Committee Reports

Legal Matters

Classic Car Wash lawsuit will be filed within the next thirty days

Department Reports

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the pads for the bus stop benches are being poured on Dixie Highway and Highland Pike.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported the monthly report was distributed before tonight's meeting. An arrest was made through CrimeStoppers regarding a number of felony cases pending in Fort Wright.

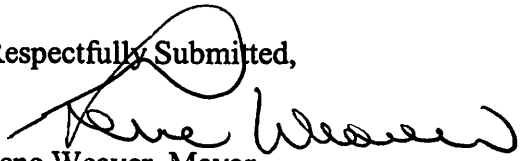
Mayor Weaver inquired if Council was interested in purchasing the State Highway property on Madison Pike. Discussion followed and it was decided that the City has no interest in this property at this time.

Mayor Weaver complimented Council member Dave Hatter on receiving two recognitions, one from the Cincinnati Better Bureau, a Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics and from the Business Courier as being one of the leaders in business for someone under 40 years of age.

Mr. Wolnitzek wanted to recognize the second anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. He suggested making it a yearly event to pass out flags so that we never forget this tragic day.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk