

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
10/04/06 – 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. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Adam Feinauer. 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 and Mr. Matt Barker were unavailable for this meeting.

There were no Citizen Comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 09/06/06 Property Tax Rate Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Mr. 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 09/06/06 Regular Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 6-06 – Appointment to Kenton County Planning Commission
This item will be tabled until further notice.

Municipal Order 7-06 – Appointment to Board of Ethics – San Juan Romero
Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 8-06 – Appointment to Board of Adjustments – Gene Weber
Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 9-06 – Appointment to Board of Adjustments – Carl Stamm
Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 6-06 – Appointment to Telecommunications Board – Tom Litzler
Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 13-06 – Disposition of Surplus Property

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

Storm Water Funding

Application received for this project. Mr. Klein advised he has two applications for reimbursement, up to 50% from the Sanitation District for some of the storm water improvements made for the Kennedy and Lake Street projects and the Marcella and St. Anthony Drive project. The total for reimbursement is about \$54,000.00. The Sanitation District will go ahead and release some of the storm water funds that they have been escrowing out to certain projects in the cities. With Council approval we will submit the application for funding. If the Wessel's lawsuit would prevail on appeal, the City would have to pay the amount back to the District.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to authorize the application for funds as presented. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

KY 17 Intersection Improvement Study – DLZ Kentucky, Inc.

This is the \$50,000.00 highway funded study by DLZ Kentucky, Inc. to look at the feasibility of modern roundabouts as alternative traffic controls in the KY 17 corridor. This is a very detailed and technical study. There is a meeting scheduled for October 18, 2006 at NKAPC, which the highway department and members of NKAPC and DLZ will explain this study to interested parties. The study found that it was not feasible at this time, due to costs, right-of-way acquisitions for modern roundabouts. This study answered our questions for KY 17. Discussion followed.

Property Maintenance Code Report

An updated report was passed out before tonight's meeting. After driving through the City today and confirming many more violations. At least once a month violations will be inspected and letters sent out to homeowners. These will be checked and follow-ups done.

Passport Acceptance Program

We have officially started this program October 1st and have had a very good response. We have advertised this in the newsletter and sent out a Press Release, so citizens know this service is now available at Fort Wright. Mayor Weaver suggested sending a letter to all travel agencies in the area.

9/11 Commemoration

Another great turnout this year from residents and other volunteers for help in distributing the flags to every home in the City. This is a great way to commemorate this important day.

Storm Water Project Funding

An item was received today in the mail regarding the way the interlocal agreement works. The city entered into this agreement with SD1 back in 2003 and that we would comply with the regulations. Within a five year period the District is to take over the maintenance of storm water assets of the Cities.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer just wanted to follow-up and thank everyone for helping out for the 9/11 Commemoration. The Fall Harvest Festival and Chili Cook off is scheduled for October 14th at the Storer Property. Watch for children on Halloween if you are driving in the City.

Legal Matters

Ms. Classic Car Wash

Waiting for appeal.

Wessels LLC vs. SD1 and City of Fort Wright, et al
Coming up for a hearing through the Court of Appeals.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we would be mailing out tax bills next week. The bills will look the same as last year.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council on the Sanitation District project at the end of East Henry Clay Avenue. This project will be from East Henry Clay Avenue to the entrance to Bluegrass Swim Club and expected to be completed by Thanksgiving. There will be a guide wire across the Storer Property temporarily.

St. Anthony and Marcella Drive Street Program has been started and the water main is installed and completed. The City has acquired a small piece of extra right-of-way at the end of Marcella Drive. Discussion followed regarding restoration on Barbara Circle.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that one of our full-time employees, Steve Bramlage is leaving to take a job with Covington Fire Department. Steve was a valued employee and we wish him well. Also one of our volunteers, Dane Roberts was also hired.

Thanks to Jackson Homes for allowing us to train on a home on KY 17. We had the Kenton County ambulance in the City for awhile, as both of our vehicles were having some maintenance problems. They are repaired and back in use.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the department was awarded another Highway Safety Grant for the year, in the amount of \$16,000.00. The monthly reports that we distribute for calls dispatched and other calls are not as detailed as what we use to have. Chief Kreinest advised we are trying to get this straightened out.

Mr. Nienaber thanked Chief Kreinest and Chief Schewe for the assistance they gave to St. Agnes for their fundraiser, The Booster Boogie. Streets were blocked off and medical personnel were available.

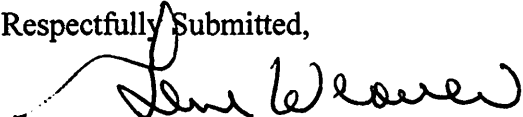
Mr. Klein reported that there was a class from NKU that visited the Storer Property and identified about 26 different species of trees. We hope to make tags to identify these trees.

Update on Countywide Enforcement Board

Mr. Frank Henn was appointed to this Board and it has never convened. There was a suggestion at the last Mayor's meeting that maybe each City should have a representative and form a joint Board and move forward. Mr. Summe advised he would look into this and report back.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, 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