

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
10/08/03

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. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. and Mr. Jim Robke. Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:10PM. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Sergeant Dean Russell, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek was unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. Merrick Krey, Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator addressed Council and introduced himself and advised if there were any questions or concerns regarding property assessments or anything pertaining to his office feel free to call on him at any time.

Mary Lou Hansen, 120 Kennedy Road, addressed Council regarding placing a traffic light on Kyles Lane for safety in crossing this busy area. Mayor Weaver advised that the City has been working with the Highway Department and we have no exact date on when any improvements will be done. Cost is a major factor in these improvements. Mr. Klein advised a traffic light has been approved by the Highway Department for the Henry Clay Avenue intersection and this process is in the works for the future.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 09/10/03 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Infrastructure Improvement Program

Mr. Klein advised City Engineer Mark Brueggemann is still working on cost components concerning the sidewalk and street study that was done a few years ago. There will be more information at the November meeting.

Fort Mitchell/Fort Wright Fire Service Cooperation

Mr. Klein advised included in tonight's packet is a memo from Fire/EMS Chief Schewe regarding the plan to improve fire service between Fort Mitchell and Fort Wright. Chief Schewe advised that several months ago himself and Chief Dietz and his Assistant Chief met and discussed the possibility of the City of Fort Mitchell sending equipment to structure fires in our City when necessary. In return the City of Fort Wright would send equipment to their city in the event of a large structure fire. This would be very important to both cities to have this backup plan in place. Mayor Weaver stated that this plan would benefit both communities and their citizens.

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

Administrator Report

Halloween Hours October 31st 6:00-8:00PM

Storer Property Acquisition

The loan has been completed, waiting on the closing date for transferring the property.

Kentucky Division of Water Notice of Violation Update

Included in the Council packet is a copy of the outline from the meeting of September 15, 2003 with residents and owners from the Werner Drive, Olivia Lane, Kentucky Drive, Lorup Avenue and Barbara Circle neighborhoods regarding the sanitary and storm sewer project in this area. This first phase should begin in about 30 days, which affects about twelve homes in the Lorup Avenue area. Easements are required on a few properties. Both meetings with the residents went well and we hope that this plan is as good as it could be.

Parks and Recreation Policies

At our last meeting we discussed creating a policy for the new dam and lake under construction and near completion. In attempting to write a policy for the lake and dam, Mr. Klein advised what we needed was an overall parks and recreation policy for all facilities. A rough draft is included in tonight's packet for review and recommendation. A copy was forwarded to KMRMA for review and comments.

RFQ's for Madison Pike Study

Memo from Mr. Klein advising that a recommendation from City staff that two companies be interviewed for the purposes of the study of Madison Pike Corridor for land use and economic redevelopment. The recommendation is for Wilbur Smith Associates and Vivian Llambi and Associates, Inc. The suggested date of November 17, 2003, starting at 5:30PM in Council Chambers for the interviews.

Bill of Rights Essay Contest

Mr. Klein advised he had a meeting with local school officials to outline our Bill of Rights Essay Contest. Rules of the contest will be mailed out to area schools to make their students aware of this contest and see if there is an interest in participating. Mr. Klein asked Council for input on prizes for this contest and suggested a cash prize of \$100.00 to \$150.00. One representative from each school will participate in judging and they will review the essays without names and score accordingly.

Parks and Recreation Board Event

Another event has been scheduled for October 19, 2003 from 2:00-5:00PM at the City building. This event will focus on Halloween safety and all are encouraged to attend.

Official Naming of Stream – Highland Pike

A response and application was received from US Board on Geographic Names with procedure to follow on officially naming a US stream. Input from Council would be welcome on this procedure. Mayor Weaver suggested we not spend a lot of money and time on this project.

Storer Property Park Planning

Mr. Klein advised the meeting on October 4, 2003, including City Council, Parks and Recreation Board and the Vision Committee was very successful with a lot of good ideas and suggestions. We hope to compile these ideas and propose a master plan for this site. With a master plan in place, staff can begin to implement certain phases, apply for grants and begin some of the work. Mr. Klein suggested that we try to negotiate a proposal with Human Nature Inc. and CDS Associates to team together to create a master plan for the property and bring the proposal back to Council for consideration. Mayor Weaver advised these companies have worked together before to create some really nice projects.

Economic Development Incentives

Originally Council discussed having some type of Economic Development incentives in place to attract businesses and new jobs to the City. Mr. Klein advised there are a lot of variables to consider in giving tax incentives to companies. Mayor Weaver suggested that we have the Economic Development Committee look into potential options and include the Business Association for their input in this program.

Building Permit Fees

In the Council packet is a spreadsheet showing the different building and zoning permit fees for Cities in Kenton County. With regards to certain size projects in the City over 10,000 square feet and some that are commercial or industrial, they are required to obtain a state permit and pay a state permit fee. Currently our City ordinances make no distinction between those types of building permits and fees and our own City building permits and fees. In some situations we may be assessing a fee for a project that we have not done a permit or inspection for, and the developer is paying City and state fees. Mr. Maloney advised NKAPC is still charging the City to do their review. Discussion followed.

It is the consensus of Council to continue the program as it is now.

Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer advised he would review the programs of the Parks and Recreation Board and concentrate more on programs for Memorial Day, Bill of Rights Day etc. and more community projects.

Finance

The committee will meet when the audit has been completed and presented to the City for review.

Legal Matters

Mr. Summe advised regarding the Wal-Mart case, the lawsuit that was filed directly against the City by the property owners was dismissed by Circuit Court. The appeal that was filed when the property owners tried to intervene in the B&Z Development lawsuit was dismissed also. Assuming there is no appeal this will resolve all legal action in this case. The suit was filed in the civil action on Ms. Classic Car Wash asking for a permanent injunction and civil damages.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported 55/Alive Driving Program was a success with 25 or 30 people attending this two day program. Mr. Lou Noll, retired City Administrator from Edgewood taught the class and was very well received. Chief Schewe advised he already has a list with about 35 names for an additional class in January. The Fire Department is once again having hot dogs and soft drinks on Halloween evening from 7:00-9:00PM at the Fire Department.

Police Sergeant Dean Russell reported Chief Kreinest is in school this week and that the Police Department has been very busy with some major cases and will hopefully have some arrests in the next few weeks. All officers are doing a good job.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the bus stop benches have been placed. Mayor Weaver noted and thanked the Fort Wright Dirty Hands Garden Club for their contribution of \$1046.04 for the purchase of the two benches placed along Highland Avenue.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported the 2003 tax bills have been mailed out and a few payments already received. Everything went well in printing and mailing. An article will be in the next issue of the Top of The Hill News that if home owners did not receive a bill or do not have an escrow to please call the City offices and we will check on the status of their bill.

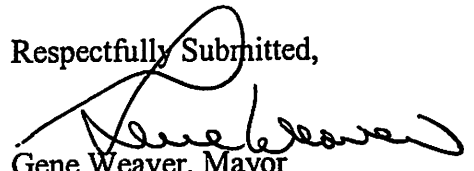
Motion by Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810(b)&(c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Feinauer to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

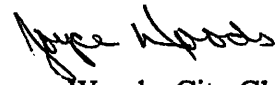
Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to authorize City Attorney, Pete Summe to sign Agreed Judgment on behalf of the City in B.V. Griffith Inc. vs. City of Fort Wright et al. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk