

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
10/13/04 – 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. Paul Hiltz and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. 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. Matt Barker arrived at 6:03PM and Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. arrived at 6:25PM.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Rose Merritt from Deters and Daughters Liquors on Madison Pike addressed Council regarding changing the current Ordinance times of Sunday package liquor sales in Fort Wright from 1:00PM to 11:00AM. Ms. Merritt advised that End of Line Liquors at 1842 Ashwood Circle also requested this change and most of the surrounding City's have changed their Ordinances or are considering this change.

Mr. Klein advised that Ms. Deters and Mr. Broering did submit letters on this subject and copies are included in the Council packets. This is within the power of Council to change this Ordinance. Mayor Weaver advised that Council has had no discussion concerning this matter. Mr. Hiltz suggested that we have this put on the agenda for the November 10, 2004 meeting and discuss this proposal. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested we survey the surrounding cities to see what they have proposed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 09/08/04 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

KY 17/Old KY 17 Land Use Study Final Draft

Mayor Weaver advised that Keith Logsdon from NKAPC and City Engineer Mark Brueggemann was present at the meeting to discuss this matter. A special meeting will be held on October 27, 2004 with the Steering Committee in attendance to discuss this matter in more detail. Mr. Logsdon advised this is a very exciting project and it is very vital to the future of Fort Wright. Comments from property owners that attended the last meeting were read to Council. Mr. Logsdon passed out an addendum to the draft and showed a video presentation of traffic roundabouts in operation in other states.

Mr. Joe Michels of Paul Michels and Sons of 3636 Madison Pike expressed concern regarding access at Sperti Drive. Mayor Weaver advised that regarding a traffic light, this would be Transportation Department decision. Mark Brueggemann advised that the proposal is to make sure there is adequate access to each property and share access points

and reduce driveways. Discussion followed. This subject will be discussed further at the special meeting on October 27, which will probably be held at the Sanitation District on Eaton Drive for more seating capacity.

#### Refinancing of Storer Property Debt

Mr. Klein supplied everyone with the bids received for refinancing of the Storer Property. As outlined there were a total of five proposals.

1. LaSalle Bank
2. The Bank of Kentucky, Inc.
3. PNC Bank
4. Fifth Third Bank of Northern Kentucky
5. US Bank
6. First Security Bank - Declined to offer Proposal

The City wants to refinance \$762,000.00 in debt and lock in at a long term favorable rate. Mr. Klein recommended staying with The Bank of Kentucky, Inc. with a 20 year term, year 1 and 2 at 2.52%. After year 1 and 2, the rate would adjust annually at the 6-month LIBOR rate plus 93 basis points which, as of 9/15/04, would equate to 2.99% plus \$3500.00 in legal fees.

Another good proposal was received from PNC Bank offering a 15 year fixed rate at 3.49% with legal fees not to exceed \$1000.00.

Mr. Barker suggested that for the long-term he believes the proposal from PNC Bank is the best. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised we will get the rest of the information needed and discuss this at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Video Presentation - Battery Hooper

Sergeant Russell showed a video presentation of the recent archaeological excavation and Civil War display at Battery Hooper on September 18-19 and 25-26, and also the School Day which took place on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Sergeant Russell for all his hard work on the pictures and video.

#### Resolution 11/04 – Advanced Life Support Service

A Resolution urging Kenton County Fiscal Court to assume a leadership role in insuring that a quality advanced life support service is provided to all residents of Kenton County. Motion by Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Klein advised on 6/30/05 when the contract with Transcare expires we will still have Paramedic service in Fort Wright. Discussion followed regarding the options available for continuing service.

#### Resolution 12-04 – Preserve America Application

This is a program by the White House, promoted by First Lady Laura Bush and provides a status to communities across the country to preserve and promote its past and its heritage. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein advised the video presentation on Battery Hooper is a good example of material that can be used to apply for grants to develop the Storer property.

#### First Reading of Ordinance 10-04 – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary.

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

This Ordinance would delete Hotels and Motels from the list of permitted uses in the City's CC zone. This would also change banks to Banks and Savings and Loans and Credit Unions as permitted uses in a CC zone.

#### Administrator Report

##### Halloween Hours

Halloween hours are on October 31 from 6-8PM. The Fire Department will have snacks from 7-9PM at the firehouse. Extra police patrols will be throughout the City.

##### Building and Zoning "One Stop Shop" Program

Under the "One Stop Shop" program there are 4 levels of service which cities in Kenton County may elect from NKAPC to provide building inspections and zoning services.

Mr. Klein explained the levels of service and what is included in each level. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested that a representative from NKAPC attend a future Council meeting and explain the concept of this program.

##### Lorup Sewer Project Update

Seven or eight easements are still needed on this project. Four or five of these easements will be appraised for the value of these easements and property owners will be contacted. The water main from Kentucky Drive to Kyles Lane has been replaced. There has been a lot of activity recently and hopefully restoration will be started shortly.

##### Battery Hooper NKU Grant Update

A lot of activity has been going on at the Storer property in August and September. The grant from NKU paid for the test to be done to produce a map as to where to start digging. There were two back to back weekends with students, residents and others interested in this dig. The Civil War re-enactment added to the program. Thanks to City staff for all the help getting everything ready and organizing this event. Also thanks to Community of Faith Church for their generous contribution of allowing parking in their lot. Thanks to all who contributed to this program.

##### Dixie Highway Corridor Study Update

This is a study on how to improve traffic flow from Pike street in Covington to Turfway Road in Florence. This is funded by Kenton County and OKI and they are looking at congestion and accidents in this area. Traffic signal and numerous curb cuts are part of the problem and causing back-ups and accidents. Mr. Klein advised he is hoping Fort Wright will get some assistance from this project.

#### Public Service Park Dedication at Sanitation District #1

Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> City employees and volunteers attended the dedication of Public Service Park at Sanitation District #1. It is a great facility and we are proud to have this park in the City of Fort Wright.

Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek for his contribution which allowed the City to purchase flags for every residence in Fort Wright. These flags were placed by volunteers and employees on the evening of September 10<sup>th</sup>, so they would be in place for the remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile program.

#### Wal-Mart Contributions to City of Fort Wright

On the opening day of Wal-Mart store managers made contributions to the City and organizations throughout the City. They were very generous and so far everything is going well with traffic flowing smoothly.

#### Workers's Compensation Insurance fund

A refund of \$7051.00 was received from KMRMA, our worker's compensation carrier after exploring the reason why our premiums were so expensive. After many phone calls and letters explaining the job descriptions of our Public Works employees we did receive a refund and a reduction of our premium. The job classification has been amended for future billings.

#### South Hills Civic Club Field Expansion

One of the City's six Long Range Plan projects for 2004/2005 is the possible expansion of the soccer field at the South Hills Civic Club. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann put together a preliminary drawing of what an enlarged soccer field would be like. This would enhance the use of the civic club which is used very frequently. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that he would like to maximize the field as much as possible. Council agreed to move forward with this project.

#### Council Committee Reports

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

Mr. Summe advised they are still waiting for a decision.

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported the 2004 tax bills have been sent out and quite a few have already been paid. One of the delinquent tax bills from last year was paid. City offices will be open on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 8AM-Noon for payment of tax bills. There is also a mail slot in the front door that can be used for payment of bills.

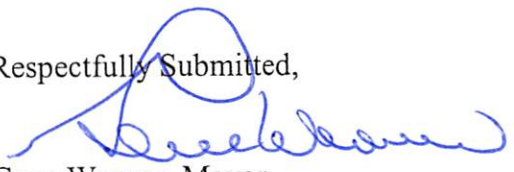
Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that his department has been marking the T type intersections throughout the City. This will eliminate some parking, but the school buses and trash and recycle trucks were having some problems making turns. Identification marks were also done at the beginning and end of each cul-de-sac.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe updated Council on the generator application that was submitted and an E-mail was received soliciting more information. Thanks to Sergeant Russell for organizing the Fire Department mass and Park Hills and Fort Mitchell Fire Department were also invited. It was a very nice evening.


Sergeant Russell reported Chief Kreinest was in school this week. He updated Council on the shoplifter robbery that occurred at Wal-Mart last week. Detective Knight advised Sergeant Russell that the suspect was arrested an hour ago in Georgia for shoplifting in a Wal-Mart. Detective Knight has been working on this case and has done an outstanding job. From 9/15/04 -10/11/04, 51 calls have been generated at Wal-Mart; most of these have been parking citations. Sergeant Russell conducted a Child Safety ID program on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11-3PM and had 175 children participate. Car seat checks were also done in the parking area. Officer Martin is starting the D.A.R.E. Program at St. Agnes School, he also had a group of Cub Scouts in the building and helped them earn their fingerprint badge.

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