

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
11/01/06- 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, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Paul Hiltz and Mr. Matt Barker. 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.

There were no Citizen Comments

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 10/04/06 Regular Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Feinauer voting in favor, Barker and Hiltz abstained. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised that he wanted to recognize Council Members Paul Hiltz and Matt Barker for their years of service to the City. They are leaving Council the first of the year and will be missed very much. Mayor Weaver presented them with a remembrance from the City for their time spent on Council. Mr. Hiltz was also given a Fort Wright General plaque for the long years he contributed to the City. Council Members and employees all wished them well and will miss both of them.

South Hills Civic Club Renovation

Mr. Gene Weber, of Hub and Weber Architects, addressed Council regarding the renovations planned for the South Hills Civic Club. He passed out copies to Council of the new look for this building and explained the changes that will be made, including a protected entryway and new roof element. The drawing package will go out for bid and hopefully work will be started early next year. Discussion followed. Council agreed to continue the process and move ahead.

Resolution 14-06 – Disposition of Surplus Property

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. The property to be declared surplus is:

- 1) One Sony Television
- 2) One Dell Computer Hard Drive
- 3) One Dell Computer Hard Drive
- 4) One Small Utility Trailer

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

Executive Order 6-06 – Appointment of Police Specialist

Mr. Summe read this Order. This will appoint Roy Dean Russell to temporary Full-Time Police Specialist, not to exceed one year. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber and Feinauer voting in favor, Mr. Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 7-06 – Appointment of Part-Time EMT.

Mr. Summe read this Order. This will appoint Eileen Malone as a part-time EMT for the City. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker, Nienaber and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 8-06 – Appointment to Museum Board – Clements

Mr. Summe read this Order. This will re-appoint Robert Clements to the Museum Board from January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2009. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker, Nienaber and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 9-06 – Appointment to Museum Board – DeSalvo

Mr. Summe read this Order. This will re-appoint Mary DeSalvo to the Museum Board from January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2009. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker, Nienaber and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 10-06 – Appointment to Vision Committee – McHale

Mr. Summe read this Order. This will appoint Chuck McHale to the Vision Committee. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker, Hatter and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 11-06 – Appointment to Vision Committee – Witt

Mr. Summe read this Order. This will appoint Margie Witt to the Vision Committee. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker, Hatter and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Feinauer has agreed to be the liaison between Council and the Vision Committee and attend meetings when possible.

Municipal Order 10-06 – Appointment to Kenton County Planning Commission

Mr. Summe read this Order. This will appoint Kent Marcum as City's representative to Kenton County Planning Commission. He will fulfill the appointment of Rick Wolnitzek who had to step down due to time and business restraints. This will be effective from November 9, 2006 through December 31, 2009. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

SAFER Grant for Fire/EMS Department

Chief Schewe advised that he had applied for a SAFER Grant, which stands for staffing for adequate fire and emergency responders. We received notice about a month ago that

there were several questions that they need to ask before the application is taken to the next step. Basically they ask if you are able to meet the matching part of the Grant. They would like to know if your governing body approves of applying for this Grant. Chief Schewe would like to ask for direction of this application, if the Council would like to move forward for approval. This would add a fifth full-time person for round the clock coverage. After year five the City would be responsible for the total amount. The total amount of this Grant would be \$103,500.00. Discussion followed. Mr. Summe advised that there should be a Resolution of support for the committee to advance to the next step. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to show support and move ahead to the next step for the SAFER Grant. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Hatter, Barker and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Administrator Report

##### DLZ Kentucky, Inc. Intersection Improvement Study of KY 17

Two meetings were held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, one in the afternoon and evening at NKAPC with the Highway Department representatives and DLZ. Mayor Weaver advised this was a very informative meeting and information is included in the Council packet. Discussion followed.

##### Resolution of December 2000 Notice of Violation – Unnamed Tributary of Banklick Creek

The City received the official letter of compliance from SD1 that everything has been cleaned up. We will send a letter to the Kentucky Division of Water that the City has complied with the violation notice.

##### 2006 Annual Storm Water Report

A copy of the report is included in the Council packet. The City hopes to be out of the storm water business soon.

##### \$16,000.00 Highway Safety Grant

We did receive this grant and it will help in speed control, seatbelt enforcements on State roads in the City. Mr. Hatter advised that he does not like to see Fort Wright Police patrolling on the Interstates at all. They are needed on city streets.

##### U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility

Processing passports daily. Working out very well.

##### Report on City Board Compensation

At the last meeting Council requested information on what City Boards we have and what the compensation is for them. A quick survey was done in Kenton County and is included in the packet. This will give you an idea what other cities are paying their Boards.

##### KYTC Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan Comment Period

Right now we are in the comment period of this Plan and would like to know if Council would like the City to submit any input. There are a few projects that the will affect the

City. The Dixie Fix Project which the City has two of the top five projects. There is a proposal to add two lanes south and two lanes north on I-75 as part of the Brent Spence Bridge replacement project. Discussion followed. If there are any comments that we have, we can have the Mayor send a letter by November 14, 2006.

#### Civil War Museum Update

A Civil War Christmas Event will be held at the Museum again this year. Thanks to Dr. Ramage for donating his honorarium in the amount of \$250.00 that he received for a speaking engagement to the Museum. The Museum Board extended an invitation to the City for next year to hold our Memorial Day Commemoration at the Storer Property. Mayor Weaver advised we may want to consider this as it is a safety issue in front of the City building. No one objected to having the Memorial Day service at Battery Hooper in 2007.

#### Kenton County/Covington Dispatch Merger

Police and Fire Chiefs met a couple of times regarding the proposed merger of Covington and Kenton County Dispatch. Currently our residents pay \$1.50 monthly on their phone bills per land line for dispatch. Cell phones are taxed by the State. Discussion followed. Under a merged dispatch system, our residents 911 fees are likely to double or triple.

#### Swearing-In of New City Council at December 6, 2006 Council Meeting by Kenton County Circuit Court Judge Patricia M. Summe

Judge Summe will be present at the next meeting to swear-in the new Council. Letters will be sent to all inviting them to let family and friends know if they would like to be present.

#### Council Committee Reports

##### Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reported that there were no problems on Halloween. November 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day, please exercise your right to vote.

##### Legal Matters

Ms. Classic Car Wash – Briefs have been filed.

Wessels LLC vs. SD1 and City of Fort Wright, et al – This is in Frankfort.

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported tax bills are going well. There is an article in the Top of the Hill News regarding the tax bills, if one was not received to call the City Building if there was not an escrow account.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council and advised that the restoration issues in Barbara and Lorup neighborhoods that were outstanding are all corrected and completed. Small storm sewer job on Amsterdam Road and getting all snow removal

equipment ready for the cold weather. Working on asphalt repairs until the plants close the first part of December.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe advised of the large burn going on at the Fidelity Road site. 80% of the burn is in Covington and 20% in Fort Wright. Halloween at the Fire Department went well, attendance was down a little. Fire and EMS calls are up about 10% from last year at this time. Sergeant Russell put together a program at Wal-Mart which was well attended.

Chief Kreinest reported that Officer Kreutzjans is off duty with a shoulder injury assisting with an arrest in Park Hills. No problems on Halloween. There was a pursuit into Cincinnati after a theft at Wal-Mart. Theft from Marathon in which an arrest was made today. Monthly report distributed.

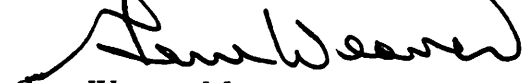
Mr. Barker thanked everyone for their well wishes and his five years in Fort Wright.

Mr. Klein acknowledged and thanked Wal-Mart for their generosity in discounting a large screen TV for the Fire Department rec room.

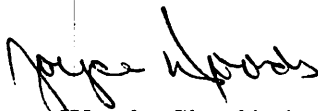
Mr. Hiltz thanked everyone for the recognition of his services.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk