

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
11/10/04 – 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. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. 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. Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek were unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Chris Schaffer of 5 Park Road addressed Council regarding the business Critical Mass Media, located at 1671 Park Road. Mr. Schaffer advised that employees are parking on Park Road and blocking driveways. Mr. Schaffer stated there have been fights between young employees and shoplifting at the businesses in the area has picked up. He advised that neighbors would like to address these problems before it gets worse. Mayor Weaver advised we would talk to the owners of the building, Mr. Berling and Mr. Zimmerman and advise them that they need to provide adequate parking for the employees of the business. We will also check with the tenant and have the Police Department check this problem regularly.

Mr. Don Buecker of 44 Park Road addressed Council regarding the same issue of parking from the same business, Critical Mass Media. He advised they are parking from the top of Park Road to the bottom and also on Morris Road. He also addressed Council regarding Riedinger Plumbing located at 50 Park Road. He is concerned about all the equipment and pipes stored outside the business; he thinks this is a safety concern in a residential area. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Maloney and the Police Department could look at this issue and check with City Attorney Pete Summe. Mr. Klein stated that if this is a zoning issue something can be done. Mr. Maloney advised he spoke with the owner of the business, Mr. Kathman, and he stated that land has been purchased for a new site for the business.

Renee Cooper of 28 Park Road addressed Council and advised she has experienced problems from both businesses. She noted the FDR trucks are exceeding the speed limit on the residential streets and employees of the Critical Mass Media business have been using the park in the area to smoke and the children are exposed. Mayor Weaver advised Chief Kreinest to monitor this area.

Also in attendance regarding this matter was Jenny Roose of 36 Park Road and residents of 34 Park Road.

Presentation to Mr. George H. Kreutzjans

Mayor Weaver presented a proclamation and plaque to Mr. Greg Kreutzjans, son of Mr. George Kreutzjans, proclaiming November 11, 2004, as George H. Kreutzjans day in Fort Wright.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 10/13/04 Regular Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 10/27/04 Special Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Executive Order 4-04 – Appointment to TBNK

Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to appoint Mr. Tom Litzler to act as City Representative to the Telecommunications Board for a period of two years, beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2006. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Memorandum of Agreement for Mobile Data Terminals

This item will be tabled until the December 8, 2004 Council Meeting.

Mayor Weaver stated that Mr. Feinauer has asked that the liquor sales and times be separated into two separate items for discussion. Mayor Weaver stated that he thinks Council should table this issue until all Council members are present for discussion. Ms. Rose Deters spoke and asked Council to consider having first reading of the Ordinance tonight so this might be passed by the holidays. Discussion by Council followed and a decision was made to move forward with the first reading. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance 11-04 in summary. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Nienaber to come back with the understanding that Ordinance 11-04 will be separated into two separate Ordinances at a later date with changes to both and more clearly defined. Motion seconded by Mr. Barker. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Building and Zoning “One Stop Shop” Program

This item will be tabled due to Mr. Gordon being unable to attend this meeting. This will be re-scheduled for a future meeting.

#### Employee Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Klein advised that the renewal date for the employee health insurance is December 1, 2004. Mr. Mike Williams, from Sherrill Morgan Agency is in attendance at tonight's meeting to answer any questions or explain any part of the renewal policy. A 20% increase is proposed in the premium for this year. Mr. Klein advised he projected a 20% increase in the budget not knowing what the increase would be. The short-term disability plan was eliminated as an employee benefit saving the City \$5000.00 a year. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to renew Option 3 which is the

Anthem Preferred Primary Plan. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Administrator Report

##### Lorup Sewer Project Update

Several easements still needed for this projects completion.

##### Battery Hooper Update

Mr. Klein advised he met with Dr. Ramage and the Behringer-Crawford Museum people and asked them to develop a proposal to give to the City for the cost to complete the excavation and bring this back to Council to get approval to get sponsors or contributors to complete the excavation. This would include more citizen and school participation. Mr. Klein stated he hopes to have this ready for the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

##### Bill of Rights Day December 15<sup>th</sup> Essay Contest

Every year the City recognizes December 15<sup>th</sup> in commemoration of ratification of the Bill of Rights. Notices have been sent out for the essay contest which was started last year. All area high schools that serve Fort Wright citizens have been invited to participate in this contest. Hopefully at the December meeting we will announce the winners and have them read their essays and be recognized.

##### Snow Removal on County Roads

Kenton County Fiscal Court stated that County roads inside of incorporated areas would not be maintained by Kenton County. We have been discussing how to address this need for the upcoming winter. No notice has been received by the County and we are trying to determine which roads are inside the City limits which will now be our responsibility. We will request a letter from the County regarding information which streets are the City's responsibility. A suggestion was made by Mr. Nienaber, to enter into the record at a Fiscal Court meeting a letter requesting information regarding this matter.

##### Highway Safety Grant

The Police Department applied for a Grant for overtime for traffic enforcement and equipment. We have been notified that we have received a Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$11,250. We will keep Council advised as to the progress of this Grant.

##### HB 413 Law Enforcement Fees

The General Assembly revamped the Base Court Revenue System. We were getting the same amount each year for tickets written by our Police. Since this has been revised we will get approximately \$15,000.00 yearly. Since we did not know last year what the revenue would be we only budgeted for \$5000.00.

##### Nature Center Lake Stocked – Temporary Fishing Ban Requested

We recently received the fish for the lake and we put several hundred bass, blue gill and channel catfish into the lake. We were instructed by the State that we not permit anyone to fish the lake for up to eighteen months to allow the fish to multiply. We need to

request a temporary fishing ban since we did pass an Ordinance to allow fishing in this lake. There are signs posted.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to post a fishing ban on the lake until May 1, 2006. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed.

Motion passed.

#### City Facilities Security

Included in the packet is an estimate of a building security system. We have discussed for some time trying to improve building security with some type of swipe card recording times, dates etc. with people entering the building. The cost of this system is about \$10,000.00 and this estimate is for informational purposes only. We would like, with Council's approval to seek some type of Federal Grant from the Homeland Security Act. This would allow us to control access to any City facility with a phone line. The Police Department recently purchased camera equipment from a business in the City that went out of business for a very modest fee. We are trying to determine the best use for this equipment. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hiltz to authorize City Staff to move forward to research funding for security systems. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed

#### Council Committee Reports

##### Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reminded everyone that November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and remember or thank a Veteran on that day.

##### Legal Matter - Ms. Classic Car Wash

Mr. Summe advised no new developments in this issue.

##### Long Range Plan

Mr. Barker advised he is going through paperwork from Mr. Robke and hopefully will have something to report at a future meeting.

#### Department Reports

##### City Clerk

Joyce Woods reported tax bills have slowed, but will pick up after Thanksgiving.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the Lorup Avenue project is progressing. The section between Kyles Lane and Kentucky Drive has new concrete poured and there will be base asphalt in all trench areas before the weather turns bad.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the Halloween event on October 31 went well; over 200 hot dogs were given out along with candy and soft drinks. Thanks to Wal-Mart for their donation for this event. Welcome to Craig Pritchett and Willie Overman to the Volunteer part of the Fire Department. We also have a new part-time employee, Josh

Gilbert who also works part-time for Erlanger Fire Department. He replaces Tanya Brotherton who resigned to further her career with her current department.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest thanked Thriftway for the camera equipment that was purchased for a very nominal fee. The entire Police Department has been very instrumental in securing Grants for equipment. Two police cars have been taken out of service due to frames on each one rusted through and have been declared unsafe. One of these cars is scheduled for replacement and if possible amending the budget to replace the second one this year and none would be needed next year. This is a problem with Ford Motor Company and Sgt. Russell is currently talking to them regarding this problem. Mayor Weaver advised Chief Kreinest to bring back information on replacement schedule to the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to adjourn to executive session per KRS. 61.810(b&c). Roll call vote taken Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.


Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hiltz to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business as a result of this session.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Barker to recess legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk