

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
11/12/03

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., Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Jim Robke. 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 was unavailable for this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 10/08/03 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Employee Health Insurance**

Mr. Hiltz advised that there was a Personnel Committee meeting before the Council meeting tonight and the renewal for the employee health insurance was discussed. Mr. Klein advised we have had new quotes on health insurance coverage since circumstances have changed for some employees. The quotes received were from CHA, United Health Care and Anthem. The plan recommended was the Anthem Preferred Primary Option 3 with an annual savings to the City of \$30,303.60. This plan has a lower co-pay and increases the prescription drug card benefit. Mr. Klein also advised that the item to be discussed is a possible personnel policy amendment. This would offer an incentive to employees who would decline the City's health insurance plan and go on to a spouse's plan by offering a direct payment of 25% of the monthly cost that the employee is eligible for, paid monthly at the end of each month of continued employment.

Representatives from Sherrill Morgan Agency were present at the meeting to answer any questions of Council. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hiltz to accept Anthem Preferred Primary Option 3 plan as presented and Municipal Order 13-03 Personnel Policy Amendment. Motion seconded by Mr. Feinauer. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Robke and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Wolnitzek commended Mr. Klein and Sherrill Morgan Agency for their work getting the best rates. He also noted that previously monies were withheld from the raise pool to pay for the increasing cost of the health insurance. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that he thought this money should be returned to the raise pool or a retro-active incentive at the holidays.

**Street Infrastructure Improvement Program**

Mr. Klein advised that included in the Council packet was a revised Street Program estimate from City Engineer Mark Brueggemann. The estimate for the revision of this

program without adding a new sidewalk on each street, or replacing existing sidewalks where a tree lawn area exists is \$13.6 million dollars. The original estimate was for \$14.9 million dollars that included new sidewalks on each street. This revised estimate does include replacement of sidewalks on those streets where the sidewalk is connected to the curb. Municipal Road Aid funds have been decreased by the State by \$25,000.00. The City can look at other funding in addition to the money from the property tax increase if this vote passes. Mayor Weaver advised that Mr. Klein and Mr. Brueggemann are still working on this project. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that the citizens need to be informed and vote on this issue. Discussion followed.

#### First Reading of Ordinance 17-03 – C-PUD Map Amendment – KY 17

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Robke voting no. Motion passed.

#### First Reading of Ordinance 18-03 – Stage I Development Plan – Highland Pike

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Klein advised this is for the lot between UDF and Foreign Auto Salvage on Highland Pike. There will be no pole signs allowed on this lot. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Resolution 14-03 – Surplus Property

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. This property is three police vehicles recommended to dispose of as surplus property. This will leave us with one spare vehicle. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Municipal Order 12-03 – OKI Appointment

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order to appoint Mayor Gene Weaver as the City Representative for the Board of Trustees of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Administrator Report

##### Storer Property

Mr. Klein updated Council and advised that the closing on the property was a few weeks ago. The Public Works Department has been working at the property getting the house and grounds ready for the winter. There was a meeting with Human Nature Inc. to develop a master plan proposal. A meeting is scheduled in December with Dr. Jim Ramage from NKU and Jeanne Kreinbrink of Behringer-Crawford Museum about the possibility of re-applying for the 2004 Scripps-Howard Foundation/NKU Community Partnership Grant. There is up to \$75,000.00 in cash available through this grant and the City could match with in-kind labor, equipment and facilities.

Mr. Maloney advised the house is in pretty good shape with no major repairs at this time.

Mr. Klein advised signs will be posted on the property. Discussion followed.

#### Kentucky Division of Water Notice Violation Update

A color-coded map is included in the Council packet for a schedule of planned work for the Lorup storm and sanitary sewer project which will begin shortly. Phase I work will be done by the Sanitation District. Mr. Klein advised there has been very good cooperation from the residents to proceed with this project.

#### Parks and Recreation Board October 19 Halloween Event

This event was a great success thanks to the Parks and Recreation Board. Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their contribution to this event with safety demonstrations. It was well attended and a Holiday Event is being planned for December.

#### Official Naming of Stream – Highland Pike

Topographical Map included in packet for the unnamed tributary of the Moser Creek for review. A suggestion was made to allow the Fort Wright Dirty Hands Garden Club to recommend and have the honor of naming this tributary.

#### Nature Center Eagle Scout Project

A couple of local Eagle Scouts has agreed to construct a new trail and construct a stone and timber shelter in the Nature Center.

#### Eagle Scout Storm Sewer Hazard Project

Literature was distributed by Boy Scout Jimmy Murphy to residents Saturday, November 1 regarding the hazards of waste in sewer drains and catch basins. This project was very well received by residents.

#### Parks and Recreation Policy

A revised draft of a Parks and Recreation Policy is included in the Council packet for discussion. A copy was distributed to the Parks and Recreation Board for their input. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested making it as short as possible to be user friendly to anyone using the park, with basic rules that will apply to the Nature Center and the future Storer Property Park. Mayor Weaver advised we will continue to work on this document.

#### Bilingual Education

Two of our Police Officers are attending Spanish language instruction classes and the City is reimbursing them for the cost of the classes. We are now considering providing basic instruction citywide for all employees so that they can assist the public when needed.

#### Helen Ruth Drive

A Stage I Development Plan was approved for a new office building on Helen Ruth Drive at a previous meeting. Mr. Klein advised for anyone driving on Helen Ruth Drive recently they would notice the deterioration of the street at the beginning. Pavement and curb is tore up and sinking and shifting in some areas has been noticed. Mr. Klein asked Council if they would like to consider addressing this as a street project and if so if this

should be done as an assessment to the businesses on the street that have caused the extensive damage. Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver suggested that CDS give us a cost estimate for repair.

#### Departmental Goals Update

Enclosed in the packet is an update of the City Departments FYE 2003/2004 Goals for review. We are making progress on some of the goals and others are yet to be addressed.

#### Madison Pike Study Presentations

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and 6:30PM are the scheduled presentations on the Madison Pike Corridor Study, with Wilbur Smith and Associates and Vivian Llambi Associates.

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

A copy of the Bill of Rights Essay Contest information is included in the Council packet. This was mailed out to area schools. The City of Fort Wright has a standing Council Resolution recognizing each December 15 as Bill of Rights Day. Our plan is to grade and judge the essays submitted and have the winner read their essay at the Council meeting in December.

#### Council Committee Reports

##### Computer Technology

Chief Kreinest advised he is checking into some additional surge protection for the City equipment.

##### Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek asked if any progress had been made on obtaining a portable generator as an additional power source for the City. Mr. Klein advised we are looking at a Fire Department Grant for funding for this equipment.

##### Finance

They will a meeting next Thursday at 5:15PM to review the recent audit.

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the tax bill payments have slowed down, but will pick up after Thanksgiving. A lot of interest was shown in the Storer property information displayed in the lobby on Election Day.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised the salt has been delivered and the trucks are ready for the bad weather.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe advised the training report was distributed on the desk tonight. Congratulations to Matt Bloemer from Mount Vernon Drive on passing his EMT class and three new members have been recruited and will start EMT class in January

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that an arrest was made on a robbery at Speedway. Halloween evening everyone worked and packages were delivered to the Senior Citizens which was a very worthwhile project. Included in the Council packet is the Hotel/Motel Ordinance for review. The Police Department is trying to get control of some of the ongoing problems occurring at these establishments. There was a hazardous material spill on I 2-75 which the Police and Fire Departments both worked.

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

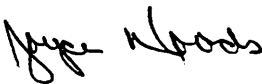
Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business conducted at this session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk