

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

12/05/07 – 6:00PM

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. 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. Tom Terlau, a resident of Vidot Court, wanted to let Council know that he will officially apply for the open Council position vacated by Mr. Wolnitzek.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 11/07/07 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver introduced Senator Jack Westwood to Council. Senator Westwood addressed Council and advised that he was notified by Frankfort that there will be \$200,000 earmarked for the project on Kyles Lane and East Henry Clay Avenue for the proposed alignment of these two streets with a traffic light installed. Mayor Weaver and Council have been invited to Frankfort on Wednesday to be presented a check for this amount. Senator Westwood also advised Council that the State has committed to paying \$13,000 for new guardrail along Amsterdam Road. Kenton County has laid new asphalt and hopefully the road will be open by next week. The State has committed another \$500,000 for a long term fix for this road. Safety is the first concern for all citizens that travel this stretch of road. Mayor Weaver and Council thanked Senator Westwood for all his work on these projects.

Second Reading of Ordinance 9-07 – Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Nienaber and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Summe advised this is part of an expansion project with Notre Dame

Academy. Mayor Weaver spoke with Park Hills Mayor Hellman, about the possibility to have this entire project in Park Hills. Council is agreeable to have Mr. Summe look into the process.

#### Second Reading of Ordinance 10-07 – Updating Occupational License Fee Ordinance

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Amsterdam Road Update.

Mayor Weaver went through the timetable of the closure of Amsterdam Road and why it was closed. There was much discussion on this matter at the last Council meeting. Working with Kenton County, Fort Mitchell and the State to get this road opened and safe for all who travel on it. Thanks to all parties involved in getting this project done quickly and reopened safely. Mr. Averdick stated that he applauds everyone who got this project done. Mr. Hatter stated that he was not happy with the fact that Council was not better informed and invited to the meetings and press conference that was held. Mr. Summe advised that this was an emergency situation and Council is really not involved in day to day situations. Mr. Klein advised that he did apologize and he should have advised Council but the situation moved so fast that there wasn't time. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised that on the \$200,000 that we are receiving for Kyles Lane and East Henry Clay Avenue, we will also have to sign a memorandum agreement to get the money from Frankfort. This is the same type of agreement we had with St. Anthony and Marcella Drive. Council had no objection with the Mayor signing that agreement to get the money for this project.

#### Memorandum of Agreement – Amsterdam Road

This was circulated and signed and distributed back to the proper people.

#### Employee Health Insurance

Mike Williams of Sherrill Morgan & Co. was present to answer any questions regarding the renewal of the employees health insurance starting on January 1, 2008. Last year we received a 12% decrease, after shopping around. This year the quote from Humana on the same plan was a 16.5% increase. Mr. Williams received quotes from other carriers and Humana. By taking another plan from Humana, with just a few minor changes we will only have an increase of

6.53%, which is under the 10% we have budgeted for this expenditure. The drug cost will go up a little and the specialist cost will rise by \$5.00. This will still be a very good benefit to the employees with no cost to them for the coverage.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the health insurance proposal as presented by Mr. Klein and Mr. Williams. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### First Reading of Ordinance 11-07 – Recreational Vehicles

Mr. Summe will have a draft of this Ordinance at the next meeting. This item will be tabled until that meeting.

#### Municipal Order 6-07 – Appointment to OKI

Mr. Summe read this Order reappointing Mayor Weaver as the City's representative to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Nienaber and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Executive Order 17-07 – Appointment to Museum Board – Larry Schell

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Nienaber. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Feinauer and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Executive Order 18-07 – Appointment to Museum Board – Kathleen Romero

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hatter and Nienaber voting in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Executive Order 19-07 – Appointment to Museum Board – Jeannine Kreinbrink

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wall and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 20-07 – Appointment to Museum Board – Richard McCormick

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hatter and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 21-07 – Appointment to Board of Ethics – Donald Russell

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Feinauer and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 22-07 – Appointment to Board of Adjustments – Donna Bloemer

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ridgewood Drive Storm Sewer CIP Application.

Mr. Klein advised this is an application that would require Council approval because of the proposal to spend \$6070.00 of City funds on a storm sewer improvement. This is in conjunction with the Ridgewood Road sanitary project and there is a very small storm water improvement project that can be done very efficiently. This would be done by Lonkard Construction, the low bidder on this project. This total project will cost \$12,140.00, with the Sanitation District paying the other half. Mr. Maloney advised this will be a safety enhancement for the residents. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to submit a Capital Improvement Program application. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 13-07 – GOLD Grant Application

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Chief Kreinest advised this is a Grant that can fund off duty weapons for all officers. This will make all officers uniform and be compatible with what they carry on duty. These weapons would be City property and turned in when you leave the department. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Feinauer and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 14-07 – Professional Engineering Services

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Mr. Klein advised this comes up for renewal each year. In the packet there is a comparison chart regarding approximately what other cities pay for these services. Discussion followed. This item will be tabled until more information is received at the next meeting.

#### Municipal order 7-07 – Emergency Response Unit Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Klein advised that what this agreement does is approve the City's participation along with other cities, to participate in a SWAT Team. There are two officers in our department who train with the SWAT unit. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Averdick and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Open City Council Position – Accept Resignation of Jeff Wolnitzek

Mayor Weaver advised that on November 30, 2007 he received Jeff's resignation and it is brought before Council. Jeff was an asset to City Council and will be greatly missed. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor and Council all spoke very highly of Jeff Wolnitzek and wished him the very best. Mr. Summe explained to Council the process of filling this position. Discussion followed. Suggestions were made to send out a Press Release and include in the newsletter notification of this open position and we will accept resumes until the close of business on January 10, 2008. We will have a Special Meeting only for candidates on January 14.& 15, if two days are necessary, to have scheduled interviews. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to accept resumes and have an interview process as proposed. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Administrator Report

##### Ridgewood Drive Sanitary Sewer Project Update

This project should begin shortly. At our next Council meeting we should be able to repeal the Ordinance setting the sewer user fee. It looks like we will be able to pay this off a few years early.

### Residents Email Address Database

This idea came from our brain storming session last year Residents can go on our City website, put in their name address and phone number and sign up for information from the City. They can be notified by the City if there are things going on their street or other information that they might need.

### Banklick Creek Cleanup Project

Kenton County Public Works has been working on a State Grant removing old tires, refrigerators, car parts etc. from this area. This Grant is worth \$65,000.00 and is all in the area of potential soccer fields and walking paths. Thanks to Roger Wells and Kenton County Public Works for a project well done.

### BP Oil Site Update

Mr. Klein advised he had received a message from an Engineer, Mr. Hartsough regarding the situation and level of interest in this property. He will check into this and advise on any progress or decisions.

### Museum Update

This weekend's activities at the Museum will go over the 10,000 mark for attendance. They continue to offer interesting activities and programs for all to enjoy. Thanks to all of the volunteers who make this possible.

### Tree Lighting and Civil War Christmas event on December 8/9

Just a reminder of the activities taking place at the museum this weekend. Tree lighting and a visit from Santa are just of the few activities. We hope everyone can make a visit.

### Employee Holiday Appreciation Lunch

Each year we have a luncheon for employees before Christmas. This year it will take place on December 23, 2007 at noon. All Council members are welcome.

### Veterans's Day Event at Highland Cemetery.

400 people attended the ceremony at Highland Cemetery, sponsored by the cities of Fort Wright and Fort Mitchell. Even though it was a cold rainy day the attendance was great. There was a walking tour and individuals dressed in uniform who had served in the wars. Thanks to the Museum Board and Parks and Recreation Committee for their help in this very successful event.

### Kyles Lane/Henry Clay Traffic Light

Council authorized CDS to get this project started and out to bid.

### Performance Automotive/Wessels Construction

Wessels Construction will be starting their next building on the Dixie Highway Site. It will be similar in looks and size. Looking forward to having another building on this site. Mayor Weaver advised the automotive sites are still in the works and have not been abandoned. Mr. Summe advised he is working on the signage agreement for National City Bank with the attorney for Wessels Construction. Discussion followed regarding signage. Council agreed that Mr. Summe work out the details and move forward.

### Kenton County Proposal for Road Maintenance

Mr. Klein advised that in the Council packets was information handed out at the last Mayor's Meeting by Judge Drees regarding a maintenance agreement between City and County on roads that we agree to maintain and they reimburse us or they agree to maintain and we reimburse them. The maintenance is snow removal and signage. We do have an existing agreement with them and he will have to do more reading and research on this new agreement.

### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported taxes have picked up since Thanksgiving.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that his department has been working on pot holes around the City. Also getting the trucks ready for snow removal. The parking lot at South Hills Civic Club is completed and just a few items there to finish up. The first snow removal went smoothly.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe congratulated Mandy Arborgast on graduating on Friday from her recruit class and will be joining the department. She has been running as an EMT with the department. The radios received through the Grant have been ordered. All turnout gear that was received from the Federal Grant has also been ordered. This will be custom gear ordered for the person it is assigned to.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that Sgt. Knight and Officer Martin distributed pumpkin bread to the Senior Watch members for Thanksgiving. Thanks to Laura Knight and his aunt for baking this for the seniors. The Shop with a Cop is coming up and if anyone would like to make a donation or knows of a business that would like to contribute, please let Officer Martin know. There have been some burglaries on KY 17 at the new condos. If anyone knows of anyone involved please, let the department or Crime Stoppers know. The Heritage Bank robbery hopefully will be solved soon. There are suspects in this case in Ohio.

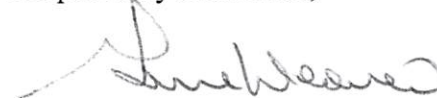
Jon Chambers, former Council Member spoke and advised he has moved back from Georgia and is interested in filling the open Council position.

Mr. Klein advised there is a Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for December 11, 2007.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk