

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
12/07/05 – 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. 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. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Paul Hiltz were unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Klein gave background on the One Stop Shop Program that went into effect on July 1st, 2005 through NKAPC. Electricians and union members were present to discuss this program and note some of the things that they are having trouble getting resolved through NKAPC. Three people spoke regarding these issues. Jim Cox, Joe Fischer and Mark Kramer. After much discussion, Mayor Weaver advised that the City would talk to the Director, Mr. Gordon, and express the input and concerns discussed at tonight's meeting.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 11/02/05 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Barker voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Dump Truck Financing Options

Mr. Klein explained the procedure used in acquiring quotes to finance the new Dump Truck for the Public Works Department. After looking over the options, Mr. Klein recommended KLC to finance this purchase with the overall lowest interest rate. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to finance through Kentucky League of Cities. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 15-05 – Recodification of City Ordinances

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Hatter suggested that we put an article in the Top of The Hill News letting people know that they can access this information through the City's website. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Barker and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 16-05 – Zoning Map Amendment

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. This is a portion of land across from St. Agnes School on Sleepy Hollow Road. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Barker and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 6-05 – Board of Ethics Appointment – Gabrielle Summe

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

Executive Order 7-05 – Parks and Recreation Board Appointment – Floyd Hastings

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

Executive Order 8-05 – Council Committee Appointments

This will re-appoint existing committees. Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 9-05 – Board of Adjustments Appointment – Tom Litzler

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

Municipal Order 19-05- OKI Appointment- Mayor Gene Weaver

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

Municipal Order 20-05 – Museum Board Appointment – Alvin L. Bartlett III

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

Mayor Weaver recognized all the people serving on all the Boards in the City. He stated it really makes Fort Wright a great place to live

Resolution 18-05 – Additional Municipal Road Aid Funds

Funds received are a one- time issuance of additional Municipal Road Aid funds distributed by the state. We will receive an additional \$75,000 to be used on the next streets that are due for repair. Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Barker, voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Road Aid Discretionary Bond Funds

Mr. Klein advised that with Council's approval we would like to submit a letter of intent to apply for funds estimated at approximately \$400,000.00 to complete Phase III of the Amsterdam Road project. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to submit a letter of intent to make application for road improvements on Amsterdam Road. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Highland Avenue Sidewalk/Trail Grant Application

Mr. Klein asked for Council's permission to apply a letter of intent to apply for an ISTEA grant to put a sidewalk/trail on Highland Avenue from Kyles Lane to Bluegrass Swim Club and to the City's park property and the museum. This three phase project will be approximately \$160,000.00. This grant requires a 10% local match, which can be in-kind or cash. Mr. Klein stated he would like to submit this as up to a 50/50 proposition and the City could supply labor, equipment and other resources. This would be a great safety improvement to this area and connect the museum, park, swim club and Wright's Point Apartments to the rest of the sidewalk system in the area. Council agrees to submit this letter of intent.

Civil War Museum Update

Thanks to local residents and businesses for donating cash or supplies to help the Museum Board decorate the museum for Christmas. Saturday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th from noon to 7PM, there will be a Civil War Christmas displays and decorations at the museum. All are encouraged to attend.

Rivard Drive Underpass Lighting

The pole lights at the underpass on Rivard Drive have been removed because of excess vandalism. We are trying to get box lights under the bridge through the Highway Department. We will have cost estimates shortly and will keep Council posted.

MOA KY 17 Roundabout Study

Just to update Council, the Transportation Cabinet is funding a \$50,000 feasibility study to look at some type of traffic control on KY 17, either a roundabout or other type of traffic control to keep the traffic flowing smoothly on KY 17 and through the City of Fort Wright. Hopefully the bid will be awarded before Christmas.

Adopt-A-Military Unit Update

We will be adopting a second military unit that is now currently deployed in Iraq. They are the Iron Rakkasans of the 3-187th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Brigade of the 101st. The 50th Medical Aviation Unit of the 101st Airborne has returned back to Fort Campbell. We will be in contact with them shortly.

NSC Zoning Text Amendment

Mr. Klein asked for Council's permission to submit a zoning text amendment to the NKAPC for recommendation of a public hearing. We have one NSC zone in the City on Highland Pike around the Wal-Mart store. We would like to amend this zone and have no more new drive-thru restaurants in this area, as it generates more traffic and would have an impact on traffic.

Snow Removal Agreement

The County has agreed to do snow removal on Old KY 17 in Fort Wright and any adjoining streets. In return the City will do snow removal on Amsterdam Road from approximately the railroad trestle to Bromley-Crescent Springs Road. Since we are already on Amsterdam Road it will be more efficient to continue on this road.

BP Oil Property

The past several months Mr. Klein met with BP Oil officials regarding the property around Howard Litzler Drive. This property used to be an oil refinery many years ago and been capped off and has not been used for anything. BP has been testing and maintaining this land over the years and it has become very expensive for them. They would like to become less regulated if they are permitted by the state's Natural Resource Cabinet. This would save the expense of testing this site continuously. They are looking for an entity to use this property and help maintain it, possibly for recreational purposes. We will keep you updated on this project.

Employee Christmas Luncheon

The annual Christmas Luncheon for employees and officials will be at the city building on Thursday, December 22nd, at noon.

All are urged to attend for a good time.

Council Committee Report

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reminded everyone that 64 years ago today we were attacked and is remembered as Pearl Harbor Day.

Legal Matters

Filed for summary judgment. The Judge has all the information and hopefully will render a decision.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the next three weeks will be really busy as the end of tax season winds up. We will be open on Saturday, December 31st from 8AM-Noon to accept tax bills. Also there is a slot in the front door for residents to drop in bills after closing.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that all pipe has been installed on the sewer project and paving will be done when it warms up. There will be concrete restoration and re-seeding done in the spring. Mayor Weaver thanked the residents who were affected in the area where the work was done. There were very few problems. Thanks also to the Sanitation District No.1 and Mark Brueggemann who worked together on this project.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that many volunteer members returned to school and this hurt a little in coverage. Congratulations to Mike Nicholas who passed his EMT

testing and will now be running with the department. Three new members interested in joining the department are going through background checks. There have been over 1000 calls this year; this is a first for the department. There have not been any times received yet for the month. Chief Schewe advised he will put them in the next packet.

Chief Dan Kreinest reported the Shop with a Cop Program sponsored by Kenton FOP Lodge 20 will be on December 21st. Officer Daniel Martin is very involved in this program and anyone interested should contact him at the office. Updating the CAD System and in the near future citations will be able to be printed in the vehicles. Robbery at Arby's this past weekend and employees were locked in the cooler. There have been a substantial number of vehicle thefts in November in the Fort Henry area. Burglaries in the Dixie Highway area, car theft from Marathon, and an arrest was made on this theft.

The next Council meeting will be changed to January 11th, 2006.

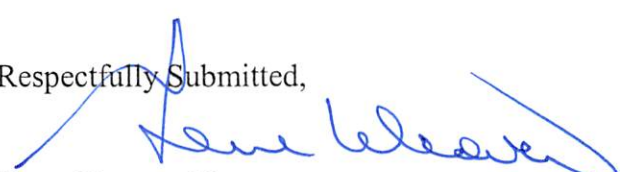
Mayor Weaver thanked all the employees and volunteers who work for the City, and all the residents who give so much back to the City. He wished everyone a happy Holiday season.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Barker to adjourn to executive session per KRS. 61.810 Paragraph (b&c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.


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

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk