

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
12/08/04 – 6:00PM

Councilman Paul Hiltz 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. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek 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. Hiltz advised he would be filling in for the Mayor, who was out of town. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek that Mr. Hiltz monitor the meeting in the Mayor's absence and that he also is able to vote. Motion seconded by Mr. Hatter. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Honorable Patricia M. Summe, Judge, Kenton County Circuit Court was present to swear- in Council for their new terms.

**Bill of Rights Day Essay Contest Winner**

Mr. Klein advised this was the second year the City sponsored this contest to commemorate December 15<sup>th</sup> as Bill of Rights Day. There were over two dozen submissions from Notre Dame Academy and these were blindly graded by three different individuals and the results are that the winner is Liz Murphy, who will read her essay at the Council meeting and be presented a plaque and check. An Honorable Mention will be awarded to Julie Schletker, who could not be present at tonight's meeting as she had another commitment, she will also be awarded a plaque and check.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 11/10/04 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Barker voting in favor, Wolnitzek and Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Second Reading of Ordinance 11-04 – Sunday Package Liquor Sales**

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

**Building and Zoning "One Stop Shop" Program – Mr. Dennis Gordon**

Mr. Gordon was not available for this meeting. This item will be tabled until a later date.

**Municipal Order 4-04 – Appointment of Donald Russell to Board of Ethics**

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

#### Municipal Order 5-04 – 2005 City Council Committee Appointments

Mr. Summe read this Order. The only change to these Committee assignments is the appointment of Mr. Barker as Chair of the Long Range Plan Committee. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call taken, Hiltz, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Municipal Order 6-04 – Appointment of Gene Weaver as Representative to OKI Board Of Trustees

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

#### Executive Order 5-04 – Appointment of Julie Moynihan to the Parks and Recreation Board from January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2008

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

#### Appointments to Nature Center Planning Board

This Board was established in 2001 by the City to help advise the City on programs, operations and improvements to the Nature Center. In the last few months we have had openings for this Board and advertised in the Top of the Hill News for anyone interested in serving on the Board. We received letters from four people who were interested and highly qualified. The four people are in attendance at tonight's meeting.

1. Matt Bauer
2. Eric Wilking
3. Carolyn Traud
4. Esther Lenahan

They will join Tom and Nancy Hampel and Mike Strohm on this Board. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Adopt-A-Military Unit Program

This program was suggested to be put on the agenda by a couple of Council members to discuss adopting a military unit and help with much needed supplies. Mr. Hatter advised that we would pick the size of a unit to supply needed items that they would need for everyday life, and send cards and letters of support to these units. Discussion followed. Mr. Hatter advised he would try to get more information to supply to Council.

#### Administrator Report

#### Area-Wide Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The required public hearing for the update of the Area-Wide Comprehensive Plan for the KY 17/Old KY 17 Corridor was unanimously approved by the Kenton County Planning Commission. They were complimentary of the City for coming up with a plan for this Corridor. Zoning Map Amendments will be brought before Council in the next few months.

#### Appreciation Party for City Volunteers and Employees

The annual Fire/EMS Department Appreciation Dinner will have a change of location this year where the work and setup will be done by people other than members of the department. This dinner will be for all the people who serve the City of Fort Wright. This will include members of all the Boards. This will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at a time to be announced, at the Gardens of Park Hills.

#### Battery Hooper Archaeological Project Proposal

Mr. Klein asked Jeannine Kreinbrink to put together a proposal where the excavation of Battery Hooper could be finished and the dig could be completed. This would also be open to school age children, college students and citizens. The total cost estimate of this proposal would be approximately \$53,552.00. Mr. Klein would like Council's approval to seek grants, sponsorships, contributions etc. to fund this proposal. This was approved by Council.

#### Park Road Parking and Other

Residents attended the November meeting and voiced concern over the parking in the area of Park Road from businesses in the area. Mr. Klein advised he and Chief Kreinest met with the manager of Clear Channel and the building owner. The business has started a shuttle bus with parking at the vacant Thriftway and shuttles employees back and forth from this parking area.

Mr. Maloney advised he spoke to the owner of Riedinger Plumbing and he advised they are in the process of re-locating and submitted the paperwork showing an acquisition of a building to be purchased by early summer.

#### Barbara Circle Water Main Project

An agreement is enclosed in tonight's packet that the NKWD would like the Mayor to sign and have Council authorize this agreement. The City is proposing to bid this project out as one project with one contractor. NKWD will reimburse the City with receipt of an invoice from us for portions of the project related to the water main project. There will be a meeting with residents to explain the project.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with NKWD. Roll call vote taken, Barker, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Emergency Building Generator Grant Award

Thanks to the work of Chief Schewe and his department, the grant for an emergency building generator was approved through Homeland Security Grant Funds with approximately \$42,000.00 being awarded to the City. This will allow the City to stay operational in the event of a power failure to continue to serve the public and provide

emergency services. Mr. Summe will advise if this item needs to be bid out or if we can work with the vendor that gave us the original pricing.

#### Snow Removal on County Roads

The Mayor sent a letter to Judge Drees requesting information on which roads would be our responsibility for snow removal. A letter was received from the Kenton County Road Superintendent and returned by Mr. Klein with a map stating that some of the roads were not in our jurisdiction. The City will be plowing on Old KY 17, on Highland Avenue from old Kyles Lane to the Covington city limits, on Amsterdam Road from Sleepy Hollow Road to the railroad trestle bridge near Bromley/Crescent Springs Road.

Judge Drees will be meeting with the Kenton County Mayors Group on December 11<sup>th</sup> on issues that have come up between the County and area Cities.

#### Advanced Life Support Update

A meeting was held with the Mayors from seven cities to layout plans to provide ALS service. There will be a meeting with the Fire Chiefs of those cities next week to show them the plan that was discussed. The best plan is to provide the service through an interlocal agreement of all seven cities. The service would be provided by the billing fees received for providing paramedic service and from some contributions from each City. One of the seven cities would be the license holder and employer. There would be no special property tax for this service. There will only be one paramedic available instead of the three we now have with Transcare. Hopefully more would be added as money is available. Discussion followed.

#### Police Vehicle Replacements

Last meeting Chief Kreinest informed Council of two 1997 Crown Vics taken out of service because there was deterioration of the frame and not safe to drive. We have contacted Ford Motor Co. and they have offered us an initial amount of compensation and we will continue to negotiate with them. We have ordered the second car that was budgeted to replace one of the two vehicles and we are asking Council to approve purchasing the second vehicle in this budget year instead of next year. Council agreed that the additional vehicle should be ordered.

#### Lorup Sewer Project Update

Letters will be sent to 3 or 4 property owners offering an amount for the easement needed to move ahead with this project. Two easements needed for the Barbara Circle project, one has been obtained and the other one should not be a problem.

#### Dixie Highway Corridor Study Update

Study almost done and good recommendations are included.

#### Annual "Shop with a Cop" Program

Chief Kreinest advised the annual Shop with a Cop Program done in conjunction with Kenton FOP Lodge 20 will take place December 20<sup>th</sup>. We have had a tremendous amount of cooperation from Fort Wright businesses and residents. A complete list of donors will be given to Council when it is complete.

#### City Vehicle Fuel Savings

A recent program that we became aware of at Speedway/SuperAmerica that there is a fleet discount available of 3% that was not given to the City at the time we started purchasing from this business. After a phone call they will immediately put this discount on our bills and we will be submitting a request for a credit.

#### Modern Roundabout Seminar – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The City is one of the sponsors of this seminar that will be held at Thomas More College. There will be two sessions and everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### Monthly Public Works Report Update

There has been a change to the monthly Public Works report with a page added to give a total of the number of times the SHCC is being used. There will also be a running total of trash collection by our volunteer from the Kenton county Detention Center with numerous bags of trash picked up each day.

#### Annual Christmas Employee Luncheon

Just a reminder that our annual Christmas employee luncheon will be held on December 23 at noon and all are invited.

#### Resolution 15-04 A Resolution Supporting An Application For A Local Law

Enforcement Block Grant And Local Government Match Of \$167.00 And Authorizing The Mayor To Prepare And Submit An LLEBG Application

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

Mr. Klein advised this matching amount will be taken from the Asset Forfeiture account.

#### Council Committee Reports

##### Economic Development

There was a Stage 2 Development Plan approved for a 7,000 square foot medical pediatric office on Highland Pike.

##### Legal Matters

A partial judgment was issued to take Council members out of the Ms. Classic Car Wash case.

#### Department Reports

Chief Kreinest advised the monthly report is not included in the packet and will be distributed as soon as possible. Highway Department has posted City Limit signs on the interstate that are not accurate. He would like a recommendation from Council to have Fort Wright added to the sign that now lists only Independence and Covington at the exit on 2-75. This has to be sent to the Highway Department for consideration.

There was a server problem and the computers was down for 24 hours. Thanks to NKOL for their fast service regarding this problem. Chief Kreinest advised if tasers are purchased through the LLEGB there will be a policy in place for use.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that Darin Ditomasso and Tony Kettler who were accepted to the Fire Academy, spent the week training and are now back and excited about implementing some of the things that they learned at this training.

Mr. Hiltz congratulated Chief Schewe and his wife Sandy on the birth of their son, Stephen Alexander.

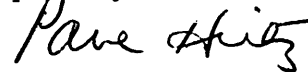
Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported and updated Council that Riegler and Eaton were working on Lorup and it is starting to look more like a road. There will be restoration in the spring on that section. There are new signs on Valley Plaza Parkway. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Board for the City Tree Lighting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported the tax bills payments are starting to pick up in volume. Congratulations to Michael and Laura Knight on the birth of their son, Alexander Michael.

Mr. Hiltz advised that two very great guys from Fort Wright passed away recently, Mr. George Kreutzjans and Mr. John McCormack, who was a former Mayor in the City. These two fine gentlemen will be greatly missed. Also thanks to Floyd and Eileen Hastings and the Garden Club for placing the Christmas sprays on the stop signs throughout the City.

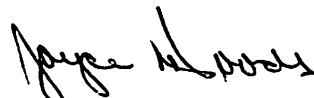
Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Hiltz, Acting Mayor

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk