

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
12/10/03

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. Dave Hatter, 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.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 11/12/03 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 12/03/03 Special Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ms. Larissa Keith from Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission addressed Council regarding the Banklick Creek conservation efforts and approval of Resolution 18-03 approving the authorization and submitting of an ISTE A application for funding. Ms. Keith outlined the Doe Run Park Master Plan and a project overview was included in the Council packet for tonight's meeting. Ms. Keith advised that the steering committee for this project has requested that the City of Fort Wright be the applicant for this grant. Mr. Klein advised that this is an opportunity for Fort Wright and that the first pedestrian link of this project is in Fort Wright and would be a real benefit to our citizens. The NKAPC is preparing the grant and the approval of Resolution 18-03 does not commit any funds from the City or maintenance to the walkway. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit and prepare the application in the City's name.

Resolution 18-03 ISTE A Application and Resolution

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

Bill of Rights Day Essay Contest Winners and Presentation

Mayor Weaver presented the two winners and one Honorable Mention awards to the essay contest participants.

Kristin Frommeyer, a student of Notre Dame Academy read her essay and received her proclamation and check.

Alex Whitehead, a student of Covington Catholic High School read his essay and received his proclamation and check.

Tracy Durrett, a student of Notre Dame Academy was presented a certificate and check for Honorable Mention.

Mr. Robke advised he was very impressed by these essays and would like to suggest that we send copies to the President, Congress and the Senators from our area to show them what these and other students from this area represent.

Mayor Weaver advised that the parents and grandparents of these students that are in attendance should be very proud of their work.

Mr. Dennis Gordon and Mr. Keith Logsdon from NKAPC were present to address Council regarding submitting a study proposal of the KY 17 Corridor Plan prepared by NKAPC.

Mr. Gordon addressed Council and advised of the changes that have been made at their office since he assumed directorship of NKAPC. He advised that they would like to have the opportunity to conduct a study for the KY 17 Corridor Plan.

Mr. Keith Logsdon addressed Council and advised that they are very interested in assisting the City of Fort Wright with the corridor study and he thinks they have the resources to give the City the information they want. Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Gordon and Mr. Logsdon for their time this evening and asked that they come back to Council with a proposal for the next Council meeting on 1/14/04

Tommy Vollmer, representing Troop 717 was present and addressed Council regarding two Eagle Scout projects that they would like to propose for the Nature Center. These projects are building a shelter and rock serpentine wall. There will be minimal cost for this project as most materials and supplies are donated.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize Tommy Vollmar and Brandon Schamer to move forward with this project. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Jim Sparrow, of Rankin & Rankin addressed Council and presented the FYE 2002/2003 audit report and answered any questions Council may have regarding this audit.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to accept the audit as presented. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 16-03 Wessels Bond Inducement

Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

Street Infrastructure Improvement Program
Mr. Klein advised there is nothing new to report.

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

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

Mr. Robke originally voted yes on the roll call vote but revised his vote to no. He previously had voted no on the first reading and would like the record to be consistent.

Second Reading of Ordinance 18-03 Stage I Development Plan for Bob Ratermann – Highland Pike

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

First Reading of Ordinance 1-04 – Hotels, Motels and Rooming Houses

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

First Reading of Ordinance 2-04 Massage Establishments

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

Resolution 17-03 – Establishing Rates for Professional Engineering Services

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

Municipal Order 14-03 – Reappointment of Donna Bloemer to the Board of Adjustments

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

Municipal Order 15-03 – Reappointment of San Juan Romero to the Board of Ethics

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

Municipal Order 16-03 – Appointment of 2004 Council Committees

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

Parks and Recreation Ordinance

Mr. Klein advised this Ordinance has been submitted to the members of the Parks and Recreation Board for review.

First Reading of Ordinance for KY 17 Development

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz establishing a one year waiting period for the processing of any zoning map amendments, building permits, or zoning permits for the area along KY 17 and Old Ky 17 as referenced on the enclosed map, exhibit A, and except as otherwise provided herein, that are located in the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer voting in favor, Hatter, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting no. Mayor Weaver voting yes to break the tie votes. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver stated his reason for voting in favor is that it is important that the City move forward with the plan and if it is decided that we do not have a plan or Council chooses not to have a plan then he would strongly support removal of any moratorium at that time.

Administrator Report

Lorup Sewer Project Update

Mr. Klein advised that Mr. Maloney and Mr. Brueggemann are still working on acquiring easements needed for this project from the property owners. Mr. Maloney advised the project has started at the Nature Center and is working up.

Posting of Business Licenses

Currently with all the development going on in the City and contractors required to have a business license it has become difficult to check if they have acquired that license. The current Ordinance does not require the license to be posted. Mr. Klein suggested that the Ordinance should be amended to require that all contractors business licenses and permits be posted together in the same area making this easier to check. Mr. Wolnitzek advised this would give you a false sense of security that everyone has a license. He suggested the contractor that gets a permit submit a list of subcontractors. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised we would look at some alternatives and discuss this item further at a later date.

Parks and Recreation Board Event for December 5th

Tree lighting, horse carriage rides and Santa's visit went very well. There was a good turnout and the Parks and Recreation Board did a great job for this event.

Park Property Master Plan

Mr. Klein, the Mayor and Mark Brueggemann visited with Human Nature Inc. to review a presentation of some of the park projects that they have done around the region. All were very impressed with this presentation and how they can make a site unique to an area. Early next year we plan to make proposal for the site.

Spanish Classes

A class will be offered for employees to take a basic Spanish Language Class if they are interested.

Portable Generator

Nothing new to report. We will explore any grant opportunity for funding.

Extended Office Hours

The hours of 7:30AM-5:30PM were started on July 1, 2003 on a trial basis and have been very successful. A report will be distributed before the next meeting. These hours will become permanent on January 1, 2004 with no additional cost to the City.

Employee Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday December 23rd at Noon
Lunch provided and all are welcome.

Council Committee Reports

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter would like to schedule a meeting in January to plan for the upcoming budget year.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported trash collection will be delayed one day for the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised the Christmas lights are up and look very nice.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported and congratulated two members who have passed their EMT training. They are Jennifer Perry and Christina Coyle and will be assigned to a crew. There were two structure fires on Henry Clay in the past week.

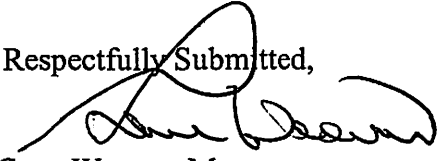
Chief Kreinest reported a safety alert was distributed to residents in the Monticello Heights subdivision regarding burglaries in the area and the Police Department has increased patrols in this area.

A contract has been signed by Kenton County Court for the Mobile Data Computers and installation will begin in January.

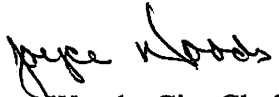
Mayor Weaver wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk