

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

03/01/06 – 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. Paul Hiltz 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. Joe Nienaber Jr. were unavailable for this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/01/06 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn to Executive Session per KRS. 61.810 (b) & (c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

First Reading of Ordinance 6-06 – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Signs
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 5-06 – RCD Zoning Map Amendment and Stage I Development Plan
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Klein advised that we will replace Exhibit A with the map handed out at this meeting; this is an updated site plan. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 4-06 – Dump Truck Financing
Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Life Squad Acquisition

Mayor Weaver advised that we have been using, as a loan, according to our agreement with Park Hills for EMS service, their ambulance as a backup. They have stated that they

will no longer have a long term need for this vehicle and would like to sell it. Fire/EMS Chief Schewe advised this vehicle has been parked at our station and used as a backup for our ambulance. Chief Schewe asked Council if they would be interested in purchasing this vehicle from Park Hills as a second ambulance. We will be using it for about 8 weeks while our regular ambulance is being serviced. There is a Kenton County ambulance we can borrow if needed and if it is available. The Park Hills ambulance is fully equipped and licensed and ready to go if we need it. Mayor Weaver asked Council to authorize the City to negotiate with Park Hills for the purchase of this second vehicle. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to negotiate with the City of Park Hills for the purchase of their ambulance. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Hiltz had to leave the meeting because of a prior unscheduled appointment. We will not be able to take any official action, because of lack of a quorum, but Mr. Summe advised we can continue with the meeting.

Zoll Auto Pulse System

This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Resolution 5-06 – Dixie Fix Recommendations

This will be deferred until the next meeting.

Administrator Report

Debt Refinancing

Mr. Klein advised he included in the packet paperwork regarding that a couple of the City's debt notes are coming due in July and September, the Park Property and City Building. If anyone has ideas or suggestions on the financing, please let him know.

Civil War Museum Update

There have been many groups touring the Museum with very good comments. A brochure was distributed to everyone about the Museum. This was laid out by Fort Wright resident Ginny Ruberg and she worked with Margaret Weaver to complete this project. This is a great promotional tool to let people know about the Museum. We had a very special group of visitors on February 10th from Veterans Hospital to tour the Museum and they were treated to lunch by several City employees at the South Hills Civic Club along with Troop 773, a group of scouts from Fort Wright Elementary School and Principal Margaret Hoffman. The employees who contributed to the luncheon were, Larry Klein, Steve Schewe, Dan Kreinest, Tim Maloney, Joyce Woods, Jennifer Lipson, Marc Schworer, Nick Zumdick and Jeff Bethell and Randy Newsom.

Ridgewood Drive Sanitary Sewer Meeting

There was a meeting of residents of Ridgewood Drive, Sanitation District representatives and City personnel held at the City Building. After discussion the residents thought it would be too expensive to contract with the Sanitation District for this project. The ones

that were still interested in this project discussed contracting privately with an engineer to get a cost estimate to get this done

Rivard Drive Underpass Lights

This project is moving forward. We do have a cost estimate from a contractor, which is about \$6800.00. Some of this work can be done by the Public Works Department. All the lighting in the past has not worked out because of vandals and we think this is a good solution. Council agreed that it is smart to work with contractors to complete this project.

ALS Update

The system for the eight Cities in the ALS group is working very well. Also the Mutual Aid Agreement with Erlanger is working very well. Chief Schewe agreed with Mr. Klein and advised there are very skilled paramedics working for TransCare and there have been no complaints from anyone.

Park Hills EMS Agreement

Our 2 year EMS agreement with Park Hills will be coming up the end of June and we plan on proposing to renew that contract unless Council decides differently. From our end it has worked out very well and also Park Hills is very happy with it. Chief Schewe advised it has run very smoothly and hopes to continue this service.

Mayor Weaver advised he wanted to thank Public Works Director Tim Maloney for all the assistance he gave in getting pictures and backdrops organized for the layout of the Civil War Museum Brochure.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer stated that the Family Bowling Night at Lookout Bowl was a success with many Fort Wright families in attendance. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held in April.

Computer Technology

Meeting rescheduled for next month.

Legal Matters – Ms. Classic Car Wash

Mr. Summe advised there was a favorable decision in this case, but Ms. Classic has a right to appeal. Also they filed a motion to ask the Judge to reconsider his decision which delays things. Hopefully he will stick to his decision. The Court hearing is Monday, March 6th.

Long Range Plan

The Vision Committee met and there will be another meeting in a couple of weeks.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported we collected a few delinquent taxes, and one that had been outstanding for four years.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported they have been working on the annual street sign inventory and in addition have installed a couple of new decorative street poles and signs. There has been no snow, but with the new truck we are ready.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported there were a couple of major cases where arrests were made. One was the serial rapist, arrested on February 9th in Ohio. This man was involved in the Superior Cleaners robbery on Dixie Highway. The officers involved in this case made an extraordinary effort in this capture. There have been break-ins at Finke's and End of Line Liquor and a suspect has been arrested.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the combination Appreciation Dinner. This was a very good time for all and is turning out to be a tradition for many years to come. He received Thank You notes from different committee members. If anyone would like to see the Park Hills ambulance that we discussed this evening, he would be glad to show it to them.

Mayor Weaver advised we will have to have a special meeting for second reading of an Ordinance. Date and time to be determined.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk