

## **CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**09-06-06 – 6:00PM**

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Matt Barker, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. 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. Paul Hiltz arrived at 6:18PM and Mr. Dave Hatter was unavailable for this meeting.

### Citizen Comments

Jennifer Kinsley of 2 Barbara Circle addressed Council regarding problems with her driveway and drainage since the Barbara Circle street project was done last year. She advised there was a washout under the driveway and since it was not fixed soon enough the basement was flooded twice ruining carpeting and furniture. Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Kinsley.

Greg Franke of 30 Barbara Circle addressed Council regarding his problems with the restoration of Barbara Circle. After the third restoration attempt he was still not satisfied and would like to have this taken care of to his satisfaction. He also advised that he was not billed correctly for his share of this project. Mr. Klein advised that city employees will do the final restoration to the area and hopefully it will be to the resident's satisfaction.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 8/02/06 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Wolnitzek voting in favor, Barker and Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

### Presentation to Gus Fritz

Gus who is a Covington Catholic student and Fort Wright resident and son of Brenda and Ed Fritz. This summer he volunteered to take on a project at the James A. Ramage Museum and did an outstanding job. Mayor Weaver read the Proclamation and presented it to Gus. This proclaimed September 13, 2006 as Gus Fritz Day in Fort Wright, Kentucky. Thanks to his parents for their involvement.

### First Reading of Ordinance 15-06 – Property Tax Rate for 2006

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Barker to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Feinauer, and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This sets the real property tax rate for 2006 at \$.2020 on each \$100.00 value and on personal property tax \$.2430 on each \$100.00 of value.

### Presentation to Mr. Robbie Day, Eagle Scout Candidate

Mayor Weaver read the Proclamation and presented it to Robbie. September 8, 2006 was proclaimed Robbie Day day in Fort Wright. He was involved in vegetating the soil, planting flowers and shrubs, placement of a garbage can and kiosk and more improvements to the Nature Center. Thanks for all the hard work and improvement from this project.

#### Resolution 11-06 – Vision Committee Year 5 Plan for Long Range Plan

Mr. Tom Jacober addressed Council regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> year, 2006-2007 of the Vision Statement and Long Range Plan. He went through the items and explained each one. Mayor Weaver stated that this is a great blueprint and foundation for the future. Mr. Klein stated that it is a pleasure to work with Mr. Jacober and the Committee and this will make Fort Wright a better place to work and live.

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to adopt the updated Year 5 of the Long Range Plan as recommended by the Vision Committee. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Paul Tenkotte, Ph.D., a Professor of History at Thomas More College and resident of Fort Wright, addressed Council regarding a project of the Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky. He explained how the project came about and stated that they are in their fourth and final year. Dr. Tenkotte advised they are approaching governmental units for fund raising on the remaining balance that is needed. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver advised we will look into possible funding and will have a report at the next meeting.

#### First Reading of Ordinance 16-06 – Waste Collection Fee for 2006

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. The waste fee for 2006 will be \$128.16 each unit.

#### Resolution 12-06 – Additional Municipal Road Aid Funds

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. The amount of \$75,000.00 was given to Fort Wright. The Mayor will sign the Memorandum of Agreement to spend this money on City streets. The streets will be St. Anthony Drive and Marcella Drive. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Sanitary Sewer Easement at Battery Hooper Park

Mr. Klein addressed Council and explained that the Sanitation District will be doing a combined sewer separation project that involves boring under City property. They are requesting an easement from the City and also in consideration as part of the project; they have given us a price to bring the sanitary sewer over to the property line of the City. City Staff is recommending this easement be granted. This is needed to put in restrooms at the park property. The Sanitation District did make adjustments to their plan to make it less expensive for the City. Mr. Brueggemann stated that his recommendation would be to work with the Sanitation District on this project. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve an easement with Sanitation District No. 1 and authorize the expenditure of \$102,000.00 to run pipe work to the site. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Marcella Drive Additional Right-of-Way

Mr. Klein advised that the City is attempting to purchase about 50 square feet of property at the end of Marcella Drive, in order to sufficiently have for a turnaround for school buses, garbage trucks etc. We need authorization from Council to purchase 50 square feet of property. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Barker and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Administrator Report

##### Battery Hooper Days – August 19/20

Very successful two days in August. We had about 1200 visitors to the park and all seemed to enjoy the celebration. Thanks to all staff and volunteers for all the work that was done to prepare and work this event.

##### \$75,000.00 Additional Municipal Road Aid Award

We were presented with a check from Governor Fletcher for additional money to be spent on City streets. This will be used on the upcoming Marcella and St. Anthony Drive project.

##### Homeland Security Grant Awarded

The City received a Homeland Security Grant for \$8600.00 to be used for new radios in our fire trucks. The radios were very old and were to be replaced from the current budget.

##### Passport Acceptance Program

The City has been accepted as a Passport Acceptance Facility. We have received forms and instructions for the office to begin issuing passports. Larry, Joyce, Jennifer and Julie are all certified to issue these documents. This will generate extra income for the City at no added expense.

##### Vision Committee Survey

Thanks to Eileen Hastings for putting the survey together and cross referencing replies. The City received about 132 surveys.

##### Vehicle Speed Studies

Enclosed in the packet are a couple of vehicle speed studies done on Redwood Drive and Morris Road. Councilman Feinauer requested this be done. Chief Kreinest wanted to thank the City of Edgewood for letting us borrow the equipment to run these tests. Both roads do have speeding issues as they are cut through roads and will be monitored.

##### Dixie Fix Final Report

The Dixie Corridor Study has been completed and Mr. Klein has a copy if anyone is interested in reading it. It is also listed on the OKI website. The oversight team will meet quarterly to monitor some of the projects that were prioritized for Dixie Highway.

#### OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan

A copy of the proposed 2030 OKI Regional Transportation Plan has been distributed to Council. A couple of projects will affect Fort Wright, improve and widen KY 17 from I-275 south to Holdsbranch Road. The other project is the replacement project of the Brent Spence Bridge which will add two lanes north and south on I-75 from Kyles Lane to the Brent Spence Bridge. Mr. Klein will be meeting with Highway Department officials regarding plans.

#### 9/11 Commemoration

The City will place flags again this year in commemoration of 9/11 in the front yards of every home in the City. We have volunteers to place these flags in over half of the yards in the City, the rest will be placed by staff.

#### BP Oil Site

Mr. Klein attended a meeting at the site with another interested party and expects to hear back in a couple of weeks.

#### Nature Center Eagle Scout Project

Another Eagle Scout project has been finished and another candidate is proposing to build two fishing docks near the detention lake. He has submitted designs and we have sent them to our insurance carrier. Inspections will be done by NKAPC.

#### Administration Department Job Duties

Just to update Council that a few job duties in the Administration Department are being re-arranged to allow for enforcement and follow-up of property maintenance code issues.

#### NKADD 2006 Police Chief of the Year Award – Chief Dan Kreinest

Our Police Chief Dan Kreinest was awarded the 2006 Police Chief of the Year Award by NKADD. This is the highest award in the eight county regions in Northern Kentucky.

#### NKADD 2006 City Administrator of the Year Award – Larry Klein

Our City Administrator Larry Klein was awarded the 2006 City Administrator of the Year Award by NKADD. Larry was also awarded another honor which was the Unity of Intergovernmental Effort for an Individual. Congratulation to both recipients.

#### Council Committee Reports

##### Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer noted that school is back in session, watch your speed and be aware. Fort Wright night at Florence Freedom was a good time and events are planned for the next couple of months. Tom Litzler, who has done numerous jobs in the City retired from

his full time job and was recognized at the game and made August 6-12, Tom Litzler Week in the City.

#### Computer Technology

Chief Kreinest advised that all the police cars have electronic citations up and running. This is a very efficient way to get information to District Court and the State Police.

#### Finance

Congratulations to Councilman Dave Hatter who has been recognized as a small business owner and is a very high honor to be chosen for this award, which is nationwide.

#### Legal Matters

Ms. Classic Car Wash  
Still in appeal.

Wessels LLC vs. SD1 and City of Fort Wright, et al  
Arguments are scheduled in October

#### Long Range Plan

Mr. Barker noted that Mr. Jacober gave a nice presentation regarding Year 5 of the Vision Committee 5 Year Plan.

#### Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the Fire department has been conducting training on Dixie Highway, at the site of Cassidy's Bar & Grill. They were able to get 859 hours of training at this site. Thanks to the Wessels Family, owners of the property, for letting us use the building to get these training hours.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that there were arrests made on multiple burglaries in the City. There was a Police car damaged in a pursuit, which was not the officer's fault. Congratulations to Sergeant Newsom and Officer Spanyer who made an arrest of an individual who escaped from a correctional institute in Ohio.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that the lights are up and working at the underpass on Rivard Drive. The new pickup truck has arrived and we are now installing equipment on it. Thanks to Nick Zumdick and Jeff Bethell for the extra work on the weekend that they put in for Battery Hooper Days.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that as soon as we have second reading on the tax rate we will be printing the 2006 bills; these should be out by the first week of October.

Mayor Weaver advised we will have a special meeting on September 8th at 8:00AM to have second reading of Ordinance 15-06, for the 2006 tax rate.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS.  
61.810 (b) Acquisition and or sale of real estate  
(c) Pending litigation or possible litigation  
(g) Business and or development proposals  
All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn back to executive session. All  
members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk