

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

05/03/06 – 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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, 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. Paul Hiltz arrived at 6:06 PM. Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek was unavailable for this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 04/05/06 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 8-06 – Sexually Oriented Businesses

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

Resolution 8-06 – Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Contract

This is a Municipal Order that is passed each year to receive funds from the State to be spent on public streets. 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 1-06 – Appointment of Representative to Kenton County Planning Commission

This will re-appoint our current representative, Rick Wolnitzek to the Kenton County Planning Commission.

Motion by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Mr. Nienaber voting in favor, Mr. Hatter voting no. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 9-06 – Amended FYE 2005/2006 Budget

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

First Reading of Ordinance of 10-06 – Proposed FYE 2006/2007 Budget

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

FYE 2005-2006 Street Program Bid

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann addressed Council regarding the Fort Wright Street Program. There were five bidders for the Lake Street/Kennedy Road project. The low bidder was JPS Construction and Mr. Brueggemann recommended the bid be awarded to them with an amount of \$549,044. The City has worked with this company in the past and has always found their work to be of the highest quality. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Nature Center Eagle Scout Program

Mr. Matt Cleves, an Eagle Scout will be doing his project at the Fort Wright Nature Center. We are very fortunate to have these young men choose Fort Wright for these projects. He will be removing some of the honeysuckle and replacing it with native plants and installing metal rods around the foot bridge to establish erosion control and reinforcing the ground. A bench will be placed by the creek. This is a good plan and minimal cost to the City.

Mr. Roger Schroder, representing the Fort Wright Business Association, addressed Council. He asked Council to add a Public Hearing to the evaluation process for the 3-L Corridor. Mr. Schroder stated that most people from the Business Association had expressed concerns regarding this plan. The Business Association would like to have a little more input. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to have a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 to address the map amendment and zoning text amendment for the effective area of the 3L Corridor. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Joyce Patterson of 52 Rivard Drive addressed Council regarding the graffiti on the walls and darkness of the underpass on Rivard Drive; she passed around pictures that she took of this situation. Mayor Weaver advised we are getting bids for lighting of this area and a letter was sent to Concord Custom Cleaners to have the graffiti removed from the retaining wall by their property. Mayor Weaver stated we will follow up on this project.

Administrator Report

Memorial Day Event – Monday, May 29 at 10:00 A.M.

A reminder that the Memorial Day service will take place on Monday, May 29th at 10AM on the front lawn.

Battery Hooper Park Improvement Grant

We have been awarded a direct appropriation from the State of \$250,000 toward our park improvements at the Storer Property. Thanks to all in Frankfort who helped to get this money back to Fort Wright.

Civil War Museum Update

The museum received on April 20th a \$1400.00 grant from the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table. This is an annual preservation award. This is for interpretive panels for the front lawn explaining about all the Civil War Battery's in this area.

City and Museum Board Hosted FWBA Meeting April 20th

The City and Museum Board hosted the FWBA luncheon at the museum on April 20th and all enjoyed the time spent there.

Ridgewood Drive Sanitary Sewer

Sanitation District No. 1 will be receiving \$140,000 direct State appropriation for the purpose of installing sanitary sewers on Ridgewood Drive in Fort Wright. There are 7 or 8 homes without sanitary sewers on this street. Thanks to Senator Westwood and others for enabling these residents to get public sewer service. This will be a major improvement.

Nature Center – Duke/Cinergy Easement

Duke Energy needs to have a larger transmission line installed beginning at the substation behind TANK. They will be installing taller poles along Highland Pike in the same locations. They need to have a 50' easement instead of the 10' that they now have. This will have to be acquired from the City and the possibility of bringing electric over to the Nature Center Lake was discussed to be able to install an aerator device. This may be part of the easement consideration. Discussion followed. These proposals will be brought before Council for approval.

Dixie Fix Public Meeting May 8, 4:00-7:00P.M

This will allow the public to hear ideas for Dixie Highway. This will be held at the Immanuel United Methodist Church on Dixie Highway in Lakeside Park.

Council Committee Reports

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter and Chief Kreinest had a brief meeting before the Council meeting to discuss the possibility of eliminating the Council paper packet and to come up with a way to distribute the information electronically.

Legal Matters

Ms. Classic Car Wash

Pre hearing for appeal.

Wessels LLC vs. SD1 and City of Fort Wright, et al

There is a meeting of all the City Attorneys and work co-operately to file one brief together. The cost will be shared among the cities.

Long Range Plan

Thanks to the members of the Vision Committee for all the work done to improve the City.

Personnel

Thanks to the City employees for the efficiency in which they do their job.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported that we had 721 dispatched calls from Kenton County in the past month, the most calls of all the smaller cities in this area. There was a very serious accident on Highland Pike on Tuesday, with multiple injuries. Fort Mitchell and Park Hills assisted in this accident. There was a house fire in Kenton Vale today with Park Hills and Covington responding.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that another Saturday event will be scheduled for the cleanup along the fencing on I-75. Ten volunteers from the Kenton County Detention Center are eager to come back and help us. The Garden Club will have their plant sale and swap on Saturday at the City Building.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we only have 13 tax bills left for payment.

Mr. Klein complimented Tim and the Public Works Department on the cleanup on I-75 and the Highway Department for working with us and Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl for allowing the volunteers from KCDC to help us with this project.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810 (b) and (c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to accept the proposal from Biddle's to sell their house to the City in exchange for the Siefert house per the attached document. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the Mayor to proceed with the condemnation lawsuit against Navillus Inc. to obtain a storm sewer easement. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk