

MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
September 5, 2006

Mayor Marc T. Otto, Sr. called the regular meeting of the Erlanger City Council to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 5, 2006.

Reverend opened the meeting with a prayer, after which the Members of Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag.

The following Members of Council were present: Jim Burger, Kevin Burke, John Dunhoft, Paul Hahn, Brian Hammond, Keith Henry, Bill Howard, Vicki Kyle, Frank Rose, Greg Sandel, and Patty Suedkamp. Randy Blankenship was absent, absence excused.

Also present were: City Administrator Bill Scheyer, Police Chief Marc Fields, City Clerk Linda Carter, Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Terry Allen, Police Captain Bob Arens, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MINUTES - M/S, Suedkamp-Dunhoft, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2006, be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Burke-Burger, that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 22, 2006, be approved as read.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION -

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration -

Public Safety - Chief Marc Fields reported he had received a request for Council to review issued with Turkeyfoot Road. The state has not erected speed signs. The speed limit is 45 miles per hour, but without the signs, vehicles are traveling much faster. Also street signs are not easy to see.

Chief Fields state wide award??????

Ms. Suedkamp reported the Fire/EMS department has been busy this month planning for the September 11th Memorial Service at the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Monument being held at the Newport World Peace Bell being held on September 9, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. They are also planning for the September 11th Memorial Service that is being held at the Erlanger Municipal Building on September 11, 2006 at 7:15 P.M.

Ms. Suedkamp said materials for Fire Prevention Month will be placed in all schools, daycares, and healthcare facilities.

Public Service - Mr. Rose reported progress. He said that at the September 19, 2006 Committee meeting, we will be getting more information from Drees.

M/S, Dunhoft-Suedkamp, to accept the Reports of the Standing Committees as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Renaissance - Ms. Suedkamp said that Elsmere Council Member Betty Wehner has passed away. Betty served on the Erlanger-Elsmere Renaissance Committee. Ms. Suedkamp stated that Ms. Wehner served the Community in many different ways and she will be greatly missed as a leader in the community and as a friend.

Erlanger Historical Society - Mr. Hahn thanked Rick Bogard and the Public Works staff for the excellent job they have done getting the Depot Park ready for Heritage Day, September 17, 2006.

M/S, Burger-Kyle, that the Reports of Representatives be adopted as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

City Engineer - Mr. Viox stated that we are closing out projects from the last fiscal year.

City Attorney - No report.

City Administrator - Bill Scheyer said he is proud to announce the winner of the 2006 Outstanding Municipal Clerk of the Year award given by the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) is our own City Clerk Linda Carter. Mayor Otto congratulated Linda for a job well done. The audience applauded.

Bill Scheyer stated he has received a request to review the parking ordinance from a resident.

Mr. Dunhoft said this is the same request that has already been reviewed by the Public Safety Committee and had been decided by Council not to change.

Mr. Scheyer announced the Connect Erlanger website will host a general discussion board with the 2006 Council candidates. Candidates are asked to write a 200 word essay about themselves and their views. This will give voters an opportunity to ask questions and to be more informed voters.

Bill Scheyer announced a live cable television event to be held on October 19, 2006 from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. featuring the Council candidates. Voters will have a chance to see and hear the candidates.

Mr. Scheyer said the candidates' workshop will be held on September 26, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Scheyer also asked that the Administration Committee move the budget planning meeting to October 10, 2006. Mayor Otto asked if there were no objections; there were no objections.

M/S, Howard-Dunhoft, that the reports of the City Operations be adopted as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Merrick Krey, of 549 Hallam, Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator, wanted to remind the public that the Kenton County tax bills will be sent out October 1, 2006. He asked that residents please call the Kenton County Property Valuation Administration (PVA) if the bills do not have the correct owners' name, mailing address or if other information is incorrect. Also those who qualify for the Homestead Exemption should contact the PVA. The PVA website, www.kentonpva.com is available to the public and is a valuable source of information to property owners.

BIDS - No bids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Otto said he had received a request to review safety issues on Concord Drive. He assigned this to the Public Safety Committee.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance 2277 setting the annual assessment of all real estate at .263 per hundred and .558 per hundred for personal property within the City of Erlanger which is subject to taxation thereby, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, and providing for the payment and collection of such taxes, and the penalties and interest thereon, and describing the purpose for which the taxes so collected shall be appropriated and used. This was the second reading.

M/S, Dunhoft-Hahn, to adopt and cause the Mayor to sign Ordinance 2277 setting the annual assessment of all real estate at .263 per hundred and .558 per hundred for personal property within the City of Erlanger which is subject to taxation thereby, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, and providing for the payment and collection of such taxes, and the penalties and interest thereon, and describing the purpose for which the taxes so collected shall be appropriated and used. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Rose-Kyle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandra Schweikert

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk