

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
01/09/02

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, Mr. Don Martin and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. 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. Council member Jim Robke was unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. Clarence Lassetter a resident of 2003 Pieck Drive addressed Council regarding the Citywide Street Study and introduced three of his neighbors from Pieck Drive. Those addressing Council were Danine Gier of 1999 Pieck Drive, Nancy Hampel of 1997 Pieck Drive and Sandra Voss of 2009 Pieck Drive. All asked Council to remember Pieck Drive when making street improvements in the City and make them feel they are part of Fort Wright.

Mr. Maloney advised he would check on the Street Program schedule to see if Pieck Drive was included since the City took over maintenance of this street.

Mr. John Herold a resident of 1385 Vidot Drive addressed Council regarding the Citywide Street Study. He questioned Council regarding improvements to be made on individual streets in the City and billing homeowners for improvements to their street. He advised this has been done in other Cities and has been well received by homeowners. Mayor Weaver advised we will discuss in the coming months going into the neighborhoods with different plans and get suggestions and feedback from residents with their opinions on this program before anything is decided.

Mr. Klein advised the cost of improving city streets is now absorbed entirely by the City. If homeowners were assessed individually they would get a bill for this amount. If an increase was on the tax bills annually this amount is tax deductible, an assessment is not.

Mr. Paul Flood of 529 Montpelier Court addressed Council and suggested the answer to the funding of the Citywide Street Study is to develop the 64 undeveloped acres at Highland Pike and 3L Highway. Mr. Flood suggested letting the citizens of Fort Wright know what this development could bring into the City. Mr. Flood also suggested the State could help in developing additional lanes for traffic coming from the southern end on Kenton County.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 12/12/01 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Chief Kreinest introduced our newest Police Officer Jamie Puthoff and welcomed her to the department. Chief Kreinest advised the City is very fortunate to have an officer of her caliber in our employment. She is highly skilled in many areas and a plus for the City of Fort Wright. Mayor Weaver also welcomed Jamie and swore her in as our newest officer.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the establishment of new zoning map designations and text. He advised this was discussed at the Economic Development Committee meeting held before the Council Meeting this evening. For the last several months Performance Automotive Group, who purchased the Dixie Gardens property from National Amusements in December has been discussing with the City regarding development of this site. The proposal is a combination development of office buildings and three-luxury auto dealers. What is required, since this property is zoned PO-1 is a new zone which would allow luxury auto dealers. What the City is proposing is developing a new zoning designation of PO-3, which would allow luxury auto sales as a permitted use. This would have to go through NKAPC and an Ordinance would be created by the City for final approval. The new owner would have to submit a zoning map amendment application to KCMPC to change the zoning on the three parcels only being used for the auto dealership.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to create a PO-3 zone. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Summe is working on language to define luxury automobile and make it part of this zone request.

Mr. Dan Tobertge of Tri-County Economic Development Corporation addressed Council regarding Omnicare Inc. Mayor Weaver was asked to authorize a letter of support waiving some or all of the City's portion of payroll tax for a 10 year commitment from a company bringing in approximately 28 employees. Mayor Weaver wanted input from Council before any decisions were made regarding this matter. Mayor Weaver stated he had concerns waiving this tax before Council had all the facts presented to them. Mr. Tobertge advised Council since he had never worked with Fort Wright regarding this matter he wanted to see if a program like the one he was presenting would be accepted. A decision by Council would determine if Omnicare would locate the additional jobs in the City of Fort Wright. Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver advised when the Dixie Drive-In property is developed with many more employees they may want the same agreement and the money coming from these developments are needed for City projects.

Mr. Tim Kimmel of Ernst & Young who is representing Omnicare, Inc. addressed Council and spoke of the incentives of this tax break to bring more employees into the City. The decision by Council was to get more information before a decision is made. The Mayor advised if information is presented a decision on this matter could be made at the next council meeting. Mr. Tobertge requested a letter of support be given for the purpose of time and later be rescinded if Council agrees not to commit to this project. Council agreed to condition the letter upon receipt of additional information and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Kyles Lane and Highland Pike Corridor Plan.

Mr. Klein advised a meeting was held with Mark Brueggemann and Tim Maloney to go over a comprehensive plan regarding access on Kyles Lane and signalization. Mark Brueggemann will be present at the January 23, 2002 meeting to present options before a plan is finalized. Also a meeting with KDOT will be scheduled for their input.

Municipal Order 1-02 Establishing Standing Council Committees of City Council.

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

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to increase the compensation paid to Board of Adjustment members to \$75.00 per year. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 1-02 Supporting A Transportation Enhancement Proposal And Authorizing The Mayor To Prepare And Submit An ISTEIA Application. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report.

Highland Pike sidewalks have been completed. Restoration will be done by Kenton County Public Works Department. We hope to have this project closed out shortly.

Ms. Classic Car Wash will be informed by Mr. Summe to move ahead on their culvert crossing project.

Highland Pike Right-Turn Lane.

This project has been completed but no invoice has been received yet.

Comprehensive Plan Update.

100% of Fort Wright recommendations were adopted. Thanks to Fort Mitchell City Administrator Bill Goetz for keeping the City updated on progress of our recommendations.

Council Committee Reports.

Economic Development.

Recent articles in the newspaper concerning development on Highland Pike and 3L property. Regency Development in contact with B&Z Development and preliminary discussions with the City staff. Nothing formal has been discussed.

Legal

Siegrist property to the City has been finalized. Thanks to the Siegrist family for their contribution

Department Reports.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported there are 77 unpaid property tax bills as of this date and 6 bills paid late without penalty and interest. Delinquent bills have gone out and will be sent monthly until payment has been received.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported we have taken delivery on the smaller version of the street signs. They will be installed as weather permits.
Thanks to Mike Harris, Michael Knight and Danny Martin for their help in traffic control the evening of the sudden bad weather that occurred recently.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe advised he is working on an annual report and hopes to present it by mid February. One of our part-time Fire Department employee, Carl Biery, has been appointed to the rank of Captain in the City of Wilder and is to be congratulated. Chief Schewe advised the part-time and full time Fire Department personnel appreciated the gift certificates they received from the City at Christmas. The annual Fire Department Appreciation Party is scheduled for February 16, 2002. Thanks to the volunteers and part-time personnel for their extra effort during the holidays.

Chief Kreinest reported we would be ordering the new police vehicle in the budget to replace the 1993 model. Welcome back to Sergeant Newsom who was off work due to health problems. Welcome to our newest Officer Jamie Puthoff.


The robbery suspect from Peoples Bank was arrested in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Motion by Mr. Martin, 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