

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
01/10/01

Mayor Gene Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin and Mr. Jim Robke. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek was unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. Ryan Averdick and Mr. Chris Elfers, students from Covington Catholic High School and residents of the City addressed Council and stated they would be attending and representing their school at the March For Life in Washington, DC. On January 22, 2001. A request was made for a Proclamation from the City to declare January 22, 2001 as March For Life Day in Fort Wright and to have this posted on the City message board in front of the building. After discussion by Council it was decided that as a Government agency the City could not take a political stand on this matter, as it would not be wise to state an opinion for the City. Mayor Weaver stated he respects and admires what these boys are doing for their community involvement. A letter would be sent to the school recognizing the students for their efforts.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to approve the minutes of the 12/27/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 1-01 Amending Ordinance 572-98, Code Section 150.16 (E) Changing the Fees for the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary and stated additional wording added to this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 1-01 Council Committee Appointments. Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. These appointments are the same as before with Mr. Feinauer replacing Mr. Chambers on these committees.

Resolution 1-01 Declaring Disposition of Surplus Property. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This property includes 1987 Ford F-150 pickup truck and twenty-five firefighter helmets.

First reading of Ordinance 2-01 Amending Ordinance 572-98, Code Section 96.02 Changing the Fees For Emergency Medical Service. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Robke to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This Ordinance does not raise fees but only charges what Medicare allows for reimbursement.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to accept the City of Fort Wright Organizational Chart with the Fire Department reorganization included. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This will allow for the Assistant Chief position to be created at Level 3 and eliminates the Fire Administrator position. No plans at this time to fill the Assistant Chief position. This also creates a Fire Officer (Captain) and Fire Officer (Lieutenant) position. In the Police Department the Sergeant's position has been upgraded from a Level 5 to a Level 4. All Level 1,2,3,4 personnel are in supervisory positions.

Fire/EMS Department Community Education Policy. This program has been offered free of charge to the residents of Fort Wright and employees who work in the City and pay taxes to the City. This training is needed for employees in some businesses in the City. Under the new policy proposed, the program would remain free for residents, schools, churches, non-profit groups but a charge would be made to other groups requesting this service. Our employee instructors would be compensated as part of their regular 40-hour schedule or as approved overtime. A contract would be used, similar to the one the Police Department uses for businesses to calculate how many people are attending this class and payment in advance would be required. This item was tabled and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mayor Weaver will appoint himself, all Council Members, Bernie Wessels our representative to KCMP&ZC, City Administrator Larry Klein, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and Rick Wolnitzek a resident who previously served on the Planning Commission to the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. These meetings will be advertised and two or three meetings will probably be the most needed.

Long Range Vision Committee is still under discussion and consideration.

KY 17 and Orphanage Road Street Lights. Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding lighting at the intersection of KY 17 and Orphanage Road. He advised residents have approached him with this problem and he concurs that it is very dark in this area. Mr. Maloney also suggested lights in other areas that are very dark. If Cinergy poles and generators were already located in these areas the only monthly charge would be \$5 to \$6 for each light. Council agreed to proceed with this plan.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to adopt the Non-Hazardous Cleanup Fee Schedule. Roll call vote taken Feinauer, Hiltz and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This fee schedule would be the same as the hazardous cleanup.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Mr. Klein attended a meeting at OKI regarding the Kentucky Unscheduled Need List. A packet was distributed to Council with a draft of proposed projects on this listing. Mr. Klein advised the Connector Road from Highland Pike to Grand Avenue in Taylor Mill is still listed on the project list. Previously the City took a very strong stance against this road. Mr. Klein advised he would be at the next meeting to disapprove this project, as it exists. The City recently did a traffic study and it shows putting more traffic on this road would not be in the best interest of Fort Wright. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to compose a letter to disapprove the plan as it is proposed. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Robke and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This letter will be submitted before the January 23, 2001 deadline.

The acquisition of the vacant lot at 105 Bluegrass Avenue has been completed. It was decided to leave the public right-of-way as it is now.

Property Maintenance Liens. Mr. Klein advised there is a provision in our Code of Ordinances that allows us to go on the problem property and correct the problem and remove the nuisance and attach a lien to the property. This procedure is in place and will be done in the future.

Fire/EMS Backup Support. A meeting was held with the City employees Nick Zumnick, Jason Buhr and Jennifer Finan who are also members of the volunteer Fire Department. These employees are needed for backup support on occasion when there are multiple calls or not enough people are available to respond. There will be opportunity for training during regularly scheduled hours of work or in the evening if training is not available during regular work hours. Equal amount of time will be given to employees to compensate for their training hours after regularly scheduled hours or overtime pay will be received. Twenty hours of training per year is required

Thanks to Jennifer Finan and Sergeant Dean Russell for their work in getting the pictures in the lobby copied and framed.

Dave Hatter reported the Computer Committee is looking into:

Tape back-up procedure

Working with Department Heads on the next level for the Website.

E-mailing of Council packets.

Complaint Tracker System

GIS System

Laptops

Computer in lobby.

Veteran's Memorial Committee.

Seventy-Five new or corrected bricks received recently. Mr. Martin requested when these bricks are placed, he has had inquiries to move a few bricks around so that families could be placed together. Mr. Hatter has been in contact with Dave Schlothauer from Park Hills regarding the parade for Memorial Day 2001.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported sixty-nine tax bills outstanding for 2000. Delinquent notices will be sent monthly.

Mr. Maloney thanked Jason Buhr and Nick Zumdick for a job well done in the bad weather. We started the season with 80 tons of salt left over from last year, this amount has been used and we are into this year's allotment. The Public Works Department is working on street signs and parking signs.

Chief Kreinest reported the Senior Watch Program always being worked by Officer Knight and a great response from residents received by the department in Thank-You notes and phone calls. Thanks to the Fort Wright Civic Club for donations of coffee mugs and candy. Training classes being attended. Officer Knight and Sergeant Newsom attending a child abuse class. Officer Marc Schworer has completed a sketch drawing class in accident reconstruction. An all expense paid Incident Command class opening in Georgia, hopefully Sergeant Newsom will be able to attend. More detailed year-end reports will be available shortly. Mayor Weaver also thanked Officer Knight's family for their help in the Senior Watch Program, for their time and donations.

Chief Muench reported twenty-five members of the Fire Department responded to the apartment fire in Park Hills. Two members starting EMT class. Mr. Hiltz suggested that we give surplus helmets to members of the Fire Department for memorabilia.

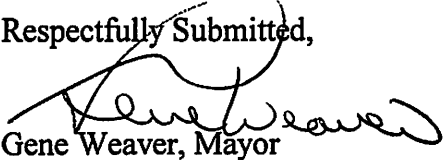
Mr. Hatter thanked Chief Kreinest for helping him on his off day to upgrade desktop computers.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second Mr. Martin to adjourn to executive session per KRS 61.810 (b)(c)(f). Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

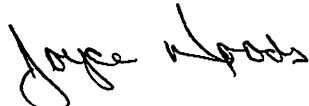
Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to recess legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce Woods, City Clerk