

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
01/12/00

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Tom Franxman, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Jim Robke and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire Chief Tim Deye and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Public Works Director Tim Maloney was absent with notice.

Mayor Weaver called for citizen comments: Mr. Dennis Halfhill, a resident of General Drive, inquired how appointments were determined for the Board of Ethics. Mayor Weaver responded that there were no written criteria for these appointments. Recommendations were made and interest shown by residents for these positions.

A motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of 12/08/99 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter and Robke voting in favor. Wolnitzek abstained. no one opposed. Motion passed.

First reading of Ordinance for Parking Regulations on Unpaved Surfaces. Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Robke to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 1-00 for Stop Signs at Valley Drive and Wendy's Access Road at Orphanage Road. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Franxman to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor. no one opposed. Motion passed.

Bid Opening for 1995 Dodge Caravan. Five bids were received prior to the deadline of 6:00pm January 12, 2000. The bids were as follows:

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| 1) Frank Lang of Silver Grove, Kentucky | \$5025.00 |
| 2) Robert Wheeler of Burlington, Kentucky | \$4850.00 |
| 3) Roy Egan of Cincinnati, Ohio | \$4751.00 |
| 4) Bill Ruehl of Erlanger, Kentucky | \$4507.00 |
| 5) Earl Stith | \$4501.00 |

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Robke to accept Mr. Frank Lang's bid of \$5025.00 with the amendment that if he changes his mind or does not have the funds to purchase this vehicle, the second highest bid will be accepted. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter, Hiltz and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 9-99 appointing Bernie Wessels as the Fort Wright Representative to the Kenton County, and Municipal Planning And Zoning Commission. Motion by Mr.

Franxman, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Martin and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 1-00 appointing Jon Chambers to the Fort Wright Board Of Adjustments. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 2-00 appointing Donald Russell to the Fort Wright Board Of Ethics. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to approve. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Russell stated that it was an honor and pleasure to be appointed.

Executive Order 3-00 appointing Garry Edmondson to the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky Community Program Center's Advisory Committee. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hiltz, Robke and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed

Executive Order 4-00 appointing Gabrielle Summe to the Fort Wright Board Of Ethics. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter, Robke and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 1-00 appointing Gene Weaver as the City Of Fort Wright Representative for the Board Of Trustees of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Franxman to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Robke, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 2-00 establishing Standing Committees of City Council, the Days and Times Of Meetings and the Membership Thereof and Authorizing the Referral Thereto for Recommendation Thereof, of Any Subject Presented To The City Council for Consideration. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Franxman to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Robke, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Franxman advised Mayor and Council of his resignation effective March 31, 2000 from Council, as he will be moving from the City.

Resolution 1-00 Adopting and approving the Execution Of An Agreement between CDS Engineers, Inc, and The City Of Fort Wright for Professional Engineering Services. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter, Robke and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2-00 Declaring Disposition Of Surplus Property. Mr. Hatter suggested one item on the list of surplus property, item APC Backups Pro be taken off of the list, as the City may have some use for this item in the future. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Robke, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Zoning Text Amendment – Accessory Structures will be tabled until the next meeting.

First Reading for Ordinance 3-00 Eliminating The Outside Storage Of Materials, Supplies, or Products In Enclosed Containers. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter, Hiltz and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Martin to continue the process to purchase street signs for main thoroughfares in Fort Wright. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Robke and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Hatter spoke in favor of the Character Counts Program now offered in schools, replacing the D.A.R.E. program. He stated this program is broader than the D.A.R.E. program, but still covers drug prevention awareness. Chief Kreinest advised that Crescent Springs Police are now using this program and are getting a good response from schools. He suggested that we may want to get some input from our schools and that switching from the D.A.R.E. program would have additional cost. A joint meeting with the schools was suggested and more information will be included in future Council packets.

Mr. Wolnitzek reported on the progress at South Hills Civic Club. A new roof, windows and dry wall have been installed. Plans for the building to be extended to provide three restrooms, one accessible to the outside for use when there are people using the ball fields. Suggestions made were to make the ball field larger, a small tot lot. This facility when finished would be available to residents, employees and volunteer personnel. A training facility for the Fire Department was also a suggestion. The Public Works Department would complete a portion of the work the rest would be bid out. Mr. Wolnitzek advised the cost would be an additional \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mr. Hiltz inquired if there was a plan for the Civic Club when it was completed. He suggested a recreation program and this idea would be considered.

Mr. Klein thanked Sergeant Russell for his help in framing and hanging the pictures in the lobby that residents donated to the City. These pictures are a part of the history of Fort Wright and we hope to add more pictures in the future.

Property tax collection went very well this year; thanks to the new format for tax bills that Mr. Klein designed and Mr. Hatter and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan created a program on the computer. Delinquent bills have been sent out for January and many are being paid. City Clerk Joyce Woods worked New Years Eve which was a Holiday for the City this year, in order to keep the office open on the last day to collect tax payments.

Mr. Klein reported on Citizen Survey response, which was about 12-13%. Overall there was positive input and there were comments that the City needs to address. Leaf pickup and other suggestions would be taken into consideration after cost was established. Some things the City cannot control and this would be noted in future issues of the Top Of The

Hill News. Mr. Klein thanked Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan for compiling the percentages used for responses. Residents can get a complete copy of this survey at the City Office and also on the website. Many comments concerned the speed and weight limits on state roads. Mayor Weaver asked for authorization by Council to send a letter requesting a traffic study on Ky. 1072. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Police Department Accreditation. Mr. Robert Johnson, an intern from NKU, is gathering information on this process and working with the Police Department two days a week.

Monument ordered for the Memorial. CDS is providing a design for the Public Works Department to work from. This monument will be centered in front of the flagpole and will be approximately 6ft. 3in. high.

ISTEA application results have not been received as of this date. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Klein for his preparation on this application.

Mr. Wolnitzek reported on the 3L Corridor. Nothing official as of this date. The City is very concerned about traffic and development in that area. Everything will be done to make whatever is developed on that site an asset to the City. The meeting scheduled for January 14, 2000 has been canceled by the developer and not rescheduled as of this date. All meetings are open to the public. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that if potential businesses comply with zoning codes the City couldn't keep business from locating in our City.

Chief Deye reported a letter received from the Judge Executive regarding a seminar at Thomas More College on January 29, 2000 from 9am-5pm in reference to improvement of Fire and EMS service response times. Mayor and Council are invited to attend if they are interested.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve Resolution 3-2000 supporting number of continuing education hours necessary for EMT's recertification. will be reduced from seventy- two hours every two years to twenty- four hours every two years. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Chief Kreinest reported year-end reports enclosed in Council packets. Officer Knight was selected as co-recipient of Police Officer Of The Year Award. The award ceremony will be January 15, 2000 at Twin Oaks. Congratulations to Michael. Effective January 16, 2000 Randy Newsom will be promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations to Sergeant Newsom.


Mr. Klein read the 1999 Annual Report.

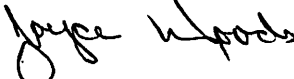
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to adjourn to executive session per KRS 61.810(f). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed at 8:14pm.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter 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. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to close legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce Woods, City Clerk