

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
01/24/01

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, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek 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.

A presentation was made to Mrs. Jon Chambers on behalf of her husband, former Councilman Jon Chambers as a token of appreciation for his service to the City. Mrs. Chambers thanked Council on behalf of Jon who was out of town on business. She stated that he appreciated the support and friendship he received.

In attendance were State Representative Jon Draud and State Representative Jim Callahan. Representative Draud presented the City with reproduced cardboard checks for money received for Amsterdam Road repair and sidewalks on Highland Pike. These checks were presented and Representative Draud thanked Mayor and Council for their willingness to serve, and thanked Mr. Klein for the great job he is doing as City Administrator and stated that he enjoys working with him. Representative Draud asked Mayor and Council for their support on the sex offender bill, requiring notification in neighborhoods where sex offenders are living. Mayor Weaver thanked Representatives Draud and Callahan for bringing money back to our City.

Officer Amy Schworer addressed Council regarding the RAD Program and introduced Rose Clark of Corporex Realty and Phyllis Konnerman of Women's Crisis Center. Plaques were presented to Ms. Clark of Corporex Realty for their involvement in this program, allowing classes to be taught at their facility. Mayor Weaver read the inscription and proclaimed February 1, 2001 Corporex Realty Day in Fort Wright. Ms. Clark thanked the City for this honor. A plaque was read and presented to Ms. Konnerman for Women's Crisis Center and proclaimed February 2, 2001 Women's Crisis Center Day in Fort Wright. Ms. Konnerman thanked the City for their support.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 01/10/01 Council meeting. Roll call votes taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 2-01 Establishing EMS Billing Fees. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote

taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Appointment of Fort Wright Nature Center Planning Board. Mr. Mike Strohm was selected to chair the Board. Mr. Gary Seeman as Vice-Chair. Other members are Eileen Hastings, Allison Riddle and Tom and Nancy Hampel. Dr. Bill Bryant of Thomas More College Biology Department will be an advisor to the Board. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Fire/EMS Department Community Education Program. Mr. Klein advised there were revisions made to this document after the last Council meeting when it was tabled. Mr. Wolnitzek stated he still has a problem charging businesses for this program. He feels all organizations should be treated the same. Mr. Hiltz suggested that we charge only for materials used for these classes. Chief Muench advised books for these classes cost around \$10.00. After discussion by Council Mr. Wolnitzek made a motion to institute the program at no charge to anyone and review it at budget time in June. Second by Mr. Hiltz. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin voting in favor. Mr. Robke voting no. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding an opportunity for the City to change cell phone carriers and save monthly charges on our cell phone bill. Also the City has the option of offering this benefit to employees with the bill being paid directly by the employee to the company but the City would have to guarantee payment. If the employee does not pay their bill, the City would be notified and be responsible for payment of the bill. Each employee would sign a payroll withholding authorization and payment would be deducted from their pay if charges were not paid directly by the employee. The City would then cancel this benefit for that employee. Council agreed to extend this to employees but not to volunteers at this time.

Long Range Vision Committee. Mayor Weaver advised there would be discussion at the retreat in February on this committee. Anyone who has any suggestions on individuals who may be interested in participating please have these names available.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. Mr. Klein advised the committee is in place and we hope to meet after the first Council meeting in February. Information will be sent out with the Council packet. Any items decided upon will be brought back before Council for approval.

Survey Results. The results were calculated and distributed in the Council packets. The response was down from last year hopefully because more people are satisfied. Comments will be looked at internally and discussed. Some suggestions were to talk to other cities for comparison, have an outside service prepare the survey, breakdown by

department frequently asked questions and answer each month in the newsletter five or six questions. Mr. Hatter advised this information can also be listed on our website.

Town Hall Meeting will again be held in our Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 7PM. Park Hills officials have asked that their City be included in this meeting. This meeting is open to the public and sponsored by the Kenton County Fiscal Court.

Metricom Update. A letter was received from Metricom pursuing an agreement with each City. The Mayor's Group has been working on drafting a model Ordinance so that all companies entering the Cities will be treated the same.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development. No report

Legal. No report

Personnel. No report

Computer Technology. Mr. Hatter advised the Computer Technology Committee had met before the Council meeting. Some of the items discussed, new software needed with the cost approximately \$350.00, making sure all systems are standardized, and have Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan trained to take a more active role in maintenance of the website.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported 9 delinquent tax bills received in January. We have approximately 60 bills left unpaid. A suggestion was made to publish delinquent names sooner this year than last year. Mr. Wolnitzek advised he didn't think publishing the names right away was a good idea. A suggestion was made to send the next delinquent bills certified mail, so a receipt and signature would be on file.

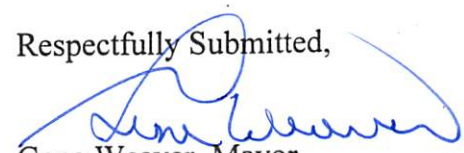
Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported he was contacted by a sub-contractor of Cinergy to do line clearing on power lines and telephone lines in the area. Mr. Hiltz advised they were in his neighborhood on Wednesday.

No Report from Chief Muench.

Chief Kreinest reported Sergeant Newsom was attending training in Fort McClellan, Alabama. Officer Knight would be attending Basic Investigator Class for a two-week course in Richmond, Kentucky.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Hatter, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 7:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk