

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
02/13/02

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, 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 Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Kathy Nienaber a resident of 16 Barbara Circle addressed Council regarding a program she is proposing for the Fort Wright Nature Center this summer in outdoor wildlife. Ms. Nienaber is a graduate of Saint Henry High School, Northern Kentucky University and is working on her masters degree in early childhood education and she is currently a teacher at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Burlington. Ms. Nienaber advised if this program is a success on this one-day trial basis, maybe in the future activities could be expanded to a longer program. Ms. Nienaber presented a sample lesson plan for this activity and explained this would take place on a Saturday with a parent attending with their child for this initial program. She explained donations of supplies could be received from various businesses and organizations to defray the cost of this program. Police and Fire safety could also be taught if this program is expanded. Mr. Klein advised these programs would promote the Nature Center to people in and out of the City. Mayor Weaver advised he thinks this is a great idea and would like to have additional information regarding this program.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 01/23/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, and Robke voting in favor, Hiltz and Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver introduced Mr. Tom Jacober a resident of Fort Wright and Dr. Mike Thomson of Northern Kentucky University and explained Council had discussed forming a Fort Wright Vision Committee to discuss the direction for the City over the next several years. Mr. Klein had met with Mr. Jacober in recent weeks and has come up with names of people to serve on this committee; Mr. Tom Jacober, Mr. Larry Klein, Mr. Tom Litzler, Ms. Eileen Hastings, Ms. Ann Flood, Mr. Joe Michels, Mr. Roger Schroeder and Judge Ray Lape. The first organizational meeting will be on Friday February 15th. Mr. Klein advised City staff and Council would also have input into this process and a flow chart has been put together to show the process. Mr. Jacober and Dr. Thomson addressed Council and gave their thoughts on this plan and the process of merging ideas from all areas to come up with the best possible vision for the City in future years. Mr. Jacober advised the time frame for the presentation of ideas would tie in with the budget process for this year.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to adopt the concept of The Fort Wright Vision Committee and to name Mr. Tom Jacober, Mr. Larry Klein, Ms. Ann Flood, Ms. Eileen Hastings, Mr. Joe Michels, Mr. Roger Schroder, Mr. Tom Litzler and Judge Ray Lape. members to this committee. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Kyles Lane and Highland Pike Corridor Plan

Mr. Klein, Mr. Maloney, Mark Brueggemann and Chief Kreinest met with KDOT on February 6th to present ideas and share thoughts regarding improvements in this area. One of the areas that will be looked at is Old Kyles Lane and Mt. Vernon Drive subdivision. Mark Brueggemann will bring back input to Council for review and discussion.

The next regular Council Meeting on February 27, 2001 has been designated for discussion regarding Citywide Street Improvement Program.

Mayor Weaver advised the Fort Wright Nature Center Planning Board Annual Report would be presented when Mr. Strohm was available to attend a future meeting.

Resolution 2-02 – FYE 2002/2003 Municipal Road Aid Agreement.

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Klein advised this is an agreement with the state's Municipal Road Aid assistance program. The total amount received is down from last year due to decreased revenue from gasoline tax and decreased population in the 2000 census.

Administrator Report

Mr. Klein advised there is a listing in the Council packet of the current Street Captains for the City of Fort Wright. This is a very dedicated group of citizens that play an important role in welcoming our new residents and provide the City with input from these residents. Mayor Weaver advised anyone who is interested in becoming a Street Captain please contact the City Offices.

The FYE 2002/2003 annual budget retreat has been scheduled for March 9th, 2002 at 9:00AM. Mr. Klein advised ideas would be solicited from Council of their vision for the City for the next five years.

Application has been delivered to Frankfort for the ISTEAGrant to provide sidewalks from Kyles Lane and Highland Avenue to the Bluegrass Swim Club and Wright's Point complex. Copies of letters of support have been included in the Council packets. Mr. Klein advised these letters are helpful that so many different people are supporting this project.

Mayor Weaver advised the dedication of the Nature Center sidewalks is being arranged for May. More information as it becomes available.

The City again will be submitting Safety and Liability Grant applications for safety items to be used in all departments. This is through the Kentucky League of Cities and helps us to stretch our budget dollars if we receive this grant.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek reported there would be a special meeting on February 20th at 6:00PM to discuss and possibly have first reading on the Dixie Gardens Development. The proposed plans for this land will be redeveloped as a luxury automobile dealership and office buildings.

Legal

Mr. Summe reported on the letter he sent to Ms. Classic Car Wash. He reported he was advised the culvert system had to be redesigned and he would speak to their engineers. He impressed on the owners to aggressively press ahead to get this situation resolved. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to have a completion date of September 1, 2002 for the proposed bridge/culvert at Ms. Classic Car Wash or access to the business on Madison Pike will be terminated. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Summe will advise the owners of this on February 14, 2002.

Computer Technology.

Mr. Hatter advised we would evaluate the current computers before the new budget is in effect. Thanks to Chief Kreinest for all his help.

Veteran's Memorial.

Mr. Martin advised Retired Judge Ray Lape would be our speaker for the Memorial Day Service at the City building. He is contacting the St. Agnes Children's Choir to see if they would participate and also contacting Senator Roeding to see if possible we could have a Blackhawk fly by.

Mr. Tom Litzler arrived and advised Council the results of a parking study by NKAPC in Professional Office zones. The requirement is three spaces. Recommendations to the cities that do not have three that they consider changing their zoning to reflect the amount recommended. Fort Wright's requirement I already three spaces. Mr. Litzler also spoke in favor of the proposed development on the Dixie Gardens property. He agreed that this would be a very compatible development to the area. He spoke in favor of Council's decision on the development on Highland and Madison Pike to prevent a regional

shopping center from locating on that property in a neighborhood shopping center zone. Thanks for listening to the residents and keep the people involved. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Litzler for agreeing to serve on the Vision Committee.

Department Reports.

Chief Kreinest reported on burglaries on Beaumont Court. He advised residents to leave lights on if not at home in the evening and report any activity that seems suspicious in the area.

Officer Danny Martin prevented a potential robbery on a routine traffic stop with an arrest.

Officer Spanyer arrested two people at Lookout Motel on drug charges.

Mrs. Charlotte Deupree of 1850 Dixie Highway commended the Police Department for responding to a burglary alarm at their residence and made a donation to the department. Child Passenger Safety check will be at the fire department on February 14, 2002. Officer Jamie Puthoff and Sergeant Dean Russell will be assisting the safety technicians from the Kentucky Child Passenger Safety Team.

Citizen Police Academy is continuing.

Missing persons flyer distributed. Brian Salisbury age 15. His mother is a resident of Knob Hill Court.

Officer Amy Schworer is off duty on sick leave.

Officer Danny Martin may be off with knee surgery the beginning of March.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported the Child Passenger Safety check would be in the Fire Department bays from 1-4PM on February 14. Thanks to Jennifer Finan for getting this program in Fort Wright.

Part-time Firefighter Carl Biery has resigned because of a promotion in his full-time position.

The Fire Department appreciation party will be Saturday, February 16 at the Fort Wright Civic Club.

The Fire Department annual report will be in the next Council packet.

The recently purchased thermal imaging camera is available if anyone would like to see it.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported only 39 tax bills remaining. Updated bills sent out for February.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported work still going on at the South Hills Civic Club.

Amsterdam Road utility work being done by Spartan Construction.

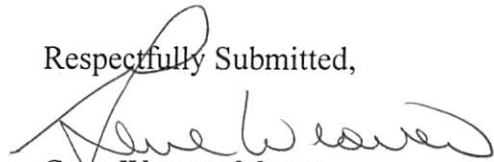
Mayor Weaver reminded everyone Wednesday, February 20 at 6PM there would be a special Council Meeting for zone change request for Dixie Gardens property.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to adjourn to executive session per KRS 61.810(b) and (g). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business as a result of this session.


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

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk