

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES  
02/23/00

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

No Citizen comments.

A motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 02/09/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

A proposal by American Sound for alterations in the Council Chambers was tabled until more information could be gathered from a representative of the Cable Board.

A motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the quote of \$9989.00 from Egbers Land Design Inc. to landscape the entire parking lot of the Nature Center. This quote also includes stepping-stones to the trail signs. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to request additional information from Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission before any action is taken on the Kenton County Bicycle Plan. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein reported he met last week with County officials on the Amsterdam Road improvement project. Discussion followed. Suggestions were made that a traffic count be conducted and gather additional facts before any decisions are made on this project.

**Full-Time Fire Chief Position.**

Mr. Klein advised on the progress of establishing this position. He attended a Board meeting at the Fire Department in regards to how this position would affect the volunteers. Many questions were asked and answered. At the end of the meeting a five-member committee was appointed to review a job description for this position. How the members would be involved in the selection process of the chief and how they would continue to provide input in this position. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that

we want to strive to be as good as any other department in Northern Kentucky and to fill this position to pull together the department with positive leadership. After the job description is created the process will proceed to the next step.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Citizen Survey Results. Pricing on leaf collection for the City was received and a cost of \$20,000.00 for a one time per year collection. This will be a low budget priority. Street sweeping prices received for curb streets and busy sections of the City, are a little over \$4000.00.

Police Department accreditation going very well. Included in the Council packet is a multi year plan that was needed for this process. Public Works employees have been working in the evidence room building gun lockers etc.

Civil Defense Sirens. A plan for sirens in the City has left a gap in some areas. A letter will be written with suggestions to relocate sirens so all areas of Fort Wright will be covered.

Computer Committee. Mr. Hatter advised some suggestions were to have the computer replaced in the Public Works Department to update the G.I.S. system data. Notebooks for Police vehicles. Surplus computer for the lobby for residents use. A suggestion to have a policy for Internet use. Website is going very well, by the next meeting all zoning will be on the website.

Economic Development Committee. Mr. Wolnitzek advised a meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2000 at 10:AM. There will be a preliminary presentation. This is an open meeting.

Memorial Committee. A meeting with Park Hills was attended and there will be a Memorial Service at the Fort Wright City building at 10:AM and a parade will follow. We would like to have Churches and civic organizations involved. One suggestion was to have small flags all along parade route.

Chief Kreinest reported he distributed paperwork on the cost of the D.A.R.E. program. When information is received on the Character Counts Program, we will make comparisons. More tickets have been issued due to the better radar and our staff at full capacity, also heavier patrolling on Kyles Lane and Highland Pike.

Chief Deye reported that we still have openings at our 1:00PM March 25, 2000 CPR class.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported side wing cost for the Council Chambers should be available by the next meeting. A meeting with the draftsman for the addition at South Hills Civic Club. Occupancy should be at one hundred.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported we have twenty-seven outstanding property tax bills totaling \$5438.00 thru this date.


Mayor Weaver reminded everyone of the Tuesday May 23, 2000 Kenton County Fiscal Court Caucus and Town Hall Meeting at 7:00PM.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Franxman to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810(f). Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed at 8:05PM.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk