

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
02/27/02

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. Don Martin, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Dave Hatter 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. Mr. Paul Hiltz was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 02/13/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote take, Feinauer, Hatter and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/20/02 Special Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Robke and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised this meeting would be designated to discuss the Citywide Street Improvement Program. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann and City Administrator Larry Klein would address Council regarding research and study done for this program now and in the future. Mayor Weaver advised we cannot continue at the level we are now spending on this program to provide future service for our streets.

Mark Brueggemann addressed Council and presented options for various different street plans that the City could review and decide which direction they want to take. The best plan would be to have a sidewalk, curb, gutter and improved drainage system on each City Street. To develop the cost of this program on every type of street was analyzed in the City and nine different sections were reviewed. Total project cost over a 20-year period would be \$15,000,000.00 based on today's construction dollars. This is typically the life cycle of this type of pavement project. Mr. Brueggemann advised there should be consistency in design throughout the City.

Mr. Klein addressed Council and compared surrounding cities and advised these cities are spending three times more than Fort Wright on their Street Programs. Two of these cities have a special revenue source for these projects. Taking excess money out of the General Fund each year is becoming more and more difficult. The City is getting less help from the Municipal Road Aid Fund than we received ten years ago because this

amount is based on total population. As a City we need to address this matter and are able to explore an increase in our tax rate because our rate is one of the lowest in Northern Kentucky. Mr. Klein advised with new development in the City in the next few years this will help with additional funding.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver advised whatever plan is decided on we need to do more than we are doing at the present time. The Council needs to decide which plan would benefit the citizens and what the majority of residents will want to do with their tax dollars. If a tax increase option is placed on the ballot the outcome will ultimately be the citizen's decision. Everyone agreed to move along and decide if this question should be put on the ballot for the November election. This will be discussed at the upcoming budget retreat.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek advised a meeting was held today with the developers of the Dixie Gardens project and this development is moving forward and additional agreements are being worked out. This will be a first class project and the road improvements will be started as soon as possible.

Finance

Mr. Feinauer advised he recently attended a Municipal Budget Workshop regarding the GASB34 and was very pleased that we have already implemented this procedure in our budget.

Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Martin advised he spoke to Senator Roeding regarding our Memorial Day Service and will keep in touch with him.

Department Reports

Mr. Maloney commented on the Street Program and advised there are no easy decisions about this issue. Since we are not in a crisis mode at this time it is hard to make decisions that will affect residents now but will be the best decision in the future of our City.

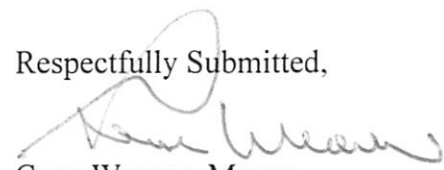
Mayor Weaver advised he was contacted by a resident about the reduction of the speed limit on Old Kyles Lane from the City Building to Walt's Hitching Post. Since this road is under control of the State he does not think the City should personally make an application to lower the speed limit. Mayor Weaver and Council decided to have Mr. Summe contact the resident and advise them if they would like to try and get the speed limit reduced it will be up to them, but the City will not get involved at this time.

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

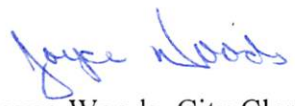
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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