

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
03/08/00

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, 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. Council Member Paul Hiltz arrived at 6:15PM.

Mayor Weaver called for Citizen's comments: Mr. Tim Siegrist of 1309 East Henry Clay Avenue addressed Council regarding the parking situation, speeding and increasing traffic on East Henry Clay Avenue. He suggested maybe speed bumps would help in slowing down traffic. Chief Kreinest advised daily monitoring by the Police Department and more citations issued has helped with his concerns. Tickets written in error for unpaved parking surfaces have been resolved. Mayor Weaver advised since this is a public road, there is only so much that can be done. Our best chance at solving these problems is daily enforcement.

Ms. Sue Strobel of 1245 Upland Avenue addressed Council regarding parking and traffic in her neighborhood. She requested parking not be allowed on the street because it causes a blind curve going down the hill to Covington. Chief Kreinest advised that parking on the street is legal in that area. This situation would also be monitored.

Ms. Margie Lakeberg of 1647 Amsterdam addressed Council regarding the concrete parking pad at her home. She advised it only has a ~~one~~ two car capacity and there is no other parking at her residence. If she has any other visitors there is nowhere to park and they are cited for parking on unpaved surfaces. Mayor Weaver suggested Mr. Klein and Chief Kreinest meet with her on this problem and hopefully find a solution.

A motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Franxman to approve the minutes of the 02/23/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First reading of an Ordinance to establish a Full-Time Fire Chief position. Mr. Summe read in summary. 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. Pay scale for this position would be a Level Two. Suggestions for advertising would be in the Greater Cincinnati, Louisville and Lexington areas.

Amsterdam Road Improvements. This item was tabled at the last Council meeting. Discussion followed and it was suggested that CDS conduct a traffic count at Finke's Market, Below Fort Henry Drive and past General Drive to find out the number of vehicles in these areas. Mr. Hatter suggested that we get our facts together and present our suggestions to the County.

FYE 2000/2001 Budget Goals and Priorities. Mr. Klein advised in the next few weeks he will be meeting with department heads to discuss their budgets and prioritize what they have requested. Mr. Hatter suggested each Council Member prioritize and compare the outcome with the staff. Mr. Wolnitzek advised the Street Program should be removed from this list.

Civil Defense Sirens. Mr. Klein advised an additional siren would be added to Fort Henry Drive and Amsterdam Road area to close the gap that was previously a concern to the City. Also a suggestion to place the siren that was to be located at the City Building, further down Highland Avenue to cover the Lakeview area.

Street Sign Pole Bid. One bid was received from Stewart Iron Works for \$26,345.18 for 45 sign locations. Volume and prepay discount received in this price. Once approved, signs should be delivered within 60 days and installed as time allows. These poles are a little better quality than Fort Mitchell has installed. Mr. Robke inquired as to which budget this item would be taken from, and Mr. Klein advised this would be an amended item in the current budget. A total of \$37,000.00 was collected in delinquent personal property taxes and this amount would not be taken from any revenues already budgeted. Mr. Wolnitzek expressed concern that there are too many amendments to the budget and would prefer to carry this item over into next year. Mr. Robke advised amendments to the budget should be for unforeseen and emergency items. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the purchase of the signs. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hiltz voting in favor. Mr. Wolnitzek and Mr. Robke voting no. Motion passed 4-2.

Mr. Klein advised he has redone the City Organizational Chart to reflect the new Fire Chief position. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that we should have a position listed for Zoning Administrator. Mr. Klein advised this function is provided by the Public Works Director for an annual stipend. We will be looking at job descriptions to comply with ADA and review it at that time. Mr. Hiltz inquired on the level for Police Captain. Mr. Klein advised he would check on this item. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to accept the City Organizational Chart. Roll call vote take, Franxman, Hiltz, Martin and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

FYE 2000/2001 Dispatch Fees. These fees are based on activity through the County dispatch.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

The City of Fort Wright and neighboring cities have been looking at a complaint tracking software package. This software would give cities the ability to log, keep track and follow-up on complaints called into the City offices by residents or staff. The cost to the City would be reduced if purchased by a certain date and multiple cities would purchase this software. Mr. Hatter is looking at this program and he advises he would like to research this program and talk to the Computer Committee before he gives his recommendation. This system would give us internal control as well as resident follow-

up. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested we look at other software packages at a lower price before any decisions are made.

Police Department Accreditation. Good progress is being made. The second manual has been completed. Record system in order and changes and improvements in the evidence room are being completed. Mr. Klein thanked all the departments for their help in getting this project completed.

2000 Census is underway and the Census Committee is asking all the cities to advertise to make people aware that this program is now in progress. Forms will be available in the City building lobby for people who do not receive a form in the mail. There will be help centers available for people who need assistance in filling out the forms.

Town Hall Meeting on May 23, 2000 at 7:00PM. Letter sent to Park Hills Mayor and Council inviting them to attend.

Committee Reports:

Computer Technology Committee reports zoning on line and ordinances will be added.

Economic Development Committee reports public meeting with Wal-Mart officials and B&Z Development on the proposed development at Orphanage Road and Highland Pike. Many concerns were addressed by City Officials including landscaping, signage, lighting, building materials, size of parking spaces and trucks. The biggest concern is the traffic impact in this already congested area. The developer will conduct a traffic study and our City Engineers will review his study.

Memorial Committee reports the base and brick have been selected for the memorial. There will be a Memorial Day Parade with Park Hills, starting in Fort Wright and ending in Park Hills.

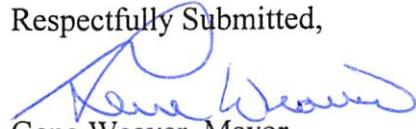
Mr. Maloney reported that the Public Works department has begun work on the Memorial in front of the City building.

Chief Deye reported openings still available in the March 25, 2000 CPR class.

Chief Kreinest reported Officer Amy Schworer is teaching a Rape Aggression Defense Systems class to Senior citizens and other members of our community. This is a follow-up to our Senior Watch program. We now have our last new police car in service.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Franxman to close to meeting. All members voting in favor. Meeting closed at 7:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk