

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
03/12/03

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. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Paul Hiltz, 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.

Mr. Clarence Lassetter of 2003 Pieck Drive addressed Council regarding the ruts that appeared on Pieck Drive after the snow melted. He distributed pictures to Council that he had taken of these ruts.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/26/03 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Sidewalk, Street and Storm Sewer Improvement Program

Mayor Weaver advised this item on the agenda would be discussed at the yearly retreat in April.

Condemnation of Landlocked Parcel

Mr. Summe advised the owner of the parcel at the rear of Dixie Gardens property cannot be located. The City will place the \$7500.00 in trust to the state and be reimbursed for the cost of the land by the Performance Auto Group who is developing this parcel. This money will be held in trust by the state until or if an owner or heir is ever found.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Character Council

Mr. Hatter advised there is an organization in Cincinnati called Character Council that promotes character in business, Government entities and non-profit organizations. Tom Gill Chevrolet is one business in our area that promotes this organization. The purpose of this program is to educate employees in the organization about what it means to have character and what this means for your business and your customers. Mr. Hatter advised he does not think there is a cost involved and promote their brochures in the workplace. Mr. Hatter advised he will get more information and report back to Council.

Administrator Report

Mr. Klein advised on the following:

Fort Wright Signature Wear

We are at the point that we can begin taking specific orders from employees regarding size and color and get a sample shirt to look at the logo we will be using.

Mr. Wolnitzek suggested we offer these items to employees at cost. Mr. Hatter suggested issue one shirt to employees and if additional shirts are needed they would pay for them at a reduced rate.

City Brochure

Mr. Klein advised Mr. Feinauer has been working on this and assembling content. Mr. Feinauer advised he hopes to have something to look at for the budget retreat and a report at the next meeting.

Fort Wright Pointe Waiver Request

Mr. Klein advised the original date for the public hearing for Grand Communities LTD waiver request of March 6, 2003 was tabled until the meeting in April because one of their principals was out of town. This has been rescheduled for April 3, 2003. Mr. Klein advised he would be attending this meeting.

Council Budget Retreat

City Council will be holding a budget retreat on Saturday, April 26, 2003 at 8:30AM at the City Building and this will be an open meeting. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested having this meeting at the South Hills Civic Club and Mr. Klein advised he didn't think it would be as comfortable as the City council chambers.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reported that he and Mr. Nienaber are working on an Easter Egg Hunt with crafts and games. No date has been set but will be advertised in the Top of The Hill News.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter advised the new computers that we are purchasing are arriving, also the new tape backup software is in and working. The computer committee is discussing website content and memos are being distributed to department heads to solicit information on content. New switches have been installed to speed up content.

Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek advised development in the City moving forward.

Legal Matters

Mr. Summe advised no court date has been set regarding Ms. Classic Car Wash.

Long Range Plan

Mr. Robke advised he attended a meeting on March 6 with the Vision Committee at the City building and they will define their long range plan and make it more specific. There will be another meeting on March 20 and the Vision Committee will give a review and outline at the budget retreat.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported we have collected a couple more of the delinquent tax bills.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported there is some activity around town since the weather has been better. The contractor is at the Nature Center working on the gravel road to get the trucks in and out to deliver material to start constructing the dam.

Activity at the Dixie Gardens site removing water from the back corner and installing pipes.

Building permits should be issued soon for the Wal-Mart development.

Mr. Wolnitzek suggested the City should look at acquiring proposals to purchase a back-up power system for the City in case of emergency.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported the ambulance is back in service after about a month of being in repair service. Chief Schewe wanted to remind citizens and business owners to be observant and look for exits when attending functions at halls and businesses.

Congratulations to Mike Amend. He has been named Chief of the Park Hills Fire Department and Chief Schewe advises he is looking forward to working with him and bring a better service to the citizens of Fort Wright and Park Hills.

Chief Kreinest reported he has handed out the monthly reports and will try to answer any questions on this information.

Two robberies at Ameristop in the last week. There has been a tentative ID on a suspect in this case. Thanks to neighboring departments for their help in searching for the suspect.

We also have had burglaries on Augusta and West Crittenden Avenues. Chief Kreinest advised residents, when they leave for the day or evening to leave a light on as if someone was home to discourage a burglary.

An arrest was made on a theft on Steffen Court.

Computers stolen from businesses at Corporex.

An arrest was made on stolen credit cards used at Cassidy's.

Burglary at Sub-Station on Dixie Highway.

Mr. Klein advised there will be extra volunteers in the City collecting trash in the next couple of days.

The City of Fort Wright hosted a meeting today through St. Elizabeth Employee Assistance Program which we participate. Attending this meeting were representatives from neighboring cities and the purpose of this meeting was to develop a program focused on customer service among municipal governments. Mr. Klein advised this is a very important objective with our staff to deliver quality customer service.

Mayor Weaver advised our next regular meeting will be on April 9, 2003.

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

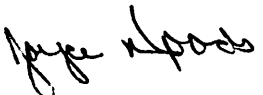
Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business as a result of this session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk