

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
03/13/02

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. Jim Robke and Mr. Paul Hiltz. 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. Don Martin and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek were unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. David Rowe of Frisch Restaurants addressed Council and advised he has been approached by the developer of the proposed development on the Dixie Gardens property for roadway and landscape improvements in and around the Frisch property. Mr. Rowe advised if there are improvements made to this area they would like to approach the City for consideration of a drive-thru window.

Tonight's presentation is only a proposal with general ideas and no permanent plans have been developed. Frisch will present text consideration in the future with a site plan. Council agrees to have the City make application to Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission for the text amendment to allow a drive-thru facility in this zone.

Mr. Ralph Kuchle of 1817 Dixie Highway addressed Council regarding the status of the noise issue at the car wash at the Marathon Station on Dixie Highway. Mr. Klein advised Council the blower machines located outside of the car wash at the Marathon Station were creating a lot of noise to neighbors in the area. Mr. Klein stopped by the car wash and observed cars going through the facility and did believe the blowers to be loud and the manager of the store also agreed that it was very loud. Mr. Maloney met with the owner of the business and he advised they would address the problem as soon as possible. They are contacting the manufacturer to inquire if some type of equipment can be installed to muffle the noise.

Mr. Kuchle also inquired about the Dixie Gardens Development and Mayor Weaver advised that the City is working on a development agreement with the parties involved.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Robke to approve the minutes of the 02/27/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein updated Council on the Kyles Lane and Highland Pike Corridor Plan and advised we are continuing to work on the overall concept plan for traffic flow ingress and

egress on Kyles Lane and Highland Pike with a plan to present to the State for future development. Plans are included in Council packet for preliminary opinion of construction cost for realignment of East and West Henry Clay Avenues. This cost does not include the cost for design and construction of the proposed traffic signal and for the right-of-way acquisition.

Mayor Weaver advised the Citywide Street Improvement Program was discussed at the 02/27/02 Council Meeting and also the previous Saturday at the annual budget retreat. This item will be kept on the agenda for Council's input and the decision to pursue this issue at some level, moving forward to research this idea and be ready to place this issue on the ballot for the November election.

Municipal Order 2-02 Appointing MGLNK Representative and Alternate.

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2-02 Establishing EMS Billing Rates.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding rules by Medicare to set a "loaded" billing rate, which includes supplies by April 1, 2002. Discussion followed. Mr. Hiltz suggested to have 1st Reading of the Ordinance and look at the rates and make adjustments if needed. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Mr. Klein updated Council regarding the Kentucky Natural Resources Cabinet Notice of Violation. The Sanitation District has been working with the City to identify the residences contributing to the wastewater infiltration into the City's storm sewer line. Residents of Werner, Kentucky, Olivia and Lorup Avenue attended meetings with the City and the Sanitation District and were advised of the problems. The Sanitation District advised they would work with the residents and provide names of private plumbing contractors to complete repair work to their residences. The residents were given a target compliance date of July 1, 2002. The City was given an extension date by the State until August 1, 2002 to come to compliance and hopefully the problems will be taken care of. Mayor Weaver commented that the Sanitation District have really worked with the City to correct these problems and is to be complimented on their contact with the residents.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

Mayor Weaver advised the City is working on the development agreement for the Dixie Gardens Property.

The owners and developers of the property at the corner of Highland Pike and Madison Pike would like to make a new presentation to Council at the next Council Meeting. This

meeting will be held at St. Agnes School gymnasium on March 27, 2002 at 6:00PM. This is only a presentation by the developer, not a public hearing and no vote will be taken on this issue.

Legal Matters

Mr. Summe reported he attended a meeting with the owners of Ms. Classic Car Wash regarding violation and they are trying to resolve the access problem.

Mr. Summe advised he received proposed easements for the backyards of the area where the lake would be and reported back to the attorney who prepared them and that they met with his approval. There were some concerns that residents who wanted to boat on this lake exclusively and the City has some concerns and that no one will be allowed to boat or swim.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter advised we are currently evaluating our system and a report will follow shortly.

Finance

Mr. Feinauer reported on February 21, 2002 he attended the NKADD City Budget Workshop and it was a very positive training session. Mr. Feinauer advised he was very pleased to see that the City follows the correct steps to developing their budget and works together as a group.

Veteran's Memorial

Mayor Weaver advised we have a speaker and singer scheduled for our Memorial Day service. This will take place on May 27, 2002 at 10:00AM.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported 27 unpaid tax bills remaining. Updated bills were sent in March.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the South Hills Civic Club is complete except for flooring and furniture. This project turned out very well and Mr. Maloney is very pleased with the work done.

Mr. Maloney met with board members of the Nature Center and they have some ideas for Eagle Scout programs. Eileen Hastings advised Tim that the Garden Club would donate 2 or 3 benches to be placed at the Nature Center.

The Board of Adjustment has two hearings coming up on March 19, 2002 at 6:00PM. A request on behalf of 3L Self Storage for protective fencing and netting from the driving range. The second request is from Little Red School House for a variance and a

conditional use permit to have a temporary modular unit placed on the property during renovation.

Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Maloney if some of the debris and mud could be cleaned from the sidewalks at the Nature Center. Mr. Maloney advised he would take care of this.

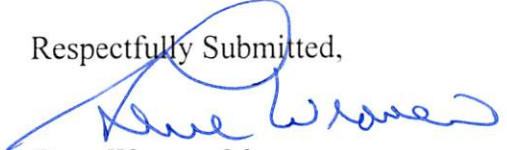
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe advised within the next two weeks he would have the rules and regulations for the Fire Department for Council's review.

Chief Schewe is working on a customer service questionnaire. This will be a one-page mailer and will be sent to people who have recently used our ambulance service.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported a recent burglary on Sleepy Hollow Road near Amsterdam Road. He requested residents to secure their homes and leave lights on even when not at home. Another problem that we have heard about recently is people going through trash bags. Chief Kreinest advised residents to shred as much personal information as possible. Officer Martin is recuperating from knee surgery and hopefully will be back to work soon.


Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk