

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
03/14/01

Councilman Paul Hiltz opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. Mr. Hiltz advised he is sitting in for Mayor Weaver who was unable to attend this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to appoint Paul Hiltz as acting Mayor for tonight's meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin and Mr. Jim Robke. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Dave Hatter were unavailable for this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/28/01 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Dan Tobergte of Tri-Ed addressed Council regarding the proposed KY 16 and KY 17 connector road at Highland Pike. Mr. Tobergte advised he is working with cities around the KY 17 area to gather a letter of support for improvements to this area and encourage the State to put in a connector road to connect with Howard Litzler Drive and KY 17 at Highland Pike. The purpose of this is to attract more business in this area and improve job opportunities in Fort Wright and surrounding areas.

Items discussed were:

Land that is out of the flood plain could be opened up for development.

With traffic increases a request could be made to the State for road improvements.

Signalize intersections to make it easier for residents to flow into traffic from residential streets.

Timing for this project would be 2004 or 2005 and is a high priority for the county. More information will be forthcoming. A letter of support was received from Covington and Taylor Mill is looking at this project also.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept the bid of \$779.00 submitted by Kimmy Burton for the 1987 Ford Pickup Truck. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to accept the bid of \$3001.00 submitted by Curtis Mayes for the 1991 Ford Crown Vic. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 4-01 Declaring Surplus Property of Wireless Telephones.

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

Acceptance of Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Recommendations.

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

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding participation in funding with Park Hills sidewalk and road improvement for Old State Road. Suggestions were made to participate in the sidewalk portion only connecting from Sleepy Hollow Road at St. Agnes to the City limits on one side of the road. Full participation for road and sidewalks is about \$43,00.00. Sidewalk alone is approximately \$12,000.00. After discussion, it was suggested to get more information from Park Hills on the sidewalk design.

Bids for Trash Contract. Mr. Klein advised he has been in contact with Rumpke regarding the upcoming contract. It is Council's preference to give Mayor Weaver and Mr. Klein the authority to negotiate this contract and bring it back before Council for a vote.

Administrator Report.

The newly formed Nature Center Planning Board and volunteers conducted a cleanup day on March 10, 2001 for the Moser Branch Creek. The City assisted in providing plastic bags and gloves. Two men from the Kenton County Detention Center cleaned areas that the volunteers were unable to get to on the Friday before the cleanup day.

Amsterdam Road Update. Mr. Klein advised another meeting took place last week with County Engineers, City Engineer Mark Brueggemann, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and business owners in the area regarding the Amsterdam Road improvements. A tentative public hearing has been scheduled for April 10, 2001 at 6:00 P.M. at Devou Village. This will be a public informal presentation to all who are interested with explanations and answers to questions anyone attending may have. Plans by the County to bid in April and construction starting in May.

Council Committee Reports.

Legal Matters. Depositions requested by complainant in the B&Z Development case.

Personnel Committee. Reviewing position descriptions and organizational charts. This will be brought back before Council at the next meeting.

Veteran's Memorial Committee. Additional bricks being placed around the Memorial. Council member Hatter working with Park Hills Civic Association to have a joint parade this year.

Chief Kreinest announced Sergeant Randy Newsom and wife Nicole welcomed a baby girl on Monday March 12, 2001. Everyone doing well.


Kenton County Police starting a First Responder Program with their Police Department. All officers would go through 48 hours of training. To make more officers interested in this program, the department is offering overtime for the training necessary to qualify for this program and a \$1000.00 a year stipend for this certification. Chief Kreinest wanted to put this idea before Council and inquire if this would be a program the City would pursue. Councilman Hiltz advised he would be interested in hearing more about this program.

Chief Muench spoke very highly of the First Responder training and reported that this could be a lifesaving procedure for anyone who needs this service. The ambulance passed State inspection with flying colors.

Mr. Maloney reported 90 new or corrected bricks have been placed around the Memorial. Anyone still wanting to add a brick can call the City offices.

Motion by Mr. Martin second by Mr. Robke to adjourn the meeting, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce Woods, City Clerk