

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES  
03/22/00

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, and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Mr. Jim Robke could not attend due to a death in his family. Also Mr. Paul Hiltz will be arriving late with notice. 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.

No Citizen Comments.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the corrected minutes of the 03/08/00 Council meeting, changing the parking capacity at 1647 Amsterdam Road from one car capacity to a two-car capacity. Roll call vote taken, Franxman and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 5-00 Creating Full-Time Fire/EMS Chief Position. Mr. Summe read in summary. Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 4-00 Declaring Disposition of Surplus Property. Mr. Summe read this resolution. Mr. Klein advised some items would be used in other departments within the City; other items would be sold at auction. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Franxman to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

MCA Ambulance Billing Contract. Mr. Klein advised that the original contract did not include item #10, which states that our billing agent sends bills to all patients, which Medicare requires for compliance to their program. Our billing fees were established by Ordinance but Medicare sets the fees. Property owners are subscribers to our services but bills are sent with notice that residents should call the Fire Department before paying the bill they receive. Residents are not required to pay for ambulance service. Revenue collected from these bills is used for the Fire/EMS Fund. Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve the contract. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Employee Group Life Insurance. Mr. Klein advised our current contract with BMA Life Insurance would expire April 15, 2000. In comparison with other companies we can offer the employees an increase to \$50,000.00 for a total increase of \$414.00 yearly with Fortis Benefits. Mr. Wolnitzek expressed concern in amending the current budget for this item. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Franxman to increase the benefit now to \$35,000.00 for \$1.00 less per month than we are now paying and

discuss the increase to \$50,000.00 in the next budget process. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Police Department Accreditation. Walk through for Accreditation is scheduled for April 11, 2000 changed from April 25. A glass shield has been installed in the Police Department reception window. Both books have been submitted and returned with minor corrections. Chief Kreinest advised training sessions by Fire Department personnel has been completed and thanks go out to them for their help. The evidence room is being cleaned out. Approval should be final in May.

2000 Census. Mr. Klein advised everyone to send in forms and strive for a high return rating for our City.

Street Captain Program going very well. Each month we purchase a listing from Cincinnati Bell with a list of new residents in our City, including apartment complexes. This supplies us with new residents that we can also contact for anyone interested in becoming a Fire Department volunteer. We have had a very positive response from our Street Captains and had inquiries from other cities on this program. Businesses are supplying us with brochures and sample items advertising their business. Mayor Weaver suggested a letter be sent informing new residents of our volunteer department and recruitment.

EAP Presentation. This program is not only available to our employees for scheduled sessions, but also programs are offered to employees at the City building. Our next mandatory meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2000 at noon and the subject is sexual harassment in the workplace. This will be an orientation session for all employees if Council approves this policy. In May an orientation session will be presented on a substance abuse policy, with a follow up meeting and training for all supervisors to detect abuse in the workplace. Next year we plan to include all volunteers and their families in EAP.

Computer Technology Committee. Mr. Hatter advised on the following items: explore grants for additional computers, the GIS software, surplus equipment, Internet use policy, bar code system for evidence room and also policy for back-ups and storing tapes. We are still researching complaint tracking software. Website is going well. Police And Fire Departments are working to add information to their Website with information on their departments.

Memorial Committee. Mr. Martin advised groundwork has been started on the City lawn for the Memorial. The Public Works department has done a great job on this project. Mr. Hatter asked anyone that would like to volunteer to help on this project, please give us a call. There is plenty of work to be done.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported a few more tax payments have been collected.


Mr. Maloney reported the concrete for the footer for the Memorial would be poured on Thursday. The large rock has been placed at the Nature Center and Mike Strohm will do the etching. Landscaping is not completed as of this date at the Nature Center. There will be a lot of work done in the next couple of weeks. Grand opening planned for June.

Chief Deye reported that the Fire Department is actively recruiting new Fire and EMT members. There will be a new class in May for EMT and Firefighters. If anyone is interested that is listening, please call the Fire Department.

Chief Kreinest reported an arrest was made by Sergeant Newsom of a cab driver who made a false report of robbery. D.A.R.E. graduation at Fort Wright School is May 23, 2000.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to close the meeting. All members voting in favor. Meeting closed at 6:53PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk