

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
04/10/02

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. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Jim Robke. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Fire/EMS Chief Schewe arrived at 6:25 P.M. Mr. Dave Hatter was unavailable for this meeting.

Ms. Kay Willenbrink a resident of 1581 Saint Anthony Drive addressed Council regarding information that she had heard regarding additional plans for routes through the City to relieve traffic problems. Mayor Weaver advised her that this is only in the planning stages and no decisions have been made regarding this plan. Residents would be notified of any plans well before any action takes place.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 03/27/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Martin abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 3-02 Amending Ordinance 290-1983. Zoning Text Amendment To Add A New Zoning District, the PO-3 Zone.

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

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

Mr. Klein addressed Council on the Kyles Lane and Highland Pike Corridor Plan and advised that previously they had received information on a design plan for placing a traffic light at East Henry Clay and West Henry Clay Avenues. It has been suggested that Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet requesting a traffic light at this location. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Robke to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Transportation Cabinet. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2-02 Designating April as "Donate Life Month".

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

Executive Order 1-02 Appointing Charles Rice as a Part-Time Firefighter EMT For The City Of Fort Wright. Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 3-02 Establishing Rules and Regulations in Fire/EMS Department. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order in summary. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Klein advised former Fire/EMS Chief Muench had started this project when he worked for the City and was completed by current Fire/EMS Chief Schewe.

Mark Brueggemann addressed Council regarding FYE 2003 Street Program and discussed bids received and plans for streets to be replaced. From the base bids received Queen City Blacktop was the low bidder at \$288,793.95. Hermitage Court plus Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 which includes the basic reconstruction and resurfacing of the base bid plus the complete removal and replacement of the concrete curb on Knob Hill and Montpelier Court, the low bid of \$309,000.00 was received from JPS Construction. A voluntary bid was submitted by JPS Construction, Inc. but Mr. Summe advised this bid could not be considered. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Feinauer to select Alternate #1 and Alternate #2. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolnitzek expressed concern about accepting the bids before the budget has been set for the year. Mr. Feinauer withdrew his second to the motion made by Mr. Martin. And Mr. Martin withdrew his motion to table this item until the next meeting.

Citywide Street Improvement Program Ordinance

Mr. Klein advised at the Council Budget Retreat this item was discussed and it was his impression that a plan was to be worked out to place this Ordinance on the ballot in November in the general election. In order for the citizens of Fort Wright to decide if they wanted this option of an upgraded street improvement program. The proposed rate of \$.90 per thousand dollars of assessed value. This amount would produce about \$350,000.00 in revenue to the City to be used for streets, sidewalks and storm water. This would take us from a street program of \$250,000.00 or \$300,000.00 to \$600,000.00 or 650,000.00 a year. Mr. Klein stated this would keep us in line with our neighboring cities of Park Hills, Fort Mitchell and Edgewood. Discussion followed. It was decided to table this issue until the next meeting when hopefully a full Council would be present.

KLC Convention Request

The Kentucky League of Cities will be holding its annual convention this year in Northern Kentucky on October 2-6. Mayor Holocher of Fort Mitchell has sent a letter to Mayor Weaver requesting financial assistance, based on population and in-kind services such as security, EMS and staff personnel. The request amount for Fort Wright is \$1000.00. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Martin to give the requested amount of \$1000.00 and in-kind services as needed as the City's share. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Mr. Klein advised on the following:

Commonwealth Clean-Up Week

Appreciation letter in packet regarding correspondence sent to Judge Murgatroyd in reference to the assistance received by Kenton County as part of Commonwealth Clean-Up Week. More than one thousand discarded tires were removed from an illegal dump site within the City.

Employee Sick Time Usage

Mr. Klein updated Council of the minimal usage of employee sick time. Of the 6767 hours available of sick time to employees in 2001 only 316 hours were used. Mr. Klein commended the employees for their attitude toward this benefit.

Car Wash Dryer Noise

The owner of the property at the Marathon Station on Dixie Highway has advised the City that the blowers on the dryers located at the car wash would be removed next week because of the noise problem. This will be a wet car wash only.

Amsterdam Road Update

Road paving will take place in the next few days, all the curb, gutter and catch basins have been installed. After all installation of the road the sidewalk will be poured. Few complaints have been received from the residents and the contractor, Spartan Construction has kept the job running smoothly.

Mr. Klein he has been notified that Phase II of this project will be bid shortly.

Mr. Maloney advised that the pavers will be laying asphalt on Monday and residents should avoid the area.

Mr. Klein advised he has spoken to an insurance vendor concerning a Long Term, Short Term Disability Policy for all employees. We now have a disability policy for the volunteer personnel and the cost is \$3400.00 a year. This policy provides coverage to our paid full-time Fire and EMS personnel. The problem is we cannot offer this benefit to a certain department of employees and not available to all employees. The vendor provided numbers that are very affordable to the City to provide this benefit to all employees. Mr. Klein asked Council if this should be forwarded to the Personnel Committee for review? They advised this would be done.

The Kenton County Skate Park Design Meetings

The first scheduled meeting is on Monday, April 15 at 7:00 P.M. at Dixie Heights High School Auditorium. This meeting is to receive public input on the skate park design. A second meeting will take place on May 1 at 7:00 P.M. at Scott High School to review alternate skate park designs. Anyone interested in this project are welcome to attend.

Since springtime has arrived many contractors have been in the area soliciting home repairs. Please call the Better Business Bureau before you agree to any repairs to check out the contractors before the work is done.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek thanked Mr. Klein, Mayor Weaver and the current Council for getting the Dixie Gardens project completed. Mayor Weaver also thanked everyone involved with the City on the work done on this project and the local people involved, Mr. Wessels and Mr. Dever who stepped up with their support to make this a first class development.

Legal Matters

Mr. Summe advised all paper work sent back for the lake easement but he has not heard anything additional on this project.

He has had no contact with the owners or attorney of Ms. Classic Car Wash regarding their project.

Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Martin reported a speaker and St. Agnes Chorus would be available for the Memorial Day Program on May 27 at 10:00A.M.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest advised at the next Mayor's Meeting there would be a presentation for the Mobile Data Computing System. This will give us a better idea of what we need to budget for this endeavor. Officer Martin is still on light duty but may return to full duty soon.

Mr. Maloney updated Council on our recent Board of Adjustment case regarding Little Red School House. The Board approved a physical addition to the building, a variance and the use of a temporary modular unit for classroom space for no longer than a period of one year.

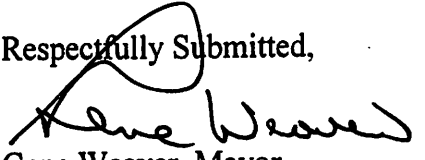
Flooring will be put in at the South Hills Civic Club and this is one of the final things left to do on this project.

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

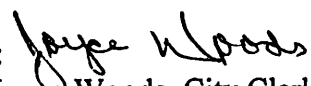
Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business as a result of this session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk