

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
4/24/02

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. Jim Robke and Mr. Dave Hatter. 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. Jeff Wolnitzek was unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. Ralph Kuchle, a business owner at 1817 Dixie Highway addressed Council regarding the car wash at the Marathon Station and thanked the Mayor for getting the blowers removed from the business. Mr. Kuchle stated items not on the original plans were not removed and fines from the business should total \$29,000.00 if the City wanted to pursue this issue. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Kuchle the City does not get this money; it would go to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 04/10/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 4-02 Recognizing Officer Amy Schworer For Outstanding Service To The Citizens Of Fort Wright. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Mayor Weaver advised Officer Schworer is leaving her position in Fort Wright to take a job with the City of Independence. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver presented a plaque to Officer Schworer and wished her luck in her new position. Mr. Klein thanked Amy for her years of service and Chief Kreinest stated that she was a true asset to the City.

**2003 Street Program.**

Mr. Klein advised this item was tabled at the last Council Meeting pending additional financial information. To accept the bid of \$309,642.35 the City would have to take \$100,000.00 from our reserve funds for this bid and for the lowest bid of \$288,793.95 the amount would be about \$20,000.00 less.

Mark Brueggemann addressed Council and advised the alternate bid with full curb replacement and asphalt overlay would be the best way to go with this project if we can afford it. Discussion followed and it was decided to re-bid this project for full concrete replacement and would be awarded at the May 22, 2002 regular Council Meeting. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

around \$2500.00. Mr. Hatter would like to schedule a computer meeting before the next Council meeting to discuss equipment.

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported 19 tax bills remaining unpaid.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported on the substantial rain on the previous Sunday. One home had a basement that was flooded and the system was checked the following day and there was no obstructions or problems with the pipes in this area. The rain was extremely heavy in this area. Mr. Maloney advised this was the first time he has been called out since improvements were made in the area of Pickett Court at Fort Henry Drive. Fire/EMS Chief Schewe advised there were about three flooded basements in the City that the Fire Department responded to.

Public Works Department will be doing the seeding and straw at the Highland Pike sidewalks as weather permits. The water fountain is operational and public restroom is open at the South Hills Civic Club. Mr. Maloney is working with Cinergy to get the restoration done because of their work in the City. Utilities are being moved for the next phase on Amsterdam Road.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported beginning in May there would be a countywide recruitment drive for the Fire Departments. The City has two volunteers who have completed EMT class and are waiting for the results. There are two more EMT recruits who will be starting class in June. Clearing going on at the Dixie Gardens site and we have had a few complaints regarding burning, this will be completed by May 1, 2002.

Chief Kreinest reported on the vacancy in the Police Department due to the resignation of Officer Amy Schworer. There is a possibility of filling the position with a police corp candidate, which is a program through the State where they have applicants that go through basic training. If we use this program it would be considerable time before this officer would be ready for duty because of the additional training. There would be an incentive by the State of \$10,000.00 a year and a four- year commitment. Mayor Weaver advised that we need to be very selective in using this program. Chief Kreinest advised if we would choose to use one of these candidates they would go through the same background checks as any other potential employee.

We also have had a problem with vandals breaking in cars. Please take all valuables out of sight of potential thieves. Please check out all contractors that you may hire at your residence and get references before any contracts are signed or payment made.

Mr. Klein thanked Public Works Director Tim Maloney and Fire/EMS Chief Schewe for responding to the heavy rain and water problems in the area.

Mayor Weaver thanked Harry Scwabe, Mary Lee Scheper, Bob Kress and Jack Brueggemann for their services in cleaning the flowerbeds on the City Building grounds.

Mr. Roger Schroeder addressed Council on behalf of the Fort Wright Business Association and noted their support of the Wal-Mart Development as submitted. He advised the road enhancements being planned for this development would offset much of the traffic concern. A unanimous decision was made by the Board to support this project, as it would be a good development for the City and the business community. Mr. Schroeder advised he would follow up his statement with a letter to the City.

#### Resolution 3-02 Approving An Inducement Contract Between The City And Automanage, LLC.

Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary.

Mr. Richard Spoor spoke on behalf of Automanage, LLC., and explained the procedure concerning industrial development bonds. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Zoning Text Amendment

Mr. Klein advised as background that this is the zoning text amendment to the City ordinance allowing drive-thru facilities in a PO-2 Zone. Recommendation came back from NKAPC for approval with certain conditions that are noted.

Mr. David Rowe of Frisch's Restaurant addressed Council with plans for the drive-thru and additional landscaping and screening in surrounding areas. Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver advised if this is approved Council may want to consider adding a condition that this is all pending on the placement of the new road. Motion by Mr. Robke, to accept the recommendation by NKAPC with the condition pending construction of the new road and road marked for pedestrian crossing and screening or moving of the grease container in parking lot, second by Mr. Hiltz. Motion amended by Mr. Robke that if the grease container cannot be moved, Frisch's would work with the City on the screening of this item. Second amended by Mr. Hiltz. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Summe advised he would draft text for a first reading for the next meeting on May 8, 2002.

Mr. Tom Jacober updated Council on the progress of the Vision Committee. He referred to the handouts given out and explained the process of this committee. A letter will be included in the May issue of the Top Of The Hill News for residents to volunteer for focus groups. There will be four different sessions of 10-15 people from different age groups, area they live, if they are homeowners or renters, how many people at their residence and gender. They will give feedback on ideas that the Vision Committee has come up with.

#### Citywide Street Improvement Program

Mayor Weaver advised this issue was discussed at great length at our last meeting and a request was made for additional information and this was distributed to Council.

Discussion followed. Mr. Robke stated that he does not agree with the funding mechanism. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to have 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 5-02 levying a special ad valorem tax annually at the rate of \$.90 on each

\$1000.00 of assessed valuation upon all taxable property within the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Martin voting in favor, Robke opposed. Motion passed. This will be placed on the ballot in November for approval or disapproval of the citizens. Mayor Weaver advised a program would be put in place to present this to the citizens of Fort Wright.

#### COPS Grant Application

At the budget retreat the need for a 11<sup>th</sup> Police Officer was discussed. The deadline for priority consideration for the COPS grant application is May 21, 2002. We have had these grants in the past and are still receiving monies from this grant for current officers. An additional officer would have to be added to apply for another grant. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Kentucky Multi-County Task Force on Child Abuse

Letter included in Council packet requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$50.00 toward the purchase of a van for transportation in the first emergency shelter to serve children and their guardians who have become homeless because of acts of domestic violence. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. A bench or other item will be given to the City for this contribution.

#### Administrator Report

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

##### Kentucky General Assembly Summary

Mr. Klein attended the last regular day of the General Assembly along with many other representatives from other cities. A motion to call the bill to the floor mandating collective bargaining for firefighters in Kentucky for cities of all classes failed by one vote. Thanks to Senators Roeding and Westwood and State Representative Draud for heading off this bill. Also thanks to Mayor Holocher and City Administrator Bill Goetz of Fort Mitchell who constantly monitor these bills and report back to us to let us know the status of these bills.

Mr. Klein acknowledged and recognized Street Captain Nancy Egan and advised of her retirement from this program. Ms. Egan was one of the original volunteers and her services will be missed. A letter of appreciation will be sent.

#### Council Committee Reports

##### Computer Technology

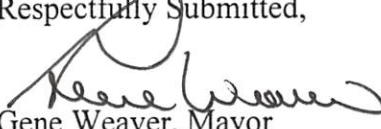
Chief Kreinest advised the current server being used is about three years old and is running out of space and very slow. Programs had to be deleted from the drive to keep the server functioning. Mr. Hatter advised he would not put any additional money into this equipment but consider purchasing a new piece of equipment, which is probably

Motion by Mr. Hatter, 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. Feinauer, 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. Feinauer, 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