

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

04/25/01

Councilman Don Martin opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. Mr. Martin advised he would be sitting in for the Mayor for this meeting, as he was unable to attend.

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. 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. Jim Robke was unavailable for this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to appoint Don Martin acting Mayor for tonight's meeting in the absence of Mayor Weaver. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hiltz to table the minutes of the 4/11/01 Council meeting until Mr. Robke is able to attend. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to accept the low bid of \$53,998.00 from Wright Contracting and also add 5% over and above the total price in case of additional small charges that might occur. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Martin abstained. Motion passed.

Ordinance 4-01 Establishing Speed Limits on City Streets. This is a first reading, which Mr. Summe read. This is a recommendation from Kenton County Attorney Garry Edmondson that cities may want to re-adopt their speed limits ordinances regarding a recent ruling by Judge Sheehan about their unenforceability. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 5-01 Approving A Transportation Enhancement Contract And Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet For Execution Of The Contract. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Klein advised we have been waiting since last August for this contract to arrive. In order for this contract to proceed, the Transportation Cabinet wants to know that they have the backing and support of Council.

Municipal Order 9-01 Eliminating The Position Of Police Captain For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein advised information was given in the packets on a four- year contract extension renewal with Rumpke. The collections per week would stay the same as we now have with rates lower for the next four years. This contract will run through June 30, 2005. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report.

Update on Ms. Classic Car Wash. Letter enclosed in the packet from the attorney for the owners of the car wash to proceed with the construction of a culvert crossing to their property from Wendy's access drive. Another permit will have to be submitted to the City since the one that was approved has expired.

National Trails Day at the Nature Center. This will take place on June 2, 2001 from 10:00AM-4:00PM. The City was contacted by an Edgewood resident Mr. Dave Westover who also is a hiking enthusiast to utilize the Nature Center on this day for an event in conjunction with National Trails Day. There will be exhibits and hikes but no sales of any items. Mr. Klein advised he checked with KMRMA our insurance provider and he advised we would have liability coverage for this use. Mr. Martin advised if it was not for Roger Schroeder who donated this property to the City we would not have a Nature Center for residents and others to use.

2000 Census Appeal. Information received in the mail last week from the University of Louisville, who is the local contact in Kentucky for census information. The purpose of the letter is to advise that in May there will be an appeal process available through their website. Mr. Klein advised we will be following up on this and check why the numbers were so low for Fort Wright. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested sending out our own census to our residents and getting correct numbers.

Legal Committee. An appeal has been filed on a Board of Adjustment case regarding office space in the basement at Ramada Inn. Depositions are being scheduled for the B&Z Development case.

Computer Technology. Mr. Hatter advised that he has been working with Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan to transfer some of the work on the website to her. Also making property tax information available on the website for viewing.

Chief Kreinest reported a significant arrest was made on Vidot Court with assistance from a few of our residents, David Merrell was apprehended and charged with two counts

of burglary. Other Police Departments were interested in this suspect to try and clear up burglaries that they have had in their cities.

Officer Marc Schworer was involved in a pursuit of a stolen car for a gas drive off at UDF. One adult and one juvenile were arrested and multiple charges were filed. Thanks to Covington Police for their assistance in the apprehension.

An addition to the software package was purchased for the Police program to allow for additional mug shots. This was purchased with Law Enforcement Block Grant monies. Mr. Klein advised we have also received grant money in the amount of \$1750.00 from KLC through KMRMA for half of the Administrative Officers training course that Sergeant Newsom will be attending in August.

Chief Muench reported the Fire Department responded to ten to twelve injury accidents in the last two weeks. Also the Fire Department did receive grant money from KMRMA for turnout gear, paying for half of the cost of two complete sets in the amount of \$1400.00- \$1500.00.

Mr. Maloney advised the annual street sweeping project has started and a few minor problems with vehicles not being moved from the streets by 8AM. Any streets with a curb will be swept. Mr. Hatter advised Tim of a large pothole on Fort Henry Drive and of a piece of furniture dumped on General Drive. Tim advised he would take care of both.

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised ten tax bills still due. We have been in contact with residents with promises to pay. Mr. Summe advised on the tax bill that is three- year delinquent a foreclosure could be filed on the property.

Mr. Hatter asked if we could add on upcoming agendas the 60th Anniversary program.


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

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk