

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES

04/26/00

Councilman Paul Hiltz opened the Council meeting in the absence of Mayor Gene Weaver 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. Jim Robke. Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek was not in attendance. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Sergeant Dean Russell, Fire Chief Tim Deye, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

No Citizen Comments.

Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Martin to appoint Mr. Hiltz to preside over the Council meeting in the absence of Mayor Gene Weaver. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Robke and Hiltz all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 03/22/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hatter and Hiltz all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Franxman to accept the recommendation of KC&MP&ZC to require all utilities to be placed underground in any new development in all zones of the City. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Summe read this ordinance in summary.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to accept the low bid of \$199,415.00 from Barrett Paving Materials for the 2000 Street Program. Roll call vote taken, Franxman, Hiltz and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Maloney advised CDS Associates reviewed this bid and found everything to be in order. Barrett Paving has done work in the City previously and their credentials are good. Mr. Klein advised the extra money budgeted for this project, but not used will go into the Municipal Road Aid Fund.

Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Martin to approve participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Memorial Day ceremony will begin at 9:00AM; the parade will form at the City Building at 10:30AM with the parade to start at 11:30AM. Anyone interested in participating in the parade, please call the City building. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the parade.

Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the change to Dental Care Plus plan for all employees. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Robke and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This plan, which has more participating dentists, will allow more benefits to employees and their families at a lower cost to the City. The renewal date will be July 1 to be consistent with all other insurance plans provided by the City.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Police Department Accreditation. A final walk-thru was completed on April 11, 2000 by Mike Bischoff and The Kentucky Association of Police Chiefs assessment team.

Approval was recommended as a result of their findings. Mr. Bischoff will be attending the May 24, 2000 Council meeting to address Council on this recommendation. The formal approval will be in August at the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police annual meeting. A Municipal Order will be presented at the next Council meeting to adopt rules, regulations and operating standards for this accreditation.

EMS Billing. A spreadsheet has been provided with a month-by-month comparison of collection rates, billing fees, resident write-off etc. All money collected is deposited into the Fire/EMS Fund.

Update on Car Wash Complaint. A meeting was attended by Mr. Klein, Mr. Summe and Mr. Maloney to discuss a plan to construct a crossing from Wendy's access drive onto the Godman's property, with the owners of the property, their engineer and their attorney. Mr. Berling, the owner of the property has agreed to give the additional easement to the owners for sufficient lanes to prevent vehicles backed up on Orphanage Road. The City has agreed to a 30-day continuance in order for the owner's engineer to develop bridge plans. The owners had discussed a right turn only lane, but this is not allowed by Ordinance.

Tax Comparison. Data was originally compiled by the City of Fort Thomas. This chart shows Fort Wright taxes are less than average, but waste fees are higher than average of most cities. All cities have different arrangements with their trash haulers, so comparison would not be alike for all cities.

Nature Park Parking Lot. We have had complaints of cars being parked daily in the parking lot, motorbikes on the trails. Mr. Klein suggests our Legal Committee meet and establish rules for this area. Posting signs should also be another alternative.

Kentucky League of Cities' Grants. The City has been advised of partial reimbursement for safety and liability expenses. This includes the security glass in the Police Department, accreditation fee, expense for supervisory training school, and replacement of equipment in the fire department. The City should receive between \$2500.00 to \$2800.00 from this grant. Thanks to Dan and Ron in providing the information needed for these applications.

Municipal Road Aid and LGEA Public Hearings. These hearings will take place on May 10, 2000 at 5:45PM in Council Chambers prior to our next Council meeting.

Warning Sirens are in place, one on Highland Pike by the Public Works garage, the second one in the Fort Henry and Amsterdam Road area. All areas of the City should be well covered. The final cost to the City is estimated at \$4500.00.

Citizen Survey. Cleanliness of the streets was a big concern of many residents in the City. We have contracted to have an annual sweep of the City and a monthly sweep of Kyles Lane with Contract Sweepers Inc. for approximately the same amount as one City sweep last year.

Any Fort Wright resident who is interested in filling the Council term that will be open due to Mr. Franxman moving from the City is asked to submit a letter to the City by May 15, 2000 at 5:00PM. This term runs through December 31, 2000.

Council Committee Reports.

Computer Technology.

Inventory was completed on surplus equipment. Items not being retained by the City will be advertised and bids will be accepted. Information will be posted on the City website on upcoming events.

Memorial Committee.

Participants needed for the Memorial Day parade.

Personnel Committee.

Reviewed updated Personnel Policy and will meet again to review changes before it is adopted by Council.

Economic Development Committee.

Nothing new to report. There has been no word from B&Z Development about any development on Highland Pike and Orphanage Road.

Sergeant Russell reported Chief Kreinest is on vacation. St. Agnes DARE graduation was on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, scheduled graduation at Fort Wright School on May 23. Mr. Hatter advised Officer Knight did a great job at St. Agnes with the children involved in DARE.

Officer Amy Schworer investigated and arrested a juvenile in connection with a fire in the restroom at Corporex. Sergeant Russell and Officer Spanyer were in a foot pursuit on April 21 and both were injured. Officer Spanyer will be off duty for a while, Sergeant Russell is back to work. An arrest was made on this pursuit.

Chief Deye asked Council to authorize the purchase of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary decals for the Fire Department. Approximate cost will be \$875.00. Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by

Mr. Martin to approve this purchase. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Franxman advised the instructors in the CPR class that he attended were very informative, a quality class. Five people currently in the EMT class that starts May 22. Two scheduled to begin Fire recruit training on May 16. On April 28 the Fire department will be hosting the Kenton County Fire Chief's dinner.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised his department will be trying to catch up on City projects now that most of the groundwork for the Memorial has been completed. Tim will be meeting with an architect on Thursday in reference to the work at the South Hills Civic Club.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported fifteen 1999 property tax bills still pending totaling \$4118.40.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to close the meeting. All members voting in favor. Meeting closed at 7:16PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk