

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
5/08/02

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. Dave Hatter, 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, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Ms. Vivian Pope of 21 Lake Street addressed Council regarding storm water drain off, washing out ground and forming sinkholes at her residence. Mr. Maloney advised Ms. Pope's property is at the lowest point and subdivision regulations allow for residents to drain in the rear of their property line. A lip was installed in the area to divert the water when the alley behind her home was paved. Mr. Maloney advised the lip would be removed and Ms. Pope agreed this was the best solution.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 04/24/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Tom Jacober, Chairman of the Vision Committee addressed Council regarding the long range plans for this committee. Since the last update the team has evaluated and prioritized all submitted ideas. Mr. Jacober and Mr. Klein will meet with Dr. Thomson of NKU to discuss and format the ideas to work with the focus groups. If Council has any changes or new ideas they should be submitted as soon as possible. Any changes will be merged into the long-range plan. Discussion groups will start on May 14, 2002 and continue through May 20, 2002. There will be four groups and last about 2 hours each. If anyone is interested in joining these groups please call the City offices.

Mr. Klein advised there is no update on the Kyles Lane and Highland Pike Corridor Plan. We are still waiting on a reply for the traffic light requested on Kyles Lane at East and West Henry Clay Avenue.

Second reading of Ordinance 6-02 a proposed Zoning Text Amendment Allowing Sit Down Restaurants To Provide Drive-Thru Facilities, With Certain Restrictions, Within The PO-2 Zone. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein advised that the South Hills Civic Club has been fully renovated by the Public Works Department. Previously there was a committee to review a policy and have this in

place for use of the hall when rented. A copy of this policy is included in the Council packet for discussion and review. Discussion followed.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Wolnitzek will serve on a committee with Mr. Maloney and Mr. Klein to determine the policy for the facility.

Administrator Report

Amsterdam Road Improvements Update

Phase I is coming to a close and Phase II has been started with tree trimming and utility relocation. The City is helping by obtaining the right of way right-of-entry from residents.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

Mr. Wolnitzek reported the Dixie Gardens project is progressing and will be a nice development when completed.

Legal

Nothing received from Ms. Classic Car Wash. Mr. Summe will inquire again.

Personnel

Mr. Hiltz reported the committee met before tonight's meeting and he has a recommendation for upgraded disability coverage for all employees and volunteers. Currently the City pays about \$4400.00 a year for all volunteers and the paid Fire/EMS employees. The plan proposed is to keep the plan that the volunteers have now and obtain another plan for fulltime employees would pay up to \$100,000.00 in disability in the event that they would lose their life in the line of duty or on the job and provide an income benefit of up to \$300.00 a week for 6 months if disabled or sick. The total cost for the two plans is about \$8000.00 a year.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to keep the plan for the volunteers in place and extend a separate policy to all employees. Discussion followed.

Mr. Martin withdrew his second and Mr. Hiltz withdrew his motion to gather more information on an extended long-term disability policy and bring this information back to the committee for review.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter reported the committee met prior to tonight's meeting and discussed the budget needed for this year's computer needs. Mr. Hatter advised the need to replace the server, which would be the most expensive item but no other major equipment purchase at this time. By the next meeting Mr. Hatter will have more specific information.

Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Klein advised he is trying to confirm the flyover of the Black Hawk Helicopter. Honorable Ray Lape will be the speaker at the service May 27, 2002 at 10AM.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported we have received payment for a four-year delinquent tax bill for property at 1632 Amsterdam Road. This property has been sold and all taxes have been paid.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the seeding around the sidewalks on Highland Avenue is in process as the weather permits. No water complaint because of the heavy rains. The South Hills Civic Club restroom floor is still not completed, but hopefully will be done within a week.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported the complaints received regarding burning at Dixie Gardens site were addressed as soon as the Fire Department received them. Two grants have been awarded to the City, one in the amount of \$1220.00 for a defibrillator to add to the response vehicle and a Safety Grant through Kentucky League of Cities for safety equipment in the amount of \$1263.00.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported policy updates have been distributed to Council for re-accreditation process. This will be approved by Municipal Order. There was flooding on KY 17 during the last heavy rain and a voluntary evacuation was ordered. The emergency beacon lights have been received for distribution to members of the Senior Watch Program if they are interested.

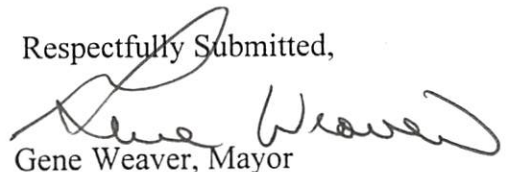
Mayor Weaver congratulated City Administrator Larry Klein for being chosen the part-time Outstanding Teacher at Thomas More College for this past school year. This is a great compliment to him and the City and a great honor.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk