

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES  
05/23/01

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Paul Hiltz. 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.

Mayor Weaver thanked Mayor Paul Meier from the City of Crestview Hills for attending tonight's meeting and advised that Chief Muench had another engagement scheduled for this evening and would give his report.

Chief Muench addressed Council and advised that one of the part time firefighters Greg Wuestefeld has resigned from his duties due to time constraints with his family. He wanted the Chief to thank Council and appreciated his treatment as an employee of the City. Daryl Tepe has stepped down as an officer of the department but would stay on in an EMS capacity. An officer will be named shortly to fill the vacancy. Don Martin Jr. has retired from the Fire Department. This week is EMS Week and preschool and Grades 1 thru 4 will be given appropriate coloring books so they may have a better understanding of where ambulances come from.

Crestview Hills Mayor Paul Meier introduced City Administrator Kevin Celarek and Consultant Dr. Riley Kinman. Mayor Meier thanked Council for allowing them to speak at tonight's meeting and address Council about the proposed Cinergy Power Plant that will be located at Erlanger/Crescent Springs Road. Discussion followed from representatives from Crestview Hills and Fort Wright Council. Mayor Meier would like for the City of Fort Wright to be included in the appeal when it is filed and also pass a Resolution stating the support of the City to oppose the Cinergy Power Plant located in the City of Erlanger. Motion by Mr. Robke that City Council is in favor of a review of the application made in the Division of Air Quality for the proposed Cinergy Power Plant. Second by Mr. Wolnitzek. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Hiltz and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver thanked the representatives of City of Crestview Hills for the information presented at tonight's meeting.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 04/11/01 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 04/25/01 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor. Mr. Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 4-01 Establishing Speed Limits for City Streets. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 6-01 Declaring Disposition of Surplus Property. This includes ten (10) fifty foot (50') sections of fire hose. This hose is not needed and is obsolete. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. 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. Wolnitzek inquired as if the City should accumulate items and have an auction once a year or participate in the countywide auction. Mayor Weaver suggested we would accumulate items yearly.

Mr. Klein advised our Dental Care Plus contract is up for renewal July 1, 2001. The increase on this contract is very modest and everyone is satisfied with their service. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein advised there was a quote from Riegler Blacktop, Inc. included in the Council packet for resurfacing the parking lot at the City Building. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann advised a change order can be issued so all unit costs guaranteed in the Street Program can be carried over to do the parking lot with exception of the under drain work. The City Auditor Linda Chapman was consulted and she advised this was acceptable. This resurfacing and under drain work would correct water problems in the parking lot area.

Amended motion to have two separate bid orders. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to accept the bid of \$4020.00 for french drains in the parking lot. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to accept the bid amount of \$28,909.00 for resurfacing of the City parking lot. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Hiltz and Martin all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein advised Council that there has been information added to the Council packets regarding rates for Health Insurance renewal. Mr. Klein explained that Prudential Healthcare has been sold to Aetna Insurance and rates have increased by 43% for the upcoming year. Quotes from other companies provided to Council. Sherrill Morgan

Agency has done a disruption report and they have advised of the companies checked Choice Care would be the plan that would disrupt the least amount of employees and be comparable to we now have. There still would be an increase of \$1100.00 a month for the same plan as we now have. Discussion followed. A suggestion was made to renew with Aetna at this time and have the Personnel Committee discuss and make a final decision at that time. This will be tabled until further notice.

NKSWMA Education Program. Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding a letter received requesting a contribution to an education program that they would like to start before the next school year. This program would educate children on waste management. Council decided not to contribute to this program.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to authorize \$8000.00 to proceed with the Long-Term Street Study Proposal from CDS Associates, Inc. The study will determine the cost of providing concrete curb and gutters, sidewalk and storm water control to every street in the City. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve Ordinance 5-01 First Reading of the Amended FYE July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 budget. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proposed FYE 2001/2002 Budget.

Mayor Weaver advised that this budget is a result of the retreat held in February, in discussions and recommendations that came from that retreat. Since there are rising costs in all areas there are many items that cannot be addressed for this budget year. Mayor Weaver advised that as many items as possible were accommodated from the priority list. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested a Blue Ribbon Panel including residents, members of Council, business community members to look at resources and suggest a solution to generate more income. Mr. Wolnitzek advised residents would need to tell us what they want. Mr. Hiltz suggested posting highlights of the proposed budgets on the website to allow residents to know what is planned and how the City stands for the coming year.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek to accept the proposed Ordinance 6-01 FYE 2001/2002 Budget, second by Mr. Feinauer. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting to approve, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver thanked all employees for their help in pulling this budget together. Mr. Klein agreed that the job of putting together the final budget is easier because of help from the Department Heads. They do not ask for things that are not essential for delivering service to the residents.

Appointment of Emergency Management Director.  
This item tabled until the next Council meeting.

#### Administrator Report.

##### Kentucky Division of Water Complaint.

Update on this notice of violation of our storm water outfalls into Moser Branch Creek, there is contaminated water coming from this outfall. Upon testing they have discovered cross taps in the Olivia Lane and Lorup Avenue areas. More testing is being done and there may be more violations in those areas. There will be assistance offered by the Sanitation District to homeowners on this project, after all problems are addressed.

##### Update on Telecommunications Ordinance.

Several cities in Kenton County have been discussing drafting a model Ordinance for all cities involved for future use when companies come into the cities for service. A draft Ordinance is being prepared for approval and review. The Cable Board has agreed to share the cost of this Ordinance for the cities that they represent.

#### Council Committee Reports.

Mr. Hatter advised the committee met before tonight's Council meeting to primary to discuss what content is needed for the website. We will meet again in two weeks as to what additional information the Department Heads would like on their site. Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan will be adding information to the site and Mr. Hatter advised she is doing a good job with this project.

Mr. Hatter also advised two meetings have been held on the 60th Anniversary Committee with various representatives. The meetings are held every other Monday at the City Building at 6PM if anyone is interested in attending. This event will be divided into sections, parade, events/games, exhibits, booths, and fireworks. The cost of fireworks is being researched to see if this event can be included in the celebration. The committee would like to make this an alcohol-free event. Also selling shirts to commemorate this anniversary. Mr. Hatter hopes to have more information in the next two weeks. September 8, 2001 will be the date as it is being planned at this time.

##### Veteran's Memorial.

Service on Monday May 28, 2001 at 10:30AM at the City Building.

#### Department Reports.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported only eight tax bills left from the previous year.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported all memorial bricks are placed. Everyone who called in for a brick correction or an addition. Schedule for the Crack Seal Program should be ready shortly.

Chief Dan Kreinest reported arrests have been made in the Hardee's robbery, this was an internal theft. The new Police Tahoe has been delivered and necessary equipment will be added. Indictments handed down on a few arrests made in the parking lot at Walt's

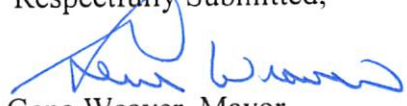
Hitching Post. Officer Amy Schworer injured with back problems. She has been working in the evidence room with the new bar coding system at this time.

Mayor Weaver advised he had received a request for a traffic light at Old KY 17 and KY 17. He had contacted the State Highway Department and they advised him to contact us for a study to be done for a placement of a traffic signal in that area. Mr. Wolnitzek advises he does not think there is enough traffic on Old KY 17 to warrant a traffic signal. Mayor Weaver advises we can make the request and see what they advise.

Vacant property at 1657 Amsterdam Road will be sold at the Commissioner sale in June.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 8:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk