

**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES**  
**05/24/00**

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Tom Franxman, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Jim Robke and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Mr. Paul Hiltz arrived at 6:28PM. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire Chief Tim Deye, Public Works Director and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

No Citizen Comments.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 5/10/00 Municipal Road Aid and LGEA Funds Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Franxman voting in favor. Mr. Hatter and Mr. Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Franxman to approve the minutes of the 5/10/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Robke to approve Municipal Order 4-00 Adopting a Substance Abuse Policy. Franxman, Hatter voting in favor, Wolnitzek voting no. Motion passed. Mr. Klein stated starting June 1, 2000 the City would be in a pool of workers registered with St. Elizabeth Medical Center for random drug testing. This would only apply to safety sensitive positions or post accident testing. An orientation session was conducted with all employees to explain how this program works.

Second reading of Ordinance 7-00, which Mr. Summe read in summary, amending FYE 1999/2000 Budget. Motion by Mr. Franxman, second by Mr. Robke to approve, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 8-00, which Mr. Summe read in summary, adopting FYE 2000/2001 Budget. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to approve, Franxman, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Fire/EMS Staffing. Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the proposal to hire part time help to staff the Fire Department when there are not enough volunteers to provide adequate coverage for the City. One restriction presented to Council is if our volunteers are hired for part time coverage they are no longer able to volunteer with the City on a volunteer basis. Chief Deye addressed Council with the weekend coverage proposal for staffing the Fire Department until July 1. After much discussion Mayor Weaver advised that Mr. Klein should look into hiring part time or volunteers from surrounding

departments or if this is not an option to contract with Fort Mitchell to use their life squad when needed and take our squad out of service.

Chief Dan Kreinest introduced Mr. Mike Bischoff, accreditation manager for Kentucky Association Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Mr. Bischoff addressed Council and advised that this process requires the agency to commit in writing to policies, procedures and their processes. Forty-seven agencies have received this honor and there are forty-seven more pending. This process could not be done by the department without the full support of the governing body of the City. The assessment team on site stated that this agency was one of the finest they have seen. A plaque of accreditation was presented to Chief Kreinest and the department will be honored on August 1, 2000 at the main banquet in Lexington. Chief Kreinest thanked many people who contributed to this process especially Officer Marc Schworer, Intern Robert Johnson and Officer Amy Schworer who was in charge of the evidence room. Mr. Klein thanked everyone involved in this honor and stated he was proud of the Police Department, all employees of the City and the Officials of the City. Mayor Weaver complimented the Police Department, Mike Bischoff and Intern Robert Johnson and everyone involved for their dedication.

Mr. Summe read Resolution 5-00 Acknowledging Police Department Accreditation. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve, Franxman, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

LLEB Grant. City has applied for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and been advised funds have been approved. We will receive \$4604.00 with a City match of \$512.00. This fund will allow the City to purchase in car video systems.

Fire Department 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Citation received from Commonwealth of Kentucky House of Representatives. Decals will be affixed to doors at the Fire Department entrances.

Bench and Sundial installed in the Garden for the Blind compliments of the Fort Wright Garden Club.

Mr. Klein advised two meetings were attended with the City Engineer Mark Brueggemann, Jim Berling and a traffic engineer regarding the development at KY 17. Road improvement plans were presented. No representatives of Wal-Mart attended either meeting. Mr. Klein advised Mr. Berling would like to meet in June with the Economic Development Committee to further discuss this project.

Emission Checks being done on City vehicles.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development Committee. Update on Mr. Klein's report.

Memorial Committee. Dedication and parade on Monday Memorial Day. Donations still being accepted for the cost of the Dedication Ceremony and Parade. Shuttle service available to the City Building. Volunteers still needed.

Personnel Committee. Mr. Hiltz advised the committee hoped to present new personnel policy for approval at the next meeting.

Legal Committee. Mr. Robke advised the committee is in the process of putting together rules and regulation for the Nature Center parking lot.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised about ten tax bills remaining for payment.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported resurfacing work being done on Bunker, Lookout, Pickett and Park Road. This work should be completed by the end of the following week. JPS Construction Company is rebuilding catch basins on Rosa Avenue. Project should be completed in two weeks.

Chief Dan Kreinest reported Officer Danny Martin participated and won a DARE competition with Fort Wright School. Officer Andy Vonderhaar made an arrest on a burglary in the City.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter for Resolution 6-00 to Oppose Tax Increase as Proposed by Fiscal Court. Franxman, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810(f). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Mr. Martin was absent from executive session. There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to close legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk