

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES

06/13/01

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 and Mr. Jim Robke. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Sergeant Dean Russell, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor's Proclamation for Angela Sia, salutatorian for the Notre Dame Class of 2001, will be presented to her at a later date. Miss Sia was unable to attend the Council meeting.

No Citizen Comments.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the Municipal Road Aid and LGEA Funds Public Hearing with corrections. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Martin second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 05/23/01 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 5-01- Amending FYE 2000/2001 Budget. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hiltz stated that he liked the message written by the Mayor regarding the proposed budget. The Mayor advised he would like a copy of this message attached to the approved Ordinance.

Executive Order 3-01 Appointing Part-Time Firefighter/EMT. Chief Muench advised Mr. Justin Saner of Melbourne has been hired in the vacant Firefighter/EMT position. Mayor Weaver advised the part-time employees in the Fire/EMS Department are doing a good job. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll Call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citywide Street Study. A meeting was held with City Engineer Mark Brueggemann to discuss the Street Study. Mr. Brueggemann believes they can have a report back to the City in July as to what is needed on each street in the City to make sure each street has a concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk and storm water control and their opinion of construction cost.

ISTEA Sidewalks. Discussion at the meeting with Mr. Brueggemann as to how to proceed with this project, sidewalks from Werner Drive to Reeves Drive. The proposed project of the sidewalks on Highland Pike and the decelerator lane to Reeves Drive will also be included in a bid package. Mark Brueggemann will give us a design plan for the decelerator lane, which will have to be approved by the State and the cost for each of these jobs. This will be bid as a package with the potential of three different contractors.

Council Committee Reports.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter reported a meeting was held before the Council meeting and ideas from Department Heads was presented. Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan has been updating the Website and Mr. Hatter advised he is looking into revamping the look of the site.

Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Martin reported he has had requests for a couple of more bricks to be placed. Mayor Weaver advised this could be mentioned in the Top of The Hill newsletter if anyone does not have a brick and would like to have one placed to call or stop by the City building.

60th Anniversary Committee

Mr. Hatter reported meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays at 6PM at the City Building. Anyone who would like to help or is interested in this project is welcome to attend. September 8, 2001 will be the date of this event and will be wrapped into the Fire/EMS and Police Department Safety Fair. The proposal at this time is a kick off of the event at 11AM with a parade ending at the City Building. Start festivities at 1PM and wrap up at 5PM with a concert. No alcohol or fireworks for this event. Mr. Hatter thanked all the people involved for their hard work.

Chief Muench reported the Fire Department received a Kentucky Senate Bill 66 Grant to help fund an additional defibulator for the department. Half of the cost will be paid for by the State. New EMS officers appointed. Last year the department had a total of 961 hours of training as of this date, this year the total is 1800 hours. Most of these hours are from the volunteers. Also, there are now only nine hours per week when there is no paid staff or volunteers scheduled.

Mr. Maloney reported the South Hills Civic Club addition is under roof and the renovation is going very well. No schedule available as of this date for the Street Program or Crack Sealing Program.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported only five property tax bills still due from 2000.

Municipal Order 10-01 Adopting Position Classification System and Salary Schedule. Mr. Klein advised each year we adopt a Municipal Order updating and revising our position classification system. Minimum and maximum ranges are increased by 2% each year. This year they have been increased by 3% to reflect a higher cost of living amount. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Hiltz advised that a meeting of the Personnel Committee was held with the Health Insurance broker before the Council meeting regarding options for renewal. Mr. Hiltz advised that any plan selected would be a significant increase in cost to the City. After discussing these different plans, the Choice Care Primary Access III plan was recommended by the Committee. It is comparable to what employees now have but still represents a 22% increase in cost, although less than the 41% increase offered by Aetna as a replacement to our current Prudential Health plan. In addition, the Committee recommended that each employee be allowed to "buy-up" to the Primary Access I plan, which has lower co-pay amounts. Through payroll withholding, each employee would be allowed to "buy-up" to the Primary Access I plan by paying the difference in cost between the Primary Access III and Primary Access I plans. Two or more employees would have to select this "buy-up" option for the City to be eligible to participate. In addition, the Committee recommended that, effective July 1, 2001, the City allow Choice Care to establish and administer a "premium-only" Section 125 benefit plan for employees who exercise the "buy-up" option. The cost of the Primary Access III plan to the City is about \$1100.00 additional per month. Discussion followed, Mark Morgan from Sherrill Morgan and Associates, who handles our health insurance policy, answered questions from Council and further explained the Primary Access III plan, the "buy-up" option, and the "premium-only" Section 125 benefit plan. Motion was made by Mr. Hiltz to offer the Choice Care Primary Access III plan as a base plan with the option for the employee to "buy-up" to the Primary Access I plan, and to have Choice Care establish and administer the premium-only Section 125 benefit plan for employees, to be effective July 1, 2001. Second was made by Mr. Martin. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Morgan for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

A very successful Memorial Day Service. The attendance was better than expected and many people to thank. Mr. Allen White, Ms. Katrina Hamway, Daryl Tepe and Larry Schrand and the large turnout from the Fort Wright Fire/EMS Department. Mr. Martin advised that he would like to continue the tradition of having a resident reflect on their experiences and be the keynote speaker for this service.

National Trails Day Event. Thanks to Mr. Dave Westover, a resident of Edgewood for promoting our Nature Center and organizing this event. Mr. Klein recommends sending a letter to Mr. Westover thanking him for his effort.

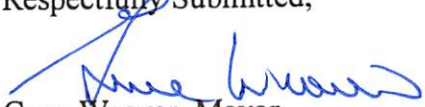
Mayor Weaver addressed Council and stated he has given the proposed Cinergy Power Plant a lot of thought. He agrees with Council on ideas discussed at the previous meeting and expressed concern on this facility being close to residential property. Mayor Weaver stated if this facility were being planned for Fort Wright we would ask other Cities for help in expressing concern to the developers. He stated he is not opposed to these types of projects but a better site to place them.

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

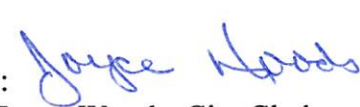
Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to close executive session and reconvene Council meeting, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk