

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
06/21/00

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

Mr. Shaun Myers of 1596 St. Anthony Drive addressed Council regarding removal of drive-thru lane owned by the Erpenbecks from Marcella Avenue to St. Anthony Drive. Mr. Myers advised since this has been closed there has been a problem with speeders on St. Anthony Drive. Mayor Weaver advised this lane was privately owned and was never maintained by the City. The owners contacted the City and advised that this would be closed because of water problems and they were unable to maintain it. Chief Kreinest advised they would patrol more aggressively in this area, a traffic count would be conducted and also the speed trailer would be placed in this area.

Mr. Bob Hebbeler was present to meet the new Fire Chief Marc Muench, but Mayor Weaver advised he was out of town and would not be present at this meeting. Mr. Hebbeler advised he thought the City made an excellent decision in choosing Mr. Muench.

Resident of St. Anthony Drive wanted to make Council aware that residents on this street were having problems with vandalism to houses and cars. Eggs being thrown, windshields broken and tires flattened. Reports had been made to the Police department and Chief Kreinest advised he would make the officers aware of these problems.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 5/24/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 06/07/00 Special meeting. Roll call vote taken Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin (with reluctance) to accept the resignation of Mr. Tom Franxman from City Council effective June 30, 2000. Roll call vote taken Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to appoint Mr. Jon Chambers to City Council effective July 1, 2000, to replace Mr. Tom Franxman. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Hiltz advised Mr. Chambers had been a candidate previously for vacancies on Council. He also was a member of the Board of Adjustment and part of the Kyles Lane committee. Mayor Weaver thanked everyone who applied for this open position and advised we had many fine candidates.

Executive Order 7-00 Appointing Fire/EMS Chief. Mr. Summe read this order and a motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Robke and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised this process to select a Chief was very time consuming and he would like to recognize the members of the Fire department who served on the selection committee, Jane Gabbard, Mike Marino and Pat Spare. Also all members of the department for their cooperation in this selection.

Resolution 7-00 in Recognition of the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Summe read this resolution and a motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Robke and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver thanked the following:

All Veterans who served.

The Todtenbier Family

Don and Anita Martin

Mayor and Council of Fort Wright and Park Hills for their support of a joint parade

Fort Wright Memorial Committee Don Martin, Tom Franxman, Dave Hatter and Larry Klein

Fort Wright Civic Club board of Directors for volunteers and coffee and doughnuts

Martha Moffitt and Bob Zembrodt

Tim Maloney, Nick Zumdick and Jason Buhr

Joyce Woods, Jennifer Finan and Ruth Paulis

Volunteer Fire Department Members

Many volunteers who helped with parking and organizing the parade participants

Park Hills Civic Association President Craig Feltner

Park Hills Civic Association Publicist Ann O'Hara

Retired Army Colonel Barbara Rounds-Kugler

Judge Murgatroyd and all elected officials in attendance

Saint Agnes Choir

Dixie Heights High School Band

Sergeant Dan Johnson and the Army Color Guard

State Representative Jon Draud

State Senator Dick Roeding for the Army helicopter flyover

Sheriff Chuck Korzenborn for Taps

Fort Wright and Park Hills Police Departments for the 21-gun salute

Residents of Lorup, Kentucky, Olivia and Werner Drives.

Deacon Bob Stoeckle of Saint Agnes and Pastor Don Smith of First Presbyterian Churches

Schott Monument

Mr. Bob Ringo for military uniform display.

TANK for providing shuttle service

Anyone who participated in the Memorial service and parade.

Resolution 8-00 Recognizing the Contributions of the Fort Wright Garden Club and Declaring the Week of June 4, 2000 through June 10, 2000 as "National Garden Week". Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 9-00 Supporting Mobile Data Communications. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Robke and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Contract renewal for Brenda Spare as an independent contractor for accounting services performed for the City of Fort Wright starting July 1, 2000. This action was discussed and approved. No vote needed as this money is already budgeted. Council was very pleased with Ms. Spare's accounting services from the previous year.

Health Insurance Contract was discussed and a decision to renew with Prudential Insurance Company was approved. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to change to a Standard Low HMO for all full time employees with a 23% increase to the City. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 5-00 Adopting Revisions in Personnel Policies. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Mr. Klein reported to Council the cost to the City for changes in the revisions in the personnel policy. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken Hatter, Robke and voting in favor, Wolnitzek voting in favor with objection to Section VI: Benefits, part C number 8. Employees may convert up to five (5) sick leave days to five (5) vacation leave days each year if the employee meets the following conditions:

- a) Must have been a full-time employee for ten or more consecutive years.
- b) Must have a balance of at least sixty (60) days sick leave at the start of the vacation year.
- c) Must have been a full-time employee the entire preceding calendar year.
- d) Must not have used any sick leave days, excluding personal days, the entire preceding calendar year.

No one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 6-00 Adopting Position Classification System and Salary Schedule. Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Robke and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion

passed. Mr. Klein advised the Fire Administrator position is still included in this classification system. This will be the first order of business for the new Chief to determine the job duties of this position.

Municipal Order 7-00 Amending Public Works Director Job Description. Mr. Klein advised Zoning Administrator duties were previously paid through stipends. The new job description will include the change from level 4 to level 2. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Mr. Randy Neuhaus, a business owner of Classic Hair Design on Dixie Highway would like to have something done with the trees in front of his business. He states that they are blocking his signs and customers and potential customers have a hard time finding or recognizing his business. Suggestion by Council was to transplant a portion of these trees to thin out the blockage of the signs. Mr. Klein and Mr. Maloney will check into this matter with the owner.

A letter was received from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding Kyles Lane and Highland Pike traffic. The letter does not state that any changes will be made to this area. Council suggested a follow-up letter responding to their suggestion that the City take over responsibility of these roads to see what response we would receive from them.

Car wash complaint is scheduled for a June 28, 2000 court date.

Economic Development Committee. A hearing has been scheduled for July 6, 2000 at 6:15PM at NKAPC for Valley Plaza Stage One Development. The public is invited to attend and respond to questions or concerns they may have regarding this development.

Memorial Committee. Mr. Martin thanked Council, Mayor and everyone associated with the City for their help and support on this monument. This project is truly something to be proud of for the entire City. Mr. Maloney advised we are still taking names for the bricks around the monument, to be placed periodically around the Memorial. Also donations are still being accepted to defray the cost of the parade, if anyone is interested.

Personnel Committee. No report

Legal Committee. Letter received from Lawson Walker regarding the Bill Melton case, he advised the matter is closed, and the Judges ruling was in favor of the City. The time to appeal has expired for Mr. Melton.

Computer Committee. Mr. Hatter reported the Website is being used; comments are coming into the site.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported a total of eight tax bills still due.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the Council platforms are being built and hopefully will be in place at the next meeting. New street sign poles are in. Worst of the street program has been completed, there was deep pipe work in the dip at Rosa Avenue, and the restoration is in process.

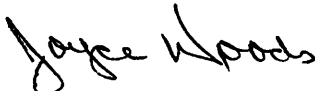
Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported a Grant for \$15,656.00 has been received; this will be used for three mobile video cameras. Officer Marc Schworer is in accident reconstruction school for two weeks in Richmond.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to close the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 8:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk