

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

06/26/02

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 Sergeant Dean Russell, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Mayor Weaver recognized Fort Wright resident Clarence Lassetter and he addressed Council and presented a picture for the lobby of the residence of Dr. Charles Pieck from 1905 which is where Pieck Drive is now located. A brick was also presented from a driveway of a home that was taken to build I-75. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Lassetter for his contribution of historical memorabilia to the City.

Kathy Nienaber addressed Council and reported to Council regarding the Nature Center Summer Day Camp that was held on June 22. Twenty children and their parents attended and had a great time. Ms. Nienaber thanked City Administrator Larry Klein, City Clerk Joyce Woods and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan for help in organizing and ordering supplies, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe for his demonstrations on fire safety and Officer Jamie Puthoff who gave a presentation on trail safety and a packet of information was given to the children. She thanked all who helped in making this day a huge success. Mr. Klein complimented Ms. Nienaber on the outstanding and well-organized presentation and promotion of the Nature Center. Mr. Klein also thanked Fort Wright Business owner Roger Schroeder who donated funds to help defray cost of the day camp.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 05/22/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Robke and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 05/22/02 Municipal Road Aid and LGEA Public Funds Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 7-02 Amending FYE 2001/2002 Budget.

Mr. Summe read this in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 8-02 Adopting FYE 2002/2003 Budget.

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Wolnitzek questioned adding the eleventh police officer included in the budget. Mayor Weaver advised this was discussed at the retreat and agreed upon if the City could afford it, and did not think there was any objection to this budget item. Mr. Klein advised that part of the justification was to increase the number of officers on duty at any given time. Because of the interstates located in the City that take officers away from the residential area. Mr. Hatter stated that if we discuss this item further he would like to discuss compensating the officers we already have in order to keep them employed with the City. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein advised a letter was included in the packet from Mr. Sam Beverage Chief District Engineer of District 6 Kentucky Department of Highways. Mr. Beverage stated in his letter that their recommendation for installation of a traffic signal contingent upon the realignment of East and West Henry Clay Avenues. Mr. Klein advised he attended a meeting with Mayor Weaver, Mark Brueggemann and Judge Murgatroyd and all agree this would be the best solution.

Mr. David Gross of Gross Insurance addressed Council regarding Short Term/Long Term Disability Plan. Mr. Gross explained the options of both short and long-term plans. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the short-term disability plan for all full-time employees. Roll call vote taken Feinauer, Robke and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Martin voting no. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 9-02 Settling B&Z Development Inc vs. City of Fort Wright lawsuit.

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary with proposed amendments. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hatter voting in favor, Hiltz and Robke voting no. Motion passed.

Resolution 5-02 Tractor-Trailer Truck Ban on Kyles Lane and Highland Pike.

Mayor Weaver advised this has been discussed previously requesting the State to put a truck ban on Kyles Lane and Highland Pike. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz and second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Len Segal of Eco Engineering addressed Council regarding an energy savings proposal that Mr. Klein requested for the City. For a cost of \$10,127.65 that would include replacing current ballasts and bulbs with more energy efficient ones. Mr. Klein advised besides the savings from energy efficient fixtures, the cost to have a Public Works employee changing these bulbs throughout the year, instead of other duties, is an even greater savings to the City. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken Robke, Feinauer, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Vacation of Reynolds Road Right-of-Way.

Mr. Wes Ernest of 412 Morris Road addressed Council regarding the vacation by the City of Reynolds Road. Mr. Ralph Vocke a property owner on Morris Road sent a letter to the City requesting that this paper street be vacated by the City. Mr. Ernest advised if this land is vacated by the City this property would be equally divided to all abutting property owners. Mr. Ernest would like to purchase a portion of this property owned by Mr. Vocke, which is directly behind his property, which would allow him to enlarge his yard. Discussion followed. Mr. Summe advised consent is needed from any property owners whose property abuts Reynolds Road. Mr. Summe advised Mr. Ernest to contact all property owners involved and contact him at his office and further advised that Mr. Vocke lot 1654B Morris Road would have to be recorded as an unbuildable lot or combined with Mr. Vocke's adjacent property where his house sets.

Mr. Mark Morgan of Sherrill Morgan Agency addressed Council regarding the renewal of Health Insurance for City employees. Mayor Weaver advised the Personnel Committee had met and discussed this matter and Mr. Morgan would answer any questions that they may have. Quotes were received from CHA, Anthem and Choice Care. The increase for our current provider Choice Care is 20% and this is the smallest increase in 3 years. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to renew with the current healthcare provider, Choice Care. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 6-02 Disposition of Surplus Property

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 4-02 Adopting Revised Job Description- Assistant City Clerk

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Mr. Klein advised revisions were made for this job description since they were already being performed in this position. Also there was an additional job duty of identifying code violations and issuing letters and assisting the Zoning Administrator added to this position. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 5-02 Establishing Police Officer Specialist Job Description

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Mr. Klein advised the purpose of creating this position is to make a senior patrol officer position and retain quality personnel. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 6-02 Adopting Revised Organizational Chart

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Mr. Klein advised the Assistant City clerk position was changed from a Level 8 to a Level 7 and establishing the Police Officer Specialist position at a Level 5. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 7-02 Adopting Revised Position Classification System and Salary Schedule for FYE 2002/2003.

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 8-02 Adopting South Hills Civic Club Facility Use Policy

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Mr. Wolnitzek expressed concern about one item listed regarding no decorations attached to walls, doors, windows, ceilings or other fixtures or appurtenances. He thought that restriction was a little strict and would like to change it to state anything attached cannot damage the above. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek as amended, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 9-02 Adopting Revised Police Department Policies, Rules and Regulations

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Mr. Hiltz questioned who reviews use of force if it occurs in the Department. Sergeant Russell advised this would have to be submitted in writing and the Police Chief would follow up on the complaint and an investigation would be done. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 2-02 Establishing A Copy Fee For Public Records

Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Mayor Weaver advised the purpose of this order is to have a policy and be consistent with the State's open records policy. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Bulletproof Vest Grant was received in the amount of \$1,192.50.

KY 16 Improvement Update

The State's preferred alternative remains a new, five-lane road to replace KY 16 from I-275 to Independence.

Do More With Less Program

A new program will be started on July 1 to try to achieve cost efficiency and service improvements. Each department will submit on a monthly basis information related to achieving success in this program.

Kentucky Division of Water NOV Update

Sanitation District is developing a procedure policy for issues like the one we have had in Fort Wright with the storm sewer contaminations in the Lorup, Olivia and Werner

neighborhoods. The Division of Water is giving the City more time to comply with this violation.

Fort Henry Drive/Pickett Drive Storm Water Drainage Correction

A letter is enclosed in tonight's council packet from Mark Brueggemann regarding a proposal for repairs on an open storm water head wall in this area. The City will implement corrections with surface drains and a larger pipe.

Old State Road Sidewalk

The City of Park Hills has contacted the City again regarding the sidewalk on Old State Road. Saint Agnes Church will pay for the portion from the Park Hills boundary North to Molloy Drive. The Mayor of Park Hills has asked the City of Fort Wright to reconsider participation from Molloy Drive to where the sidewalk ends on Sleepy Hollow Road. The price for this area of sidewalk is about \$6000.00. Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver advised a letter would be sent to Park Hills Mayor Hellmann and advise him that we do not wish to participate at this time with the completion of this sidewalk.

Mr. Klein advised of the two new pictures in the lobby. Thanks to Bob Raterman and Kathy Romero for their contribution and Sergeant Russell for framing and hanging.

Council Committee Reports

Legal

Letter sent to Ms. Classic with no response.

Department Reports

Sergeant Dean Russell reported Huntington Bank held a Community Day and literature was supplied by the Police Department.

Officer Puthoff attended the Nature Center Day Camp. There have been a couple of local business burglaries and the department is working on these.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported a more detailed monthly report was distributed to Council.

The Fort Wright 4th of July Neighborhood Parade/Walk is scheduled for July 3 at 6:45PM in the Mount Vernon/City Building area. This will start and end at the City Building. Just a reminder form that there is a burn ban on and no open burn permits are issued at this time.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the street program is almost complete. No problems to report. Thanks to the residents on Montpelier who helped restore the yards in that area.

Board of Adjustment case has been scheduled requesting a backyard variance on Kentucky Drive at the residence of Ron Arnsperger.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported one delinquent tax bill was paid in June.

Mayor Weaver thanked all involved in the Memorial Day Ceremony.

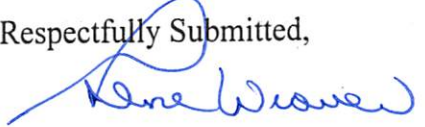
Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn to executive session per KRS.61810 (b)&(c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to initiate condemnation proceedings on .8-acre landlocked and unimproved parcel at rear of Dixie Gardens property for storm water facility. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.


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

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk