

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7/10/02

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. Don Martin, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Jim Robke. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan. Mr. Paul Hiltz was out of town and unable to attend

Mayor Weaver advised the people in attendance that if they wished to speak they would have to do so at this time during citizen comments.

Ms. Pat Meeker of Christine Court addressed Council in requesting that a traffic light be added at the intersection of East Henry Clay and Kyles Lane. Mayor Weaver informed her that the City has been working on this for the past several years and that we currently have the City Engineer working with State Highway Department to get a light there, how to achieve it and where it would be.

Mrs. Dorothy Snyder addressed Council in regards to the Amsterdam Road Project and the dust and mud mess it is causing. Mayor Weaver advised Mrs. Snyder that this was a County project, but the City and the Fire Department was currently and would continue to assist with keeping the area as clean as possible.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 06/26/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 9-02 Settlement of B & Z Development, Inc. vs. City of Fort Wright Lawsuit. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Discussion followed. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hatter voting in favor, Robke voting opposed. Motion passed.

[Mr. Martin left the meeting at this time, for a family commitment.]

NOV Update by Mr. John Lyons and Mr. Jeff Eger from Sanitation District #1. A presentation of a summary of preliminary findings and an overview of the problem was made to Council. This will be treated as a pilot program, as others will be faced with similar problems in the future.

Dr. Michael Thomson, from NKU was present to make a presentation to Council and Mayor of the Long Range Plan Focus Group Results. He also gave Council a copy of his report on the Focus Group results. Mayor Weaver recognized Dr. Thomson and other members of the Vision Committee and thanked them for their hard work. Those members were Tom Jacober, Chairman, Eileen Hastings, Roger Schroder, Joe Michels, Ann Flood, and Tom Litzler. Dr. Thomson summarized the findings of the three focus groups and said that the citizens are happy about where the City is, but there are some areas that they would like improved. Dr. Thomson also presented the Vision Committee's Preliminary Long Range Plan.

Tom Jacober gave Council a summary of where the Vision Committee is after the focus group work. This work has produced the Vision Statement as it is currently written. Currently there are two public hearings scheduled. These are Wednesday, August 7, from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, August 11, from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that we have different locations for the public hearing to involve more people from different neighborhoods. This will probably lead to one or two additional hearings and dates to be determined.

Resolution 7-02 Pledge of Allegiance to support inclusion of phrase "one nation under God", was read by Mr. Summe. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote take, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Sidewalk, Street, Storm Sewer Improvement Public Information Campaign
The Public Presentation will be held on August 3, 2002 for the public. A Presentation for Council will be on Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 5:30 in the Council Chambers.

KYTC Unscheduled Needs List Request

Looking for additional items to add to the list. I-275 and I-75 are currently on the list. Suggestions to put Kyles Lane from its intersection at KY 1072 to Farrell Drive and Mount Vernon on the list, along with Kyles Lane and Highland Place intersection to give the area less drop to the intersection.

Draft Storm Water Management Plan
Covered by Sanitation District Presentation.

Administrator Report

Nature Center Detention Lake
Scheduled to be completed by B & Z Development on September 15, 2002.

July 24, 2002 Regular Council Meeting Canceled due to a lack of business to conduct.

Council Committee Reports

Economic Development

No Report

Legal

Mayor Weaver inquired about Ms. Classic. Mr. Summe has not received any response. A deadline was set for July 30th. If no response or call, we can either file criminal action or take stronger actions.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter advised that the meeting scheduled for tonight was postponed. The network server is in need of being updated.

Finance

No Report

Veteran's Memorial

No Report

Department Reports

Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan reported that no additional tax bills have been paid. New delinquent bills were mailed out on Monday.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that the Street program is nearing completion. There are two or three areas where restoration work is still being done; this should be completed within a week. The crack sealing of the new areas is scheduled to be done next week, weather permitting.

City parking lot was sealed over during the last week.

The Public Works Department is working on smaller projects and will start installing the new street signs this week and next week. In some areas that street sign and stop sign will be combined to eliminate a pole in yards.

Dave Hatter inquired about having signage put up in area around Howard Road to make people aware that they are approaching a one-lane road.

Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Maloney to contact those in charge of the Amsterdam Road project to ask them to call the City whenever they need assistance with cleaning up mud and dirt in the area.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the department has been short-handed since Officer Amy Schworer resigned. Last set of resumes received had a low percentage of qualified candidates. The City is re-advertising this week in the Post and the Enquirer to fill the position(s).

Warrants have been put out for the burglaries at Speedway and UDF, the officers are working hard to locate the suspects, but have been unable to locate them.

There is a lot of effort going into solving the recent bank robberies.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that a monthly report was distributed. EMS response times in Fort Wright is second best in Kenton County, after Independence. This is

largely due to the daytime calls, which drive the averages up. Doesn't expect us to remain at the top every month, due to taking a little longer for squad to be in service at night.

The 4th of July parade organized by Mount Vernon resident Jeanne Lenhof was bigger than expected. She did a great job at putting the parade together.

Dave Hatter asked Chief Schewe to pass along a thank you to all of those who helped to clean up Amsterdam Road last week. Steve advised that this was a combined effort of full-time, part-time and volunteer firefighters.

Larry Klein thanked Steve for covering 8 hours on the 4th of July holiday, when one person covering was suddenly unable to be here.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Jennifer L. Finan
Attest:

Jennifer Finan, Assistant City Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver
Gene Weaver, Mayor