

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
07/12/00

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. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Paul Hiltz. Mr. Jim Robke was out of town and unavailable for the meeting. 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.

Mr. John Herold of 1385 Vidot Court addressed Council regarding sidewalk installation in Fort Wright. He stated that sidewalks are a safety factor and add value to the property in the City. Mr. Wolnitzek advised sidewalks have always been considered in the City but water trapped when sidewalks are installed is the real problem. Storm sewers to channel the water next to the sidewalks are the problem. Storm system would have to be considered for this project in many areas. Mr. Maloney advised some areas yards would be cut into; utility poles create problems for installation. Mayor Weaver advised the City has applied for grants for sidewalks and Mr. Klein and Mr. Maloney could check with the City Engineer on this project.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 6-21-00 Special Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver stated with mixed emotions Fort Wright City Council would like to present Tom Franxman with the Fort Wright Generalship. Mr. Franxman has been a member of Council for over three years, a longtime resident of Fort Wright, and a business owner in the City. He thanked Tom for his service to the residents of Fort Wright and would be missed in the City. Mr. Franxman spoke and thanked the Mayor for his help when he started on Council and all of Council for their dedication to the City. He also thanked the City staff for their hard work in the City to make Fort Wright a proud place to live.

Mr. Jon Chambers was sworn in by Mr. Summe to replace Mr. Franxman on City Council. Mr. Chambers introduced his family. He thanked Council for their support and stated that he was a hard worker and would look out for the well being of the City.

Mayor Weaver introduced Mr. Marc Muench who was named the Fire Chief for the City. Mr. Muench thanked Mayor Weaver and introduced his family. He thanked City Council for their support and stated that the future of cities the size of Fort Wright is in the volunteer fire department supported by a paid staff. Mr. Klein stated that the City looks

forward to what Mr. Muench can bring to the City of Fort Wright and he will be an outstanding Chief.

First reading of Ordinance 9-00 which Mr. Summe read, Restricting Parking on a City Parking Lot on Highland Pike. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Chambers, Martin and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This will be posted and warning citations will be issued as necessary.

Executive Order 8-00 which Mr. Summe read, Appointing a Part Time Police Clerk for the City of Fort Wright. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve. Roll call vote taken, Chambers, Wolnitzek and Hatter all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Chief Kreinest introduced Julie Bosley as the new Police clerk and stated that she came very highly qualified and was working out very well since she started in this position on July 5, 2000.

Sanitation District Stage 1 Development Plan was discussed. Mr. Klein advised that the City would have to pass an Ordinance, first and second readings to approve this project. Discussion followed and no vote was taken until additional information is received.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to cancel the July 26, 2000 regularly scheduled Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Chambers, Hiltz and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Our auditor Linda Chapman from Rankin & Rankin will be here on Monday July 24, 2000 to start our annual audit. Documents are being prepared for her use. The audit fee has been lowered this year and Ms. Chapman will make a report at a future Council meeting when the audit has been completed. The report will be advertised in the Top Of The Hill News.

Latonia Avenue/43rd Street Connector. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to not accept responsibility and ownership of this road. Roll call vote taken. Chambers, Hiltz and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Car Wash Complaint Update. Court date set for July 26, 2000. Application for a building permit has been submitted to the City and Planning Commission. Sufficient property to build a two lane bridge, they are negotiating with Jim Berling for property to build a three lane bridge. Additional approval will be needed from the Division of Water and this could be at least another six months. The Mayor advised he thinks we should keep the complaint active.

Economic Development Committee. Mr. Klein reported he attended the public hearing for the Valley Plaza Development. A request was made by the City to have the application tabled pending a traffic impact and road improvement study. The request was approved.

Computer Committee. No meeting of this committee recently. Mr. Hatter advised complaint tracker software is currently being researched. A suggestion by Mr. Chambers that the Website address to be displayed in the Council Chambers for anyone watching the Council meetings that may be interested in this information.

Mr. Maloney reported the side desks have now been added for seating of the department heads. Hopefully by the next Council meeting there will be an improved sound system. Public Works personnel built the bases for these extensions and Milt McCrackin built the extended desks. Bid for carpeting for the extended areas was \$400.00; to carpet the entire elevated area would be \$1200.00.

Street pole signs are in. Work has begun around town with orange stakes marking the area of the poles.

A letter will be sent to Barrett Paving regarding Pickett Drive, noting dissatisfaction with the completed job in that area.

Chief Kreinest reported the TAP Grant has been approved. Mobile cameras have been ordered and they will be received in approximately 90 days. Grant has been approved for bulletproof vests; they will be replaced as needed. Officers have been instructed to monitor speed on Saint Anthony Drive per resident's request.


Chief Deye reported the Fire Department Open House and Safety Fair would be August 27, 2000. More information to follow at a later date. House fire on Howard Road on June 24, 2000. Family all escaped unharmed, working smoke detectors was at the residence at the time of the fire. Cause of the fire was electrical problems. Mayor Weaver thanked Chief Deye for all of his time devoted to the Fire Department, as this would be the last Council meeting he would attend as Volunteer Chief.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to close the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 7:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk