

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES

08/08/01

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Jim Robke and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire Inspector Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Hiltz arrived at 6:02PM. Mr. Hatter was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no citizens present.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve the minutes of the 07/11/01 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer voting in favor, Mr. Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 7-01 Appointing Emergency Management Director. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 4-01 Appointing Part-Time Firefighter/EMT Charles Patrick Tanner. Mr. Summe read this order. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Robke to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 5-01 Appointing Part-Time Firefighter/EMT Jason Saner. Mr. Summe read this order. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the proposed subdivision regulation change. The City received notice from KC&MP&ZC that there would be a public hearing on August 2, 2001 to discuss a proposed text amendment to the Subdivision Regulations that in new subdivisions dimensional variances would be able to be approved by the Planning Commission instead of by the City's Board of Adjustment which is normally how they are done. This would be done at the same time as the preliminary plat is approved. Numerous cities discussed this proposal and communicated with concern with each other and as a result of this, the item was tabled until next month. Mr. Klein asked Council if

they would like to take a position on this proposal. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to give Mr. Summe the authority to research this proposal and send a letter and Resolution with his legal opinion that this cannot be done and the City of Fort Wright is against this action. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Stop Sign at Stonewell Trail and Longmeadow Lane. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Feinauer to place stop signs at both ends of Stonewell Trail, at Longmeadow Drive and Parkside Place. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised the safety committee could review this occasionally if there is a problem with placement of the signs.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to appoint Floyd Hastings to the Fort Wright Nature Center Planning Board, filling the vacant position. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the Street Sign Poles to be purchased in this budget year. He advised since we had a joint bid with Fort Mitchell the cost of \$603.00 per unit is the lowest price quoted. If we go with our original plan to purchase 21 units this year and purchase the remainder next year the price will be approximately \$100.00 more per pole. Extra poles will be purchased to allow for new streets in the City or if there is damage to existing poles. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the purchase of 46 poles in this budget year. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Section 125 Plan. A few employees have taken advantage of the buy-up available through the premium-only Section 125 Plan offered by our health insurance carrier. There is a full Section 125 Plan that can be obtained through the Covington Business Council. The City would have to join the Covington Business Council at a cost of \$200.00 and a minimum \$50.00 administration fee. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested the Personnel Committee meet with the representative from Sherill Morgan Associates, Inc. and report back to Council.

First Reading of Ordinance 8-01 Establishing An Assessment Of \$97.20 For The Collection Of Waste Materials For The Year Beginning July 1, 2001, and Ending June 30, 2002 In The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky, And Fixing The Time And Payment And Penalty For Non-Payment Of Same. Mr. Summe read this in summary. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 9-01 Fixing The Tax Rate For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2001, And Ending June 30, 2002 Upon Real Estate of .1820, Personal And Mixed Property of .2180 In The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky, And Fixing The Time And Payment And Penalty For Non-Payment Of Same. Mr. Summe read this in summary.

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

Mr. Klein asked Council if they wanted to discuss increasing the penalty assessed on late tax payments and waste fees. This was discussed last year and he brought it up if there was any interest to make a change before the rates were set. After discussion, Council decided to leave the rates as they have been in the past.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Amsterdam Road Improvements.

Nothing new to report. Spartan Construction was low bidder and contract awarded.

Work will be starting soon.

ISTEA Sidewalk and Decelerator Lane.

Bids advertised for sidewalk and decelerator lane to be due back on August 24, 2001.

Signalization on Kyles Lane.

Letters sent to the Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort from the City and also Judge Murgatroyd to look into traffic signals on Kyles Lane. Mr. Klein and City Engineer Mark Brueggemann met with representatives from the Transportation Cabinet and they advised a traffic signal in that area was not warranted at this time. They did suggest to have the City Engineer do a traffic study with connecting intersections and this may increase the numbers and may warrant a traffic signal in the future. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that we need a proposal from our engineer to have a plan ready when this is a reality.

Citywide Street Study.

Legal opinion from the County Attorney is that placing a special property tax question, for the purpose of street improvements would have to be placed on the ballot at the next regular election. Since there is not a regular election in November it would have to wait until November 2002 general election ballot. Mayor Weaver suggested that we put a plan together and explain to residents what we are proposing and then decide if we would like to have this put on the ballot.

Mr. Klein thanked Lt. Schewe for attending the Council meeting in the absence of a Fire Chief to update us on Fire Department news.

The volunteer for the City has been painting fire hydrants in all areas and of this date she has painted 223 hydrants.

Thanks to Jane Gabbard and Jennifer Finan for the extra help in lining up extra EMS coverage for the weekends as we are short staffed until our part-time employees are all in place.

Mayor Weaver advised we are extending our deadline for applications for the Fire/EMS Chief position. Of the applications received 50% were from out of state. We would like

to re-advertise to get a larger pool of candidates from this area. Council approved this idea.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development. None

Legal Matters. None

Personnel. None

Computer Technology.

Meeting cancelled before the Council meeting tonight. We will be purchasing a Laptop and desk computer. Website updated.

Finance. None

Veteran's Memorial. None

60th Anniversary Committee.

Parade to begin at 11:00AM with the staging area at St. Paul Church it will conclude at the City Building. Day of fun and festivities at the City Building at 1:00PM with the conclusion by the Kentucky Symphony Newport Ragtime Band at 5:00PM. Variety of entertainment throughout the day. Food and activities for children. Helicopter from Channel 5 and Lisa Cooney will be the Master Of Ceremonies for the evening. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening. Designated parking will be available and a shuttle bus from TANK will be available. No parking on the City Building lot.

Police Chief Kreinest reported July was a very busy month with 12 felony arrests. The amount of \$16,000.00 in money and property was recovered from the arrests made during the month.

Chief Ron Heideman Park Hills Police Chief has retired after 31 years and Chief Kreinest would like to wish him well.

Thanks to the Police Officers who painted the squad room on their own time.

Fire Lieutenant Schewe reported for July that we had 52 emergency calls, 10 to outside agencies. There were no calls that were unanswered in July. 33 Fire runs, 11 were from the serious storm at the beginning of the month.

Member Steve Vickers passed his EMT class and will be making runs.

Kenton County will be kicking off their Countywide Recruit Drive soon. More information later.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported on the Street Program. This week the contractor has started to define intersections with curbs and this has brought out residents with concerns over the tightness of the drive lanes. There will be changes made with the cost of about \$2000.00 to the program.

Stage area for the 60th Anniversary Celebration will be built and be reusable for future functions in the City.


Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to adjourn the meeting, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 7:18PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk