

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
8/14/02

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 Sergeant Randy Newsom, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Paul Hiltz arrived at 6:17PM.

Mr. Steve Siegrist of 47 West Crittenden Avenue addressed Council regarding festival and event signage for Fort Wright and Lookout Heights Civic Clubs. Mr. Siegrist outlined all the events that each civic club sponsors throughout the year. Mr. Siegrist requested a change in policy for event signage that is vital for survival of the civic clubs. A request was made to have signs or banners displayed other than on City or personal property two times a year up to 10 days maximum when special events are scheduled at the clubs.

Mayor Weaver explained to Council why this request was made of Council at this time and explained that signs had been removed because they were in the right-of-ways and everyone making sign request should have the same rules. Mayor Weaver explained signs in the right-of-way are not permitted by the State. Mr. Klein advised one possibility is to have permission of property owners to post signs on their property. Mr. Klein advised he would like to have time to research this and report back to Council.

Mr. Wes Ernst of 412 Morris Road addressed Council regarding the vacation of Reynolds Road. He presented a notarized letter from the surrounding property owners who have agreed to this closing. Mr. Ernst requested information on the participation by the City and Mr. Summe advised an Ordinance would have to be passed by the City and engineering work done on this project and also agreement by the property owners involved. Mayor Weaver advised until the City has a total cost we cannot advise if the City will participate in the cost of this project or if it will be the surrounding homeowners responsibility. Mr. Summe advised he would work with the property owners.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 07/10/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz and Martin abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver introduced two student interns, Megan Boiman and Steve Jaeger from Thomas More College who volunteered to work with the City for the fall semester 2002. Mr. Klein advised he has taught both students at Thomas More and they are two of the brightest students that he has encountered. They are recently back from Washington D.C. where they worked for Senator McConnell as summer interns.

First Reading of Ordinance 10-02 Establishing An Assessment For The Collection Of Waste Materials And Recyclable Materials For The Year Beginning July 1, 2002, And Ending June 30, 2003 In The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky, And Fixing The Time And Payment And Penalty For Non-Payment Of Same.

Mr. Summe read this ordinance in summary. The 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.

First Reading of Ordinance 11-02 Fixing The Tax Rate For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002, And Ending June 30, 2003 Upon Real Estate, Personal, And Mixed Property In The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky, And Fixing The Time And Payment And Penalty For Non-Payment Of Same.

Mr. Summe read this ordinance in summary. 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.

City Building Property Insurance

Mr. Klein advised he included information on the survey done through KMRMA on the properties and assets of the City to make sure they were properly reported. A change was made to our evaluation and the increase in the premium that we pay is \$244.00. The insured amount for the building is \$1,616,883 and the contents of the building is \$314,517.

Liability Insurance Limits

Mr. Klein advised quotes were included in the Council packet on increasing the City's general liability insurance limits from \$2 million to \$3 million and the additional cost. Discussion followed. Mr. Klein advised the City's liability rates have increased substantially over the last year because of September 11. Mr. Summe suggested checking on an umbrella policy to cover where the regular policy in effect leaves off. Mr. Klein will check into these policies and report back to Council.

Garage Sale Signage

Mr. Klein reported that there is an apparent conflict in our ordinance and would like Council to consider deletion of Section 115.04, paragraph B from our Code of Ordinances regarding the number of directional signs permitted for residential garage sales. As there is no signs permitted in public right-of way or attached to utility poles we would like to have signs permitted only on the property of garage sale operators. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin for first reading of this Ordinance. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

FYE 2001/2002 Audit

Linda Chapman from Rankin & Rankin is in the City office this week performing this year's audit. When the audit has been completed Ms. Chapman will meet with Mr. Feinauer and Mr. Klein and discuss the audit and then report back to Council for acceptance. Mr. Klein reported he received a call from Kentucky State Auditors Office asking permission to use our financial statements as a training tool and on their website.

September 11th Observance

Mr. Klein requested ideas from Council on the observance of September 11. Mr. Wolnitzek inquired on the possibility of every household in the City receiving a small flag for their front yard. Mayor Weaver suggested for all patriotic holidays large flags placed on poles throughout the City. Mr. Klein advised he would get information and present to Council.

Council Committee Reports

Legal

Mr. Summe talked to the attorney for Ms. Classic and was advised that they can't build the bridge because of encroaching on abutting property and a suggestion was made that the City participate by condemning a temporary construction easement. Discussion followed.

It was decided to move forward and do whatever it takes to settle this case.

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter reported a computer meeting was held prior to the Council Meeting and discussed purchasing a new server, printer and antivirus programs. The tax software will be updated and bills will be forthcoming.

Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Martin advised any veteran who had not requested a brick for the Memorial contact the City with their information. If there is anyone in the City who is a veteran and would like to volunteer to be the speaker for next Memorial Day, please contact the City.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the final bases for street signs would be poured and within a week all signs should be up. Board of Adjustment will meet on August 20 there are three cases.

1. Ron Mechlin appealing the decision of the Zoning Administrator
 2. Mr. & Mrs. Arlinghaus requesting a set back variance for vacant lot on Kyles Lane
 3. Tim Reece requesting a variance for new construction on Sleepy Hollow Road
- Equipment located on KY17 and Highland Pike is for final grading from the original plan.

Sergeant Newsom reported Chief Kreinest is out of town and unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Sergeant Newsom detailed the events that lead up to the arrest of the Firststar and Heritage Bank robber. Officers Marc Schworer, Puthoff and Knight processed the scene, followed up on leads and getting all others agencies involved. The fingerprints taken at the scene at Heritage Bank was the reason he was arrested. He is now facing an eleven-count indictment in federal court. Sergeant Newsom noted this was exceptional police work and all officers involved deserve a lot of credit. The suspects in the business burglaries in Fort Wright that was featured on Crime Stoppers have been arrested thanks to the hard work of Officer Puthoff and Knight.

The Police Department will be participating in the Shop with a Cop Program on August 22. There are four children from the DARE program at Fort Wright Elementary School who will be participating. Twelve trucks have been cited at KY 17 and Highland Avenue for parking their trucks at this site and leaving.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the Defib unit was used on an elderly patient by Joe Bohman who responded in the First Response vehicle within 3 minutes. The squad arrived in 8 minutes and transported the patient to the hospital. Chief Schewe thanked Joe for his quick response and advised this was the first opportunity that this shock and save program was used.

Mr. Klein advised Council that a letter was received from Rumpke requesting that the regular Thursday trash collection day be switched to Friday for greater efficiency. A flyer would be distributed to each resident affected two weeks before the switch. Mr. Wolnitzek was not in favor of this switch.

Discussion was held concerning political ads for the City newsletter. Mr. Wolnitzek advised an advertisement policy should be drafted for the newsletter.

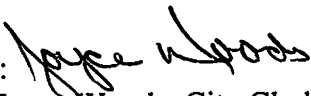
Mr. Hatter suggested the City draft a Resolution opposing mandatory collective bargaining for Firefighters.

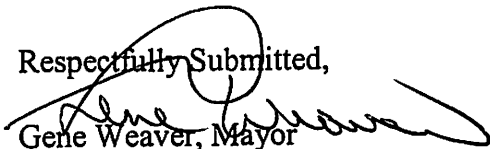
Resolution 8-02 Opposing Federally-Mandated Collective Bargaining
Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised there was a disappointing attendance for the Vision Committee Meeting held throughout the City.

Mr. Wolnitzek noted the signage at the Shell Station on Dixie Highway advertising cigarette prices. Mr. Maloney advised he would look into this sign.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Attest: 
Joyce Woods, City Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor