

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES

09/13/00

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin and Mr. Jim Robke. Mr. Jon Chambers and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek were unavailable for this meeting. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Rosemarie Clark the property manager of Corporex at 1717 Dixie Highway Fort Wright, Kentucky addressed Council concerning signage at this building. Ms. Clark advised Council during the past year Corporex has spent over \$300,000.00 in building improvements for this site. The reason for this was that leasing has been down over the past year. The building as of this date is at 83.3% occupancy. Ms. Clark advised they are competing with other buildings in this area and would like to have more signage visible to I-75 and be able to leave these signs in place until the building is at least 95% occupied.

Mr. Eric Tipton the leasing agent for Corporex also spoke and advised they have increased broker contact, mailings and smaller signs to lease office spaces. Mr. Tipton advised signage is very crucial to leasing this building. Mr. Summe advised a recommendation from Council to Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission to change the zoning text would be needed. The zoning would have to be changed throughout the City, not just in one area. Mayor Weaver suggested Mr. Klein and Mr. Maloney could advise whom to contact at Northern Kentucky Area Planning to answer questions that Ms. Clark may have. Ms. Clark also stated that the Fort Wright Police and Fire Departments have been very helpful to the tenants of Corporex with their training programs.

Ms. Clark also expressed concern over the traffic light at their building exit and Dixie Highway. She advised at lunch time and when employees are leaving for the day only a few cars get through the light before it changes back to red. She asked the City for help in getting this adjusted. Mayor Weaver advised the signal is controlled by the State, but we can bring this to the attention of the correct people.

Ms. Sue Strobel of 1245 Upland Avenue addressed Council regarding the work being done on Upland Avenue. She advised that water lines are being replaced in her neighborhood and water shooting from pipes in the street, low cars scraping when entering their driveways. Mr. Klein advised he spoke to Mr. Todd Fuller at the Kenton County Water District and he advised they would be finishing the project and be out of the area on Tuesday, September 18, 2000.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 08-23-00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Martin voting in favor, Mr. Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver introduced Ms. Donna Bloemer a resident of Amsterdam Road, an attorney in Covington as our newest Board of Adjustment member. Ms. Bloemer will complete the term of office of Jon Chambers who replaced Tom Franxman on City Council. This term will run from 01/01/00 through 12/31/03. Mr. Summe read Municipal Order 9-00. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve this appointment. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Ms. Bloemer stated that she is looking forward to serving on this Board. Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Bloemer for her interest in the City.

Second reading of Ordinance 10-00 Amending FYE 2000/2001 Budget. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 11-00 Stage I Development Plan – Sanitation District. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 12-00 Adopting 2000 Property Tax Rate. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. The tax rate would be \$.1768 on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars value on real estate and \$.1981 on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars value on personal and mixed property. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Mr. Martin voting in favor, Mr. Hatter voting no. Motion Passed. Mr. Hatter explained he is opposed to automatically taking the 4% increase and would like to form a committee next year to research this in more detail before a vote is taken.

Second reading of Ordinance 13-00 Adopting 2000 Waste Fee Assessment. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. The waste collection assessment would be One Hundred Thirteen Dollars and sixty- four cents (\$113.64). Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 10-00 Establishing Part-Time Firefighter/EMT Position. Mr. Klein advised revised job description provided, deleting references to haz-mat gear under Personal Protective Equipment as the Fort Wright Fire/EMS Department does not perform this function. Mr. Klein advised this is a budgeted item, increasing staffing for our citizens. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Robke to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:
Comprehensive Plan Update. Mr. Klein and staff have had one meeting with a representative from Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission regarding input into

the comprehensive plan update. This plan has to be adopted by the end of the year 2001. Any items of interest that Council has for this plan would be needed for input into this plan. This is the guiding document for our future zoning. Discussions will be scheduled with Council and staff concerning transportation, recreation, open space and office space. Mr. Hatter suggested citizens should take an active roll in input for these future plans.

Car Wash Complaint. Criminal zoning complaint was resolved against owners of Classic Car Wash on August 31, 2000. The case was dismissed with leave to refile if the construction is not begun by March 2001.

Audio Improvements in Council Chambers. Work will be done this weekend to improve sound in the Council chambers. New microphones will be installed by the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to set Halloween hours on October 31, 2000 from 6PM-8PM. All member voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Economic Development Committee. Mr. Wolnitzek absent from this meeting to report. Mayor Weaver advised the B&Z Development public hearing is scheduled for October 11, 2000 at 7:00PM at St. Agnes undercroft. Cable and a good sound system will be in place. Mayor Weaver stated he would like to have a vote after the public hearing that evening.

Legal Committee. Non-Hazardous Cleanup Fees and Property Maintenance Liens will be continued until the next meeting.

Mr. Hatter advised he is working on property tax information for a timely mailing Mr. Robke inquired about accepting Visa and MasterCard for payment of property taxes. This would have to be looked into regarding fees and charges to the City and to the residents.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the new streets signs being installed. Carpet for the Council Chambers should be in by the next meeting. Mr. Maloney attended a meeting with Barrett Paving the contractor on the Pickett Drive repaving and discussed problems that have occurred on that street. G.J. Thelen and Associates would do core sample testing and report their findings.

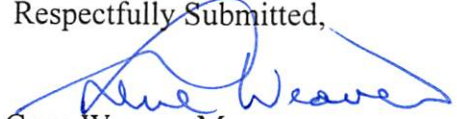
Chief Kreinest reported video cameras installed in three patrol cars. Officer Vonderhaar attending Crime Scene Processing training. Sergeant Russell still attending Administrative Officers Training Course in Louisville.

Chief Muench reported Safety Day Open House was a success with about four hundred attending. Monthly activity report in Council packet. Response time has improved. A proposal was made to have a couple of beds placed in the corner of the recreation room for members who would like to be closer to the station. Personnel policies will cover this with rules and regulations on use. There are six EMT's in class.


Mr. Hatter suggested maybe the Fire Department or City sponsor a blood drive in the future. Chief Muench will check with Hoxworth Blood Center on this.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to close the meeting. All members voting in favor. Meeting closed at 7:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk