

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES

09/26/01

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. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. 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 City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Robke and Mr. Hatter were unavailable for this meeting.

Chief Schewe recognized Fire Department member Mike Gorman who reported on the boot drive that took place September 19 thru September 23 to help the victims of the September 11 terrorists attack in New York. Members of the department stood at various street corners throughout the City and collected money. The three-day total is \$13,385.10. Mr. Gorman advised there is still change at the Fire Department that needs to be counted and will be added to the total amount. This money will be donated to the Red Cross and the 911 Fund. Mayor Weaver and Council congratulated him and all the members of the department who volunteered their time. Mr. Klein advised all safety measures were followed in collecting this money.

Mr. Jeff Wallace of Parsons Brinckerhoff Ohio, Inc. addressed Council regarding the North South Transportation Initiative. His company has been working with OKI on this study and their goal is to identify and come up with solutions to address some of the traffic problem areas in our region. Discussion followed and Mr. Wallace encouraged the City to be involved in future discussions involving changes in our area. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Wallace for his time and information.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 09/12/01 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer voting in favor, Mr. Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Kenton County Fiscal Court 2002 Agenda. Mayor Weaver advised this item was discussed and tabled at our last meeting. Our primary concern is the continuation of the Amsterdam Road improvement project in the next fiscal year. Mr. Wolnitzek questioned the salt dome project that was discussed in previous meetings. Mr. Klein advised there were changes to this project and only the County and City of Covington would be involved and this would be a back-up location for us to store and buy salt if necessary. Mayor Weaver advised we would send a letter to Kenton County suggesting making funds available for the next phase of Amsterdam Road project.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the text amendment for the size of political signs and approval of the property owner to display signs on their property. The recommendation of KC&MP&ZC was to approve the City's application which reduces the maximum size of political signs from 40 square feet to 12 square feet. The amendment also requires permission of the property owner, rather than the occupant. Discussion followed and it was decided to table this item until the absent members of Council were present to discuss this change.

Proposed Landscape Regulations.

Mr. Klein advised correspondence received from NKAPC regarding approval by City Council to our zoning ordinance for proposed landscape regulations. Discussion followed. Information received from NKAPC is very detailed and Mr. Maloney advised a booklet or manual would have to be adopted by the City. Mayor Weaver suggested we have Larry and Tim look at this proposal and speak to a landscape architect and report back to Council before any action is taken.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:

Highland Pike sidewalk project is ready to begin. An encroachment permit bond is needed in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Transportation Cabinet at a cost of \$155.00 through KLC. The contract states this work is to be completed by December 1, 2001. We have not heard from the State concerning our request for funds to pay the balance for the turn lane at Reeves Drive.

Census Update. A comparison was done to find out why the numbers were so different between the 1990 and 2000 census. In the 1990 census there were streets included in Fort Wright that were actually in Covington and Fort Mitchell. These streets were eliminated on the 2000 census count and this could account for the difference in the numbers of 889 less people for 2000.

Council Committee Reports.

Legal Matters.

Mr. Summe reported a meeting is scheduled on Friday with Mrs. Siegrist of 32 Barbara Circle who is transferring property to the City.

Department Reports.

Mr. Maloney reported the Street Program is coming to a close. The final surface has been applied to East Henry Clay Avenue with striping and crack sealing still to be done. The Public Works Department is doing exterior painting at the South Hills Civic Club. Tim advised he is working with the corporate citizens of the City to put together a plan in case of a major emergency in the City to provide necessary items that we may need. He is developing a list of resources that may be available 24 hours a day.

Chief Steve Schewe reported that we have a new member to the Fire Department, Teresa Todenbier and hopefully she will be on a crew in the spring.
The Fireman's mass took place on September 22, 2001.

There is a 16-hour firefighter survival rescue class that is mandated by the State that all new members must attend and all of the current members will be taking this class also. One of the part-time personnel has resigned, but the volunteers have taken on extra duty to fill in to have adequate coverage.

Mayor Weaver advised the Fire Department Committee, which was involved in the hiring process for the Chief's position, would continue to meet periodically to discuss matters involving the Fire Department and the City.

Chief Kreinest reported there are two or three officers in training.

Firearms qualifications took place on Monday September 24 and all officers did well.

There was a residential burglary on Morris Road. If anyone observes anything out of the ordinary please call 911.

Mayor Weaver thanked all participants involved in City events within the last month including the 60th Anniversary/Safety Fair and the Unity Rally.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810(g). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no action taken as a result of executive session.


Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to recess Legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk