

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES  
09/27/00

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. Jim Robke and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Mr. Jon Chambers and Mr. Paul Hiltz were unavailable for this meeting. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Sergeant Randy Newsom, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

No citizens present.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 09/13/00 Property Tax Rate Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Martin voting in favor, Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 09/13/00 Public Properties Corporation meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter voting in favor, Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Robke to approve the minutes of the 09/13/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter voting in favor, Wolnitzek abstained, no one opposed, Motion passed.

Resolution 14-00 Protesting the High Cost of Gasoline. Mr. Summe read the Resolution. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to approve with amendments. Deletion of three paragraphs of original Resolution. Roll call vote take, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Chief Muench addressed Council regarding the proposal of the purchase of a vehicle for use by the Fire Chief and also a command/personnel vehicle. This differs from the original proposal of a large full size SUV for use by the Chief. Mr. Klein advised since this had been approved in the budget he wanted to bring this before Council for reconsideration. Mr. Maloney will also be purchasing an additional truck for the Public Works department and will look into local bids and state contract prices. Council agreed on this new plan.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to schedule the regular Council meeting on October 11, 2000 at 6PM at Saint Agnes undercroft, followed by the B & Z Stage I Development Plan at 7PM. Roll call vote taken, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 15-00 Keeping Dixie Gardens Property zoned as Office Building only. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter. Roll call vote taken, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the Kentucky six-year road plan recommendations. He advised Council to offer suggestions on items they would like to have included in this plan.

Mr. Klein reported on the following:  
Metricom Right-of-Way Agreement Update. City Administrators met with representatives at the Mayor's meeting; there are concerns among Cities including a higher percentage of franchise fees to other areas, length of contracts and discounted service replacing free services to the cities. An agreement is being negotiated that will benefit all local governments.

Transfer of Title of City Building. The corporate title is intact and we are in good standing with the State.

Countywide Cleanup Day. Kenton County Mayor's Group is organizing and scheduling this day for October 28, 2000 from 9:00AM to 1:00 PM. Letters have been sent to civic groups, schools and other organizations in the City notifying them of this effort.

Update on Electronic or Credit Card/Payment of Taxes and Fees. Checking into this program for payment of City taxes and fees, we found a cost 2% cost per transaction and \$750.00 upfront fee would be the initial cost to this program. Mr. Hatter advised he did not think this would be cost effective to the City at this time. Mayor Weaver suggested we could continue to look into project for next year and add this question to the next Citizens Survey to see how many residents would be interested in this program.

Nature Center Opening. Mr. Klein thanked Mayor and Council and the many people who made this day a success.

Economic Development Committee. The Dixie Gardens property has been marketed for retail use. The Stage I Development Plan is for office building and a Resolution has been put into place to keep this property zoned for this use.  
The public hearing for B & Z Development is scheduled for 7PM at Saint Agnes undercroft on October 11, 2000.

Legal Committee. Mr. Summe is still researching the non-hazardous cleanup fees and property maintenance liens. He will report on these items at a future meeting.

Mr. Hatter reported there has been quite a few Website hits and hopefully will get the property tax data into the Website.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported property tax bills should be sent out within two weeks. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested listing the delinquent bills from previous years in the Top of the Hill News.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the new street signs are all in place and have been very well received by everyone. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested getting prices on similar smaller signs for the rest of the City. Mayor Weaver advised he has seen stop signs in other cities with the same look. The Public Works Department is working on catch basins throughout the City. An independent test is being done on Pickett Drive for the problems that have arisen from the repaving. Mayor Weaver advised a letter had been sent to the County for a time frame and intentions for Amsterdam Road. A response in writing is expected.

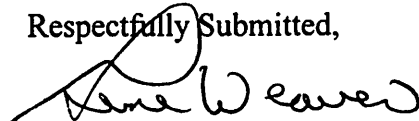
Sergeant Newsom reported that Chief Kreinest is on vacation. Sergeant Russell participated in a Child Photo ID day at Tower Hill Plaza and had a very good response. Arrests were made on two burglaries in the City and money was recovered.


Chief Muench reported he attended the State EMS Conference. A Federal Grant of \$25,000.00 was received for a Kids Safe House. Eight people are attending Northern Kentucky Fire School. The Hoxworth Blood Drive will be scheduled for a tentative date in December.

Mr. Klein advised he was contacted by the Fort Wright Business Association to schedule a Candidates Night for everyone running for election in November. There was little interest in this program because only seven candidates are running this year.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to close the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Meeting closed at 7:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:   
Joyce Woods, City Clerk