CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES

10/10/01

Mayor Weaver opened the Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Jim Robke. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Sergeant Dean Russell, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 09/26/01 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Hatter and Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to disapprove the recommendation by KC&MP&ZC to change the size of political signs and to have permission from the property owner before signs are placed on their property. Roll call taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the Proposed Landscape Regulations that have been approved by NKAPC as part of our zoning ordinance. Mr. Klein advised this plan would affect non-1 or 2 family residences and new development in the City. Discussion followed. Council members stated that they would like more detailed information before any decisions are made. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that we have someone outside of the City review and advise the City on this proposed ordinance. It was decided to table this item until more information is received.

Mr. Klein advised the final draft for the Citywide Street Study is enclosed in the Council packet. The streets that were included in the study this year with concrete curb, gutters and new pavement look very good. Council would like to shorten the time frame of this study. Mayor Weaver advised starting in January or February of 2002, take this information into the neighborhoods to let residents voice concerns or ask questions pertaining to the program. Discussion followed. Mr. Hatter suggested putting this topic in the next citizen survey and ask more specific questions pertaining to this issue. Mayor Weaver suggested we have Mr. Klein, Tim Maloney and City Engineer Mark Brueggemann meet and put together a plan to expedite some ideas for residents to understand the future plans.

Section 125 Plan discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to approve first reading of Ordinance 11-01 Re-codification of City Ordinances as read by Mr. Summe. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Klein advised this process is required by state law at least every five years. There is a link on the City website to American Publishing where you can access all of the updated ordinances and search by subject.

Mr. Klein advised he has not yet received the paperwork for the easement required on Phase I of the Amsterdam Road improvements project. This property is owned by Terlau-Vocke Investments. It was decided to allow a vote to permit the Mayor to sign the easement after approval from Attorney Pete Summe. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to allow the Mayor to sign the easement. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 12-01 Establishing Part-Time Firefighter/EMT/Training Specialist Position. Mr. Klein advised it is the Chief's plan not to fill the fourth full-time position in the Fire Department but to establish a Part-Time Firefighter/EMT Training Specialist Position. This person would respond as a Firefighter/EMT as well as training duties. Chief Schewe advised this position would be maybe one day a week with hands-on training instead of sitting in a classroom. We will also have access to a new facility for training. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 13-01 Adopting The Attached Position Classification System And Salary Schedule For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. 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.

Municipal Order 14-01 Adopting The Attached City Organizational Chart For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Northern Kentucky Water District Water Line Replacement.

Mr. Klein advised that the Water District has asked the City through the Street Program, to move Barbara Circle from its current schedule of summer, 2003 to summer, 2002. They have a water line replacement on Barbara Circle that is needed and to save cost for the Water District they have asked us to move this street a year ahead of our regular schedule. If we do this we would have to rearrange our schedule of streets and Mr. Klein advised the Water District it would be presented to Council. Discussion followed and it was decided that a letter would be sent to the Water District that the City is not willing to revise the Street Program.

Administrator Report.

Annual Audit.

Mr. Klein advised this year the City is conforming to new financial accounting standards and that is the reason the auditor, Linda Chapman has not presented her audit to Council. This report will make the audit report look more like a business; this will incorporate our long-term debt and our assets. Ms. Chapman will report to Council in December.

Reeves Drive Decelerator Lane.

In a previous meeting Council awarded the bid for the Reeves Drive decelerator lane to Queen City Blacktop. The City was notified unofficially that the City's request to the State for the cost balance of this project has been approved. Mr. Klein advised he is waiting for a letter or the balance of funds to start this project.

Kentucky Division of Water Update.

A meeting was attended with the Sanitation District and 33 more homes were identified to be tested in the Werner to Lorup Avenue for problem taps. When the dye testing has been done and a decision has been made to the extent of the problem, the homeowners affected will be notified by the City and will be invited to a meeting at the City building to explain the problem and which course of action is needed to make the corrections.

Mayor Weaver announced Halloween will be celebrated in the City on October 31, between the hours of 6:00PM-8:00PM. The Fire Department will supply hot dogs, soda and candy for the children between 7:30PM-9:00PM.

Council Committee Reports:

Legal Committee.

Mr. Summe reported a meeting with Mrs. Siegrist and her family was attended and the City is securing a stake survey on her property and the parcel to be donated to the City. She would like the City to maintain this property and somehow have this property marked to show the end of her property.

Computer Technology.

Mr. Hatter advised information for the website is being gathered by all City departments to be added to the site.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported 2001 tax bills should be sent within the next week.

Mr. Maloney reported the street program with the contractor has been completed. A&A Safety will submit pricing and a timeframe for striping streets.

The Public Works Department is working at the South Hills Civic Club. The exterior painting has been completed and work is starting on the interior. Bids are being submitted for heating, air conditioning, bathroom fixtures and an outside drinking fountain. Highland Avenue sidewalk project is going well with good feedback so far.

Sergeant Russell advised he is filling in for Chief Kreinest who is attending training for the week.

Chief Schewe updated the Boot Drive collection to \$15,500. Thanks to Roger Schroeder and his brother the Fire Department will start hands-on training with a house that they will allow the Fire Department to burn in the City on Electric Drive.

Public Education started in September with over 400 school children getting information from the Fire Department.

The annual Bob Becker Volleyball Tournament will be Sunday, October 14 at the Fort Wright Civic Club.

Hydrant testing will take place the week of October 15.

The squad schedule is filled until the end of the year except for three shifts. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to fill these shifts.

Mayor Weaver thanked Sherri Feinauer for the patriotic bows that she made and placed on street poles throughout the City and Council Members Dave Hatter and Adam Feinauer for flags also placed throughout the City.

Congratulations to Mayor Tom Holocher of Fort Mitchell who was elected President of the Kentucky League of Cities.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: Joyce Woods, City Clerk