

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
10/11/00

AT SAINT AGNES CHURCH UNDERCROFT
1680 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

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, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Jon Chambers and Mr. Paul Hiltz. 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.

No citizen comments.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Robke to approve the minutes of the 09/27/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Chambers and Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council if there were any recommendations regarding the Kentucky Six-Year Road Plan. Mr. Robke advised he felt this was premature until Council was back in regular session.

Property acquisition of a vacant lot at 105 Bluegrass Avenue has been discussed. A contract should be available by the next Council meeting.

A Citizens Police Academy was discussed and Mr. Hatter advised that numerous cities have started this program. Crescent Springs spoke very highly of this program and the cost has been minimal. Mayor Weaver advised we would look into this program, but we do have four or five ongoing resident programs at this time.

Mr. Hatter advised many cities have their Website address or decals on City vehicles, making residents aware of the availability of the City Website. Cost of this will be researched. The Website address will also be posted in Council Chambers.

Mr. Klein reported the 2000 Citizen Survey would be included in the November newsletter. A few of the questions that would be asked on this survey regarding trash and recycle collection, paying taxes and fees on line and by credit card. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested asking residents if they would be interested in paying for active recreation.

Legal Committee. Non-Hazardous Cleanup Fees and Property Maintenance Liens. Mr. Summe advised this report is not available.

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised tax bills for the year 2000 have been mailed and payments are coming in each day.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised his department is working on cut-thru sidewalks. Advertising bid for vehicles in Kentucky Post and faxing request for bids to area dealers. The truck to be purchased will replace the blue truck and Mr. Maloney will keep the truck he is currently using. Still waiting on report regarding Pickett Drive repaving.

Chief Marc Muench reported response times have continued to improve. He is in the process of interviewing for part-time employees. Signs will be placed throughout the City recruiting for Firefighters/EMT.

Chief Kreinest reported a burglary had been reported in the Henry Clay and Ridgemont vicinity. The Police Department has been patrolling side streets in the City.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to recess legislative session. Roll call vote taken Chambers, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

All members voting in favor to open the public hearing, no one opposed. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING RECORDED BY MARTHA MOFFITT, COURT REPORTER COVINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Motion by Mr. Chambers, second by Mr. Martin to reconvene legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Robke moved to reject the recommendation of the Kenton County Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Stage One Development Plan of B & Z. This motion was seconded by Don Martin. Mr. Robke stated that the basis of his decision was that based on the information that he heard at the hearing that the Stage One Plan did not conform to the current zoning on the property. He referred to the report of Wilbur Smith & Associates that questioned the zoning and also reported on the traffic flow and volume that would be created by the proposed Plan. He stated that the Planning Commission did not adequately or diligently review the proposal for the Stage One Plan when it was in front of them and that traffic circulation is a criteria of the current zoning. He found that the traffic generated by the proposed design and the proposed solutions shown on the Stage One Plan were inadequate to control the traffic.

Mr. Hiltz wanted to clarify that the motion is to reject the recommendation from the planning commission.

Mr. Robke advised yes.

Mr. Wolnitzek asked on what grounds?

Mr. Robke advised on the basis of the traffic report from Wilbur Smith and Associates.

Mr. Wolnitzek stated we were told by somebody here that the traffic didn't necessarily have to be part of the Phase I. Mr. Wolnitzek questioned, Isn't that what we were told by someone, one of the experts out here?

Mr. Hatter stated that he thinks the point that Mr. Robke made about the circulation within the CPUD zoning seems to be valid, which would lead back to the motion.

Mr. Robke stated he doesn't that we have addressed the two ordinances because of the traffic situation. He believes the ordinances are pretty clear.

Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Hiltz if this answered his question?

Mr. Hiltz stated yes.

Mayor Weaver asked if there were any other questions or discussion?

Mr. Hatter stated that he would like to make a comment. His comment was that citizens need to get more involved in community events. He stated that since 1993 the zone has been changed on this numerous times and few citizens know this because of the lack of interest shown by attendance at regular Council meetings. Only Roger Schroeder has been in attendance at almost every meeting. He stated how disheartening it is to see no level of interest until the last minute when we are in a bad situation.

Mayor Weaver asked if there were any more questions or comments? No reply.

Mayor Weaver called for the Vote to be taken.

Mr. Robke voted yes.

Mr. Martin voted yes.

Mr. Chambers voted yes.

Mr. Hatter voted yes.

Mr. Hiltz voted yes.

Mr. Wolnitzek voted no.


Mayor Weaver advised the motion carried five to one. Mayor Weaver asked if there was any other business to come before Council? He thanked everyone for their professionalism and their patience.

A motion by Mr. Robke to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Hatter. All members voting in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk