

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
10/24/01

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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Don Martin and Mr. Jim Robke. 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. Jeff Wolnitzek was unavailable to attend the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve the minutes of the 10/10/01 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Jeff Eger from Sanitation District #1 introduced Rick Kennedy, Rick Wolnitzek, Chris Novak and Chris Manning in attendance for tonight's meeting. Mr. Eger addressed Council regarding the conceptual plan that the Sanitation District has envisioned for its site and future expansion. The plans include expansion of maintenance barns, office additions, garage additions and three alternatives for future amphitheater plans. Mr. Eger advised that the Sanitation District being a public agency it would be a great opportunity to provide the citizens of Northern Kentucky this space for public use. What is included in the plans is an urban park for use of all of Northern Kentucky citizens when not in use by the Sanitation District.

Chris Manning addressed Council and presented the master site plan and three alternate amphitheater plans for the future. There will be indoor and outdoor classroom designs with residents of Northern Kentucky in mind.

Mayor Weaver advised this would be a nice gateway into the south side of the City and hopefully the City would be participating in the development.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Feinauer to continue discussion with the Sanitation District on involvement between the City and the Sanitation District regarding the new development located on property owned by the District. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Robke to allow by ordinance the placement of an additional stop sign at the southwest side of the intersection of East Henry Clay Avenue, Ridgemont Avenue and Fayette Circle. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. First reading of this Ordinance read in summary by Mr. Summe.

A resident of this area was present and stated he was in favor of this stop sign remaining in this intersection.

Mr. Martin left the meeting at 6:43PM.

Second Reading of Ordinance 11-01 Enacting And Adopting A Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances. Mr. Summe read this in summary form. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Robke to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proposed Landscape Regulations will be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Hiltz advised the Personnel Committee had a meeting prior to the Council meeting this evening and discussed options to allow the employees to participate in the Section 125 Plan that has been discussed previously. Council would determine the amount of money the employees would be allowed to put aside for this program. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Robke to allow the City to enter into this plan with employees. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Hatter voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the Citywide Street Study. Information contained in packet regarding different rates, and what amount they would generate regarding assessed values of homes. Total cost estimated at 15 million dollars. The overall goal of this program is that in 5 years every street in the City would have curb, gutter, storm water control and sidewalks. Discussion followed. It was decided different aspects of financing would be investigated to determine what our plan would be.

Draft Model of Telecommunications Ordinance.

Mayor Weaver suggested have Mr. Summe and Mr. Robke review this Ordinance and have Tom Litzler and the Executive Director of the Cable Board address Council regarding this Ordinance. Mr. Klein advised this does give the City control over the right of ways and a standard 3% franchise fee.

Administrator Report.

Highland Pike Decelerator Lane.

Work was supposed to have started on Monday but did not begin as scheduled. Will advise further at the next meeting.

Amsterdam Road Update.

Cinergy is working on Amsterdam Road putting in new light poles. This is a change from the original plan moving the poles to the other side of the road to free up some of the right of way. Spartan Construction will do the heavy pipe work and the water line relocation project. They will stop work when they get to the point where they would tear up the road and will return in the spring. Preliminary meeting with the County regarding preparing Phase II bid specifications to get them out over the winter months and awarded. When Spartan returns in the spring whoever the successful bidder is, they can continue the project. Cinergy has 90% of the Phase II utility relocation information they need.

Holiday Tree Lighting.

This is scheduled for Sunday, November 25, 2001 at 6PM. Mr. Maloney advised because the trees are getting larger the Public Works Department will concentrate on decorating the trees in the front of the building.

Council Committee Reports.

Legal Matters. Details being worked out on the acquisition of the Siegrist property.

Computer Technology. No meeting recently. Mr. Hatter advised work being done on the website. Street Study will be added to the website.

Departments Reports.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported 2001 Tax Bills sent out and many have been paid.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported work on the South Hills Civic Club moving forward. Exterior painting has been completed, concrete work being done, interior work started. Henry Clay Avenue has been striped. Cinergy in town doing gas line renewal.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported all fire hydrants in the City have been tested. The volunteer is painting the doors in the fire bays.

Halloween celebration at the Fire Department on October 31, 2001 from 7-9PM.

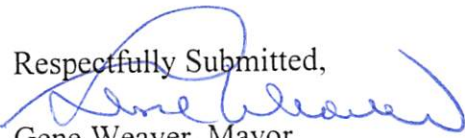
Chief Kreinest reported Officer Bob Ford has resigned from the Police Department and is effective October 30, 2001. He will be joining another agency.

The Chief advised he has met with Kenton County Police Chief Dorsey and Ed Burk regarding the mobile data computing grant. More details will be provided, as they are available. The goal of this plan would be to put a mobile data terminal in every emergency vehicle in Kenton County.


Mr. Klein advised as of July 1, 2002 the dispatch fees would be eliminated, about \$20,000.00 a year to the City. The 911 fees on phone bills have taken the place of these fees.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk