

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
11/13/02

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. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Jim Robke. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, Attorney Ed Lanter, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Paul Hiltz was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Weaver acknowledged the death of Councilman Don Martin and asked that all remember Don and his family in their thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by all who ever had contact with Don who has served in many capacities within the City.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to appoint Don Martin Jr. to fill the remaining term of Don Martin Sr. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Robke voting in favor no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver swore in Mr. Martin and congratulated him.

Mr. Martin thanked everyone involved with the City for all the support the family has received.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 10/09/02 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Liability Insurance

Mr. Klein advised he spoke to different insurers in the City regarding additional coverage through an umbrella policy for the City's liability insurance. We were advised that the rates that we now have are competitive and cannot be beat through other agents.

Public Street Lights

Mr. Klein advised it has been discussed in previous meetings regarding who would be responsible for installation of public streetlights in new developments. Mayor and Council had discussed the possibility of passing an Ordinance that would make it the responsibility of the developer to put in the streetlights at their expense and the City would cover the monthly utility charge as we do with all other streetlights and traffic lights in the City. This could cover commercial and industrial areas as well as residential. Mayor Weaver advised this is an idea that we should consider. Mayor Weaver suggested we might want to tie in installation of the style street signs and poles that we now use in the City.

First Reading of Ordinance 14-02 Temporary Special Event Signs

Mr. Lanter read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 4-02 Appointing Randy L. McCauley Part-Time Firefighter/EMT
Mr. Lanter read this Order. No vote required.

Resolution 10-02 Setting Permanent Halloween Hours on October 31 from 6:00PM-8:00PM

Mr. Lanter read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second By Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance Closing Reynolds Road
This item tabled at this time.

Fort Wright Signature Wear

Mr. Hatter addressed Council regarding this item on the agenda. He suggested we have available long sleeve dress shirts, short sleeve golf shirts and t-shirts and purchase a small amount and sell them at cost. These items would be embroidered with the City name and cost about \$100.00 for the design set-up and the cost of the shirts would probably be around \$25.00. Mayor Weaver thought this was a good idea and Mr. Klein would check and get samples and pricing and report back.

Chief Kreinest introduced Officer Travis Brown who is the newest Police Officer for the City. He previously worked as a detective for Kentucky State Police and is very highly qualified and trained for this position. Mayor Weaver swore in Officer Brown and congratulated and welcomed him to the City. Officer Brown addressed Council and stated that it is an honor to work for the City.

Executive Order 5-02 Appointing Travis Brown As Police Officer For The City of Fort Wright.

Mr. Lanter read this Order. No vote required.

City Brochure

Mr. Feinauer addressed Council and advised since there is new development in the City this would be a good time to develop a Chamber of Commerce type brochure to be distributed to prospective clients, real estate agents and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce that could be put into their handouts of the area. Mayor Weaver stated that he thought this was a good idea and we may want to have a marketing group give us guidance in wording and formatting.

Municipal Order 11-02 Appointing City Administrator Larry Klein as Kenton County Dog Authority Representative

Mr. Lanter read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Debt Refinancing

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding refinancing the City's debt on the City building and fire truck. The current balance on the City building is \$927,757.95, and the balance on the fire truck is \$130,316.05. Council advised that this should be sent out for proposals to refinance the total debt and have a maturity date of 20 years or less depending on the rate.

HB-174- Solid Waste Collection Surcharge

Mr. Klein advised a letter was received from Rumpke Inc. notifying the City of HB 174 which imposes a tonnage surcharge on all solid waste deposited in the state of Kentucky of \$1.75 per ton effective January 1, 2003. This puts a surcharge on landfills, which the revenue will be used to cleanup illegal dumps throughout the State. This will cost the City about \$678.00 per month. Mayor Weaver and Council suggested next year when the waste rate is determined we would have to build this in to the waste charge to residents.

Cancellation of November 27 and December 25, 2002 Council Meetings.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to cancel the 11/27/02 and 12/25/02 regular Council Meetings. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Swearing In of New City Council

Mayor Weaver advised the new Council would be sworn in at the regular Council Meeting on December 11, 2003 at 6:00PM. A confirmation letter was received from Judge Summe confirming her attendance at this meeting.

Mayor Weaver complimented all who ran for Council and acknowledged and congratulated Joe Nienaber Jr. on his victory.

Administrator Report

Mr. Klein advised on the following:

Stop Sign Request at Amsterdam and Birchwood Roads

The committee has not been able to meet and address the request by a resident for a stop sign at the intersection at Amsterdam and Birchwood Roads. Mr. Klein advised there would be a report at the next meeting.

Amsterdam Road Parking

There has been a request from residents on Amsterdam Road to allow parking on the new area on this road. The committee will discuss this and make a recommendation.

Morris and Park Road Signage

Chief Kreinest and Mr. Maloney are discussing specific language for signage on Morris Road to make drivers aware of the narrowing of the road.

A letter was sent to KDOT requesting a "Hidden Driveway" sign near 1620 Park Road. A reply was received that a sign would be provided.

Pedestrian Bridge

Mr. Klein advised he spoke to someone at the Highway Department regarding a pedestrian bridge across some area of Kyles Lane or Highland Pike and they advised it would take a lot of political leverage to be approved by the State because there are potential hazards in regards to people throwing debris off of the side. The cost of this project would be about \$1 million.

KY 17 Improvements

The bids were let in October and we are not sure if they have been awarded. Mr. Klein advised he would keep Council posted.

Update on Sanitation District testing in Lorup-Werner-Barbara Area

A meeting with the Sanitation District was attended on November 5th regarding their progress in testing these areas related to the City's Division of Water Notice of Violation. The Sanitation District has been outstanding in their cooperation with the City Regarding this problem. There are a mixture of problems and essentially a very large problem with approximately several thousand feet of storm sewer pipe that will have to be replaced. 103 homes are affected and they will continue to update the City with their plan to solve this problem. Discussion followed.

Council Committee Reports

Computer Technology

Mr. Hatter advised the new server has been installed and the few problems encountered have been worked out.

Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Hatter has volunteered to assist on this committee. Mr. Burt Wall has accepted an invitation to be the guest speaker for the Memorial Day service in 2003.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported taxes have slowed down but will pick up after Thanksgiving. All delinquent taxes from two years ago have been paid except 1 bill. We still have a few from last year but we hope to collect these soon.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported two projects at the Nature Center. The first is the Sanitation District rebuilding a line and B&Z Development will start clearing for the dam and lake. There will be a path to the lake for vehicles in case of emergency. The Public Works Department is working at the South Hills Civic Club installing an under drain system to fix the moisture problem.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported the monthly run and dispatch summary for October is included in the Council packet. Average time of dispatch to get in service the department ranked number 7 out of 15 departments.

A letter from Park Hills was also included in the packet regarding Fort Wright Fire Department covering the Park Hills calls on the weekends until they can work out their schedule.

Chief Kreinest thanked the students from St. Agnes School for their letters of appreciation and support sent to the Police and Fire Departments.

There is no monthly report included in the packet, but will be distributed before the next meeting.

The eleventh Police Officer position will be filled by Kenton County Deputy George Kreutzjans and he will start on December 2, 2002.

A presentation was made to Tom Litzler for his hours of public service as a member of the Vision Committee.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS.61.810(b). Roll call vote taken, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.
There was no business as a result of this session.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to recess legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk