

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
11/14/01

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. Don Martin, Mr. Jim Robke and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. 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. Paul Hiltz was unavailable for this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 10/24/01 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Robke voting in favor, Mr. Martin and Mr. Wolnitzek abstained. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver introduced Mr. Bernie Wessels, the City's representative to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission. Mr. Wessels addressed Council regarding the proposed landscape regulations for the City. He advised these regulations have been discussed for over a year and two informal public meetings were held. Many different groups were involved in these meetings, Homebuilders Association, Chamber of Commerce, Landscape Organizations, Architects etc. and expressed their views. These regulations were streamlined and guidelines included for types of landscaping suggested for new development and businesses. These regulations would apply to all new multi-family, commercial, office and industrial developments. The regulations would also apply to any expansion of multi-family, commercial, office and industrial developments. The regulations would not apply to single-family or two-family residential developments. Mr. Wessels advised this listing of trees provided are guidelines, not requirements. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to accept the landscape plan as presented by Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Hatter voting no. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve Municipal Order 15-01 Appointing Bernie Wessels As The Representative To The Kenton County And Municipal Planning And Zoning Commission For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Order. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second reading of Ordinance 12-01 Establishing A Stop Sign On Both Directions Of East Henry Clay Avenue At Its Intersection With Ridgemont Avenue And Fayette Circle. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary form. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver advised the City has been invited to the groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the development of Sanitation District No. 1's property located off Ky. 17. A presentation was made at the last Council Meeting regarding this project.

Mr. Klein advised since the Council packet had been distributed he has received information that funding for the Citywide Street Study Program would have to be done by a bond issue. That amount of money could not be borrowed by a single bank because of legal lending limits. There is a pool of bond money available through the Kentucky League of Cities with application made in 30 to 60 days with an interest rate of 4 ½ to 5 ½ percent based on fixed or variable rates. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested the need to pull together a plan to present to residents in late January or early February. Mr. Robke advised he does not think it is feasible to do the work as fast as anticipated and too much of a burden on taxpayers in the City. More discussion to follow.

Executive Order 7-01 Appointing Anthony L. Crouch Part-Time Firefighter/EMT For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 8-01 Appointing Michelle Martin Part-Time Firefighter/EMT For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Martin second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 16-01 Appointing Mayor Gene Weaver As The Representative Of The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky For The Board Of Trustees Of The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council Of Governments (OKI). Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2002 Street Program. Mr. Klein advised a copy of the letter and recommendation from CDS Associates included in tonight's Council packet. This timetable is put together early to get the bids awarded and work started as soon as permitted. The streets for this year's program include Hermitage Court, Montpelier Court and Knob Hill. Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised of the improvements scheduled for this project and included in the proposal. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Robke to allow CDS Associates to proceed with initial work for preparing specifications and bids for next year's street program according to the City's five-year plan. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report.

Kyles Lane Traffic Light Update.

Mr. Klein advised a meeting was held with Mayor Weaver, Judge Murgatroyd, Mark Brueggemann and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding traffic signalization on Kyles Lane. Another meeting will be arranged by Judge Murgatroyd with more Transportation Cabinet personnel. Originally it was suggested to bring all cars out at one single point to see what traffic counts this would generate. With this plan there is still doubt that this would generate enough of a traffic count to warrant a traffic signal. A study according to City Engineer Mark Brueggemann would cost \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. This would include taking out houses and rearranging streets etc. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested we have Mark Brueggemann address Council at the next meeting to answer any questions they may have.

KY 17 Water Line Project.

The project currently on KY 17 from Grand Avenue to Dudley Pike includes a 42 inch water line installation being done by Northern Kentucky Water District. This project will last approximately 180 days and is being done at this time of year because of water demand being at the lowest point. The construction foreman on this project met with the City on location of the pipe and traffic problems in the area.

Insight Communications.

Information received from Insight Communications for plans to install larger back-up power supply units in the right-of-way that are now currently attached to poles in the City. There will be 8 to 10 units located in Fort Wright. The size of these units will be 5X9. If there is a power outage in the area these power back-up units will keep the system working. If there are any questions or problems with homeowners, they will be addressed.

1657 Amsterdam Road.

Mayor Weaver advised the City is trying to keep this property cleaned up.

Council Committee Reports.

Legal Matters

Survey scheduled for the Siegrist property. Mayor Weaver advised Tom Litzler would be present at the next Council meeting to discuss the Telecommunications Ordinance.

Computer Technology.

Mr. Hatter advised the regular vendor would be upgrading the system with updates.

Finance.

Mr. Feinauer advised the preliminary draft from the auditor was received and will be reviewed before Ms. Chapman addresses Council.

Department Reports.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported tax payments are still coming in although they slowed down from the initial response.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported we have road salt left from last year and we will be getting more as needed. Transmission problems with the Ford one ton dump truck. The work that has been done has been under warranty but this is a repeating problem and has been working with the Ford dealer for a long-term correction plan. This is the fourth transmission in this truck.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported the Fire Department is using the house donated by Roger Schroeder for day drill and Tuesday evening drill. Thanks to Roger for this donation. The two volunteers have completed the painting of the inside of the firehouse. Fire Chief Schewe reported 10% of monies collected will be donated to the Red Cross; the remaining money was donated to the 911 Fund. This was a decision by the Fire Department Board.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported City Officials attended Sergeant Newsom's graduation ceremony from the University of Louisville S.P.I Administrative Training Course.

There were more accidents last month due to I-275 road project.

Interviews will be done to fill the vacant police office position.

Congratulations to Officer Michael Knight and his wife Laura on the birth of a daughter Abigail Rose.

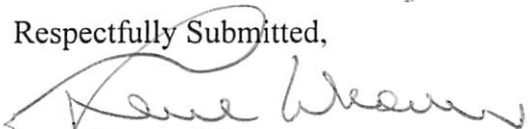
Mayor Weaver reminded Council of the Holiday Tree Lighting at the City Building on November 25th at 6:00Pm.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810(b) and (g). All member voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.


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