

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MEETING MINUTES
11/21/00

Councilman Paul Hiltz 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 and Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Mr. Jon Chambers was unavailable for this meeting. 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. Mayor Gene Weaver arrived at 6:15PM.

No citizen comments.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the 10/11/00 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Klein addressed Council concerning the Kentucky Six-Year Road Plan. He advised it is probably too late to recommend any suggestions for this year but look ahead to next year. Some suggestions would be the approach from old Kyles Lane to Farrell Drive, I-275 interchange on KY 17, elimination of the traffic light at Dixie Highway and Ashwood Circle and the alignment of Kyles Lane and George Huser Drive. Mr. Robke suggested that we prioritize our recommendations. After discussion, motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Robke to send recommendations to the State for this plan. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Martin, Hiltz all voting in favor, no one opposed for Farrell Drive and Kyles Lane realignment Motion passed.

Chief Kreinest addressed Council regarding the Citizen's Police Academy. He advised it is an excellent idea and Independence and Crescent Springs Police Departments spoke very highly of this project but it will take considerable resources to sponsor this program and we may want to place it into consideration for the next budget year. Mr. Hiltz suggested maybe a grant would be available to help with this program. Everyone agreed we would look at this in the budget process for next year.

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding Pickett Drive repair. G.J. Thelen supplied the City with a report on this repair job performed by Barrett Paving. They advised this job meets all bid specifications and Mark Brueggemann advised the City should make final payment on the project. Mr. Maloney advised that Barrett would extend the warranty for an additional year in writing.

Administrator Report.

Mr. Klein advised Mr. Maloney, Dave Estes and Chris Warneford attended a meeting about Amsterdam Road improvements. Phase 1 would be from Finke's Market to Diamond Court and include storm water drains and a sidewalk on one side. There are still issues to be worked out. This will be bid out in the spring by the County and construction to begin in late spring. This not a standard width road and does not call for taking any houses. Oversize pipes will be used to control water. Sidewalks throughout on one side.

Citywide trash pick-up was on November 18, 2000. Mr. Klein thanked the Public Works Department for their help in collecting trash bags gathered by the inmates. Officer Bob Ford in transporting and supervising the inmates from the Kenton County Detention Center.

The City has terminated the cleaning contract with our current vendor as of the end of November. Chief Muench has suggested we use the part-time weekend firefighters to clean the building on their shift. This will save the City approximately \$5000.00 yearly.

Metricom Update. This agreement is still being studied by the City and County Administrators Group.

A check was received from the State for \$35,000.00 for Highland Pike sidewalks.

Council Committee Reports.

Economic Development. No Report

Legal. No Report

Mr. Maloney reported he is in the process of ordering new and replacement bricks for the area around the Veterans Memorial. Snow equipment is being installed on City trucks.

Chief Kreinest reported on the following:

Congratulations to Sergeant Russell on completion of twelve weeks of training at the Southern Police Academy in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many arrests were made on various cases throughout the City.

Officer Amy Schworer's Jeep will be back in service shortly.

Chief Muench reported that all Full-Time personnel would be scheduled to 4-day work weeks. That will give the Fire Department two people to respond at all times.

Steve Schewe made many contacts and taught Fire Prevention at area schools.

Forward Quest Request. Mr. Klein advised the City has received a request for funds from Forward Quest for a fiscal capacity study. Other cities' personnel that Mr. Klein has spoken to, indicate they have not committed to this funding and probably would not be doing so. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hatter to notify Forward Quest that we wish them well, but we will not be participating in this study. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Hiltz and Wolnitzek all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that we have residents become more involved in the future of Fort Wright and maybe form a group to discuss ideas and make suggestions as a long range vision for the City. This could be discussed at a mini retreat in January.

Municipal Order 11-00 Appointing Gene Weaver as the City of Fort Wright Representative for the Board of Trustees of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 15-00 Appointing Tom Litzler as the City of Fort Wright Representative to the Telecommunication Board. Mr. Summe read this order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Appointment. Mr. Klein advised this committee is open to Council members, Department Heads and residents. This committee will make recommendations to KCMPZC for any changes in the Area-Wide Comprehensive Plan Update regarding Fort Wright. These suggestions for representatives should be received by the next meeting of December 13, 2000.

Political Sign Regulations. Mr. Klein advised most surrounding cities limit the size to 12 square feet, with Fort Wright ordinance allowing 40 square feet. We did have signs in our City for the previous election that were 40 square feet for candidates not even running in our City because they were allowed in Fort Wright. Mr. Maloney advised to change this Ordinance, this would have to be sent to NKAPC and go through the text amendment process and two votes by Council to change. Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Hiltz to send this NKAPC to study and report to us. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Hatter and Mr. Martin voting no. Motion passed.

Board of Adjustment Fees. Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding our current Board of Adjustment Fees. We now charge \$100.00 for a Board of Adjustment application. At least three times in the past year we have been charged several hundred dollars by NKAPC, because applicants have gone directly to their offices for consultations. We are charged according to how much time is being spent on these requests. Mr. Klein advised that Kenton County has a bond of \$500.00 posted and any money that is not used would be refunded to the applicant or if additional cost is incurred the applicant would pay the additional amount. After discussion Mayor Weaver suggested Mr. Klein and Mr. Maloney meet with our Legal Committee for a report at our January 10, 2001 meeting.

Mr. Summe read Executive Orders 9-00 through 14-00 in summary Appointing Part-Time Firefighters/EMTs.

Executive Order 9-00 Steve Puglisi

Executive Order 10-00 Gary Auffart

Executive Order 11-00 Ray Panko

Executive Order 12-00 Greg Aylor

Executive Order 13-00 Carl Biery

Executive Order 14-00 Greg Wuestefeld

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

Mr. Klein addressed Council regarding the property acquisition at 105 Bluegrass Avenue. He advised Mr. Summe is conducting a title search on this property and as soon as there is a clear title and everything is in order the City will proceed with the purchase for the price of \$7500.00. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve purchase with a clear title. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 16-00 Regional Skate park Facility. Mr. Klein advised this idea originated with the Kenton County Mayor's Group and the Cities would like to duplicate a park that they visited in Middletown, Ohio that was built with private funds. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 17-00 Kenton/Vale Fire/EMS Agreement. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to negotiate renewal of contract with Kenton Vale for continued Fire/EMS service. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Fire/EMS Department Reorganization. Mr. Klein advised after meeting with Chief Muench that he would like to propose an organizational structure where the volunteer staff and paid staff understand where they stand in relation to one another as far as rank, job title and position. It is also necessary to eliminate the Fire Administrator position and replace it with a new position. Mayor Weaver referred this to the personnel committee for review and recommendation at the next Council meeting. The committee meeting will be scheduled for December 13, 2000 at 5:00PM.

Vehicle Bid Recommendations. Low bids will be accepted on the pick-up truck for the Public Works Department and the mini-van for the Fire Department. The Fire Chief's car recommendation will be for the Impala, which will be more suitable as it has a high performance engine. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hatter to accept these bids. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Wolnitzek and Robke all voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Diesel fuel will be purchased exclusively at TANK as the cost there is one half of what we now pay to the County.

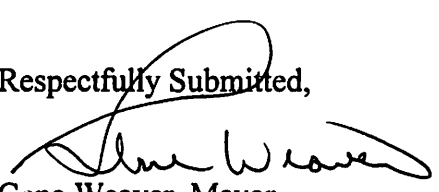
Mayor Weaver advised the new Council would be sworn in at the regular Council meeting on December 27, 2000.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Robke to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810(L) B&C. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

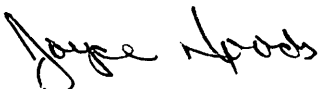
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Robke to close executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods. City Clerk