

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
11/28/01

Mayor Weaver opened the Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call. Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Paul Hiltz. 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. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Jim Robke were unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Weaver introduced Greg Beers Cub Master for Pack 773 and his group from Fort Wright Elementary School who was in attendance observing the meeting. Mr. Beers thanked the City for allowing his pack to tour the Fire Department in recent weeks.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 11/14/01 Council Meeting. Mr. Hiltz and Mr. Martin abstained. Mayor Weaver voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver introduced Captain Ed Butler with Kenton County Police who is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University and spokesman for the University. Captain Butler introduced two students who contributed to the presentation and advised he would be giving a brief presentation of the Legislative Agenda for 2002 asking for support as a Council to get the recognition deserved for the University. The presentation and discussion followed. Currently NKU receives less funding than any other University in the Commonwealth. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve the Proclamation and support NKU 2002 General Assembly session priorities and encourages the Northern Kentucky legislative delegation to actively champion the University's agenda during the 2002 session. Roll call vote taken Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann addressed Council regarding the 2002 Street Program. Revised information in the Council packet outlines the total project cost with revisions to Knob Hill, Montpelier Court and Hermitage Court. There will be an alternate bid to replace the entire curb on Knob Hill and Montpelier Court instead of the original bid of spot repair of curb. This will be a substantial increase in cost. The original cost was \$253,00.00 for standard street program of curb repair. The revised bid of \$328,000.00 was for complete replacement of the curb. Mr. Klein advised this is a substantial increase and would be difficult each year to keep up with the expense of complete repair. Discussion followed. Mr. Brueggemann advised information will be presented to Council as an alternate bid and a decision can be made which plan to accept.

Kyles Lane and Highland Pike Corridor.

Mayor Weaver advised the City needs to explore alternate plans for this project when the time comes we are prepared for what we would like to have in our area. Mr. Breuggemann suggested that we put together concepts and present to Council or committee and have an informal meeting to have a preferred option. Also have cost for selected options.

Citywide Street Study.

Mr. Klein advised we had discussed in previous meetings what the City would like to do for the ultimate Street Program, trying to do 2/3 of the work in the first five years and trying to finance this would be very difficult. We would be spending two million dollars in the first five years. The City would need about \$900,000.00 to a million dollars each year for the debt service and street program for years six thru twenty. We would need a very high amount of revenue for this option. Mr. Klein presented other options to Council for discussion. Mr. Wolnitzek advised this would have to be sold to the citizens first. Mr. Hatter advised more concise information is needed for presentation. Mayor Weaver suggested we get a plan together to be presented early in 2002 to the citizens.

Mr. Tom Litzler was in attendance to address and explain to Council the draft telecommunications ordinance. This document is only preliminary for opinions from different cities. A group of City Administrators approached the Board regarding requests received from different companies to acquire a permit or license to provide certain services in the cities. These services include telephone and Internet and would require using the cities right-of ways either overhead or underground. The cities wanted to know how to respond to these request and suggested a model ordinance for all cities involved. The Telecommunications Board agreed to provide their attorney to work with the committee to develop the model ordinance and have Executive Director Tim Broering work with this committee and one other member of the board. Public hearings were held regarding what they were to include in this ordinance. What the Council has before them is a proposed document. Mr. Tim Broering Executive Director of the Telecommunications Board addressed Council and advised their goal in preparing a uniform ordinance that is more efficient for the vendors and that will work well for all cities. Discussion followed.

Mayor Weaver advised any suggestions Council might have would be forwarded to the Cable Board and copied to Tom Litzler.

Municipal Order 17-01 Appointing Thomas Litzler A Member Of The Board Of Adjustments For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Litzler for his service to the City.

Second Reading of Ordinance 13-01 Amending Ordinance 290-1983 To Amend The Zoning Text Adopting The Landscape And Planting Manual. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Hatter voting no. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 18-01 Appointing Don Stegman A Member Of The Board Of Adjustments For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky. Mr. Summe read in summary. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken Hiltz and Martin voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 19-01 Appointing Donald Russell To The Fort Wright Board Of Ethics. Mr. Summe read this order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 9-01 Adopting And Approving The Execution Of An Agreement Between CDS Engineers, Inc. And The City Of Fort Wright For Professional Engineering Services. Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver noted that before our next Council meeting Mr. Klein would be celebrating his third anniversary with the City.

Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek suggested that we research our Board of Adjustment fees for members. We will check with other cities regarding the amount their members are compensated.

Mr. Wolnitzek also suggested a gift for City employees for the holiday. Mayor Weaver advised ideas have been discussed. Motion by Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Martin to approve a gift certificate not to exceed \$100.00 and a luncheon provided. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Committee Reports.

Legal. Survey has been done for Siegrist property. Mayor Weaver would like to have this finalized by the end of the year.

Computer Technology. New financial software updated and installed to give us more detailed financial reports on check register and adding a comment line explaining what check is for. Chief Kreinest advised a system wide virus scan is being installed. Upgrade needed to the server and the older systems to be uniform with all the rest of the computers in the building. Mr. Hatter thanked Chief Kreinest for his help in installing and maintaining the computers.

Department Reports.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported he contacted the Insurance Service Offices pertaining to getting our Cities rating lowered. Currently we are a fourth class City and Chief Schewe was inquiring about getting the rating lowered to a three by 2002. He advised he would have more information at the next meeting. This would be a savings to residents on their insurance rates. Thanks to Roger Schroeder for the house donated to the Fire Department for training.

Chief Kreinest advised he received compliments on three officers on accident scenes handled in the City. The officers were Marc and Amy Schworer and Mark Spanyer. The Department is in the process of filling the tenth position and hopefully will be finalized by the end of the year.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney thanked our volunteer Kim and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Finan on the decorations in the Council Chambers and in the lobby.

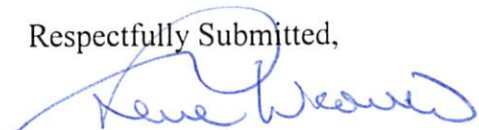
City Clerk Joyce Woods reported tax payments were running a little slow but will pick up after the Thanksgiving holidays. The office will be open December 31 until 5PM for payment of taxes and postmarks will be accepted if stamped December 31. There is also a slot in the front door for payments.

Council member Don Martin advised he is starting a program of all military personnel that is currently serving. He would like to have their name, mailing address and birth date he would like to send something to each one a card, newsletter etc.

Mayor Weaver suggested the second meeting in December be cancelled unless there is an emergency issue pending.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce Woods, City Clerk