

**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**12/11/02**

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, Mr. Jim Robke, Mr. Paul Hiltz and Mr. Don Martin Jr. 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.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 11/13/02 Council Meeting with corrections. Roll call vote taken, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, Mr. Hiltz abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Second Reading of Ordinance 14-02 Temporary Special Event Signs**

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

**First Reading of Ordinance 1-03 Public Street Lights and Signs**

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

**Municipal Order 12-02 Police Officer Detective Position**

Mr. Summe read this Order. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Martin voting yes, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Robke voting no. Mayor Weaver voting yes as the tiebreaker. Motion passed.

**Municipal Order 13-02 Adopting the Position Classification System**

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer. Mr. Hatter addressed Council and advised of his reason that he voted no on the detective position. Discussion followed. Motion and second withdrawn for future discussion.

**Municipal Order 15-02 Appointing Gene Weaver As The City Representative For The Board Of Trustees For OKI**

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

**Municipal Order 16-02 Appointing Thomas H. Litzler As A Cluster Representative To The Telecommunications Board Of Northern Kentucky**

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

**Municipal Order 17-02 Adopting A Prioritized Snow Removal Route**

Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Discussion followed regarding plowing and salting undedicated streets. Mr. Summe advised if the City plows these streets there is a liability issue involved for the City. Roll call vote taken Hatter, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Municipal Order 18-02 Adopting Policy, Rules And Regulations Regarding The Public Use Of The Former South Hills Civic Club Facility**

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

Judge Patricia Summe was present to swear in the members of City Council for their new terms beginning January 1, 2003. Judge Summe recognized the lose of Don Martin Sr.

Chief Kreinest introduced George Kreutzjans, the newest member of the Police Department. Officer Kreutzjans previously worked for Kenton County Sheriff Department and is highly qualified for this position in Fort Wright. Judge Summe swore in Officer Kreutzjans and congratulated him on his appointment.

Mr. Klein advised Council of the presentation by Crimestoppers to Officer Michael Knight as the 2002 Crimestoppers Officer of the Year. A breakfast was attended by Mayor Weaver, Mr. Klein, Chief Kreinest, Sergeant Newsom and Laura Knight. Mr. Klein stated that this is yet another honor Officer Knight has brought to our City and we are very lucky to have him work for our City.

Chief Kreinest advised that Officer Knight was selected from all of the Greater Cincinnati area and was nominated by people who worked with him through Crimestoppers. This was recognition for fine police work.

Officer Knight thanked all the members of the department for their assistance.

**Municipal Order 19-02 Appointing Gabrielle Summe To The Fort Wright Board OF Ethics**

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

**Municipal Order 20-02 Appointing Gene Weber To The Board Of Adjustments**

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

**Municipal Order 21-02 Appointing Carl Stamm To The Board Of Adjustments**  
Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Martin to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Executive Order 6-02 Appointing George Kreutzjans As A Police Officer For The City Of Fort Wright**

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

Mr. Klein advised the City had received a request from a resident of West Crittenden Avenue near Kentucky Walk to lift the no parking restriction in front of 36 and 38 West Crittenden Avenues and restore parking in this area. Mr. Klein advised in meeting with Chief Kreinest, Mr. Maloney and Chief Schewe it was their unanimous recommendation to deny the request, as this is a safety issue at this location because of difficulty of pedestrians to see oncoming vehicles as they exit Kentucky Walk.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to keep the restrictions as is and not allow parking in this area as the Safety Committee recommended. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2-03 Debt Refinancing**

Mr. Summe explained this Ordinance and recommendation was made to award this bid to the Bank of Kentucky. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution 11-02 Adopting And Approving The Execution Of An Agreement Between CDS Engineers, Inc. And The City Of Fort Wright**

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

**Parking On Amsterdam Road**

Mr. Klein addressed Council and advised that the Safety Committee unanimously agreed to reject the request to allow parking on Amsterdam Road. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee to not allow parking on Amsterdam Road. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to pass an Ordinance to prohibit parking on Amsterdam Road. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Martin, Wolnitzek and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Stop Sign at Amsterdam Road and Birchwood

Mr. Klein advised that the Safety Committee recommendation unanimously to deny the request for a stop sign at this location. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to concur with the recommendation of the Safety Committee. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Fort Wright Trace Homeowner's Association Request

Mayor Weaver explained the request made from Fort Wright Trace Homeowner's Association that the City consider assuming responsibility for maintenance of their streets which are currently undedicated. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver suggested we look into this request and advise as to what the findings are and report back to Council.

#### Employee Holiday Luncheon

Mayor Weaver invited all to attend the appreciation luncheon on December 23 at noon. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to give each employee a Thriftway gift certificate for the holidays. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hiltz, Martin and Robke voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Administrator Report

Mr. Klein advised on the following:

##### Signature Wear

Working on getting prices on Shirts with logo. In adding up all employees, volunteers, board members and everyone who works with the City on a regular basis, the total is about 100 people. The cost of a long sleeve denim shirt is about \$30.00-\$35.00 each, the golf style shirt is about \$25.00 each. We would also like to have these shirts available to anyone who would like to purchase these items. Mr. Hatter advised he thinks making these shirts available would build community spirit and the goal is not to make money but sell these items at cost.

Morris Road signage has been installed.

City Brochure still in the works.

##### Pickett/Fort Henry Storm Water Project

Mr. Maloney advised this was the first time we had used Hendy Construction in the City and he was very pleased with their work and their effort in restoring property. The touchup restoration will be done in the spring.

Kentucky division of Water NOV Update

Mr. Klein advised the Sanitation District is continuing testing the affected areas and hopes to be done by the end of January. We hope to have John Lyons from the Sanitation District and Mark Brueggemann attend the January 22 Council meeting and update us with more information and preliminary ideas about possible solutions. Mayor Weaver advised the Sanitation District has done an excellent job with this project.

#### No Council Committee Reports

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported taxes going well. Deadline December 31, 2002 and we will be open until 5PM on December 31 or they can drop the bills in the mail slot in the front door after hours. The penalty and interest will be charged starting January 1, 2003.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported of the good job Nick and Jason have done with snow removal this year. An underdrain system has been installed at the South Hills Civic Club to correct the moisture problem and so far it looks like it is working. Our detention center volunteer has been painting the building and doing a good job.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the November response times have been distributed and he is very happy with the times of response reported. The calls have been down from previous months.

Some of the equipment in the Fire department has had some substantial repairs and is now in good working order.

The Fire Department holiday party in December 17, 2002 at 7PM at the South Hills Civic club and everyone is invited.

Chief Kreinest reported the Kenton Regional Police Academy has concluded and a lot of positive results were reported.

Officer Schworer sent a memo thanking the Fire department for their help on calls that he had responded to.

Chief Kreinest thanked Tim and his staff for the work they have been doing in the interview room.

On November 27 the Police Department conducted an alcohol check of 16 local businesses and 4 violations were issued for selling alcohol to minors. This is done periodically to remind businesses to check ID when selling alcohol.

Don Martin Jr. thanked everyone for the support he received and for allowing him to finish his dad's term.

Mr. Hatter reminded everyone that December 15 is Bill Of Rights Day.

Mayor Weaver congratulated Council and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:   
Joyce Woods, City Clerk