CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 12/12/01

Councilman Paul Hiltz opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Martin to have Mr. Hiltz serve as acting Mayor for tonight's meeting in the absence of Mayor Weaver. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Robke, Hatter and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The following members answered roll call. Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Jim Robke, 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.

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to approve the minutes of the 11/28/01 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter and Hiltz voting in favor, Feinauer and Robke abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Clarence Lassetter a resident of 2003 Pieck Drive addressed Council regarding the improvement of Pieck Drive for this year's street program. Mr. Lassetter requested to have Pieck Drive moved ahead on the scheduled streets for improvements. Mr. Klein advised he had given information to Mr. Lassetter on the current 5-year program and the next 2-year program is already scheduled. The City Engineer recommends the streets for improvements and City Council makes the final decisions. Mr. Lassetter advised there is increased traffic in this area due to additional housing built recently on Pieck Drive and that traffic is also a safety concern.

Ms. Linda Chapman, CPA from Rankin and Rankin addressed Council regarding the FYE 2001 Audit Report. Ms. Chapman advised the audit is in a different format this year as the City implemented Government Accounting Standards Board 33 and 34 requirements. (GASB). This audit looks more like a business report with comparative information. Ms. Chapman went through the report page by page and explained what the information contained.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept the Audit Report as presented. Roll call vote taken, Robke, Wolnitzek, Martin and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citywide Street Improvement Program.

Mr. Klein addressed Council and advised there is a summary of options and associated costs and revenues report enclosed in tonight's Council packet for discussion. Discussion followed. Mr. Robke advised he does not think this plan is cost effective and the City is not in a position to pursue without new revenue. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested a concise plan should be established before the first public hearing to have all information available to the residents before the citizen's vote on this issue. Mr. Klein suggested sending out personal invitations to people that would take an interest in the meetings and give input on the ideas presented. Mr. Robke made a motion that we put on the ballot the new ad valorem taxes for street improvements that would raise \$200,000.00 a year. Mr. Klein would like to present a proposal in wording that would appear on the ballot. Motion withdrawn by Mr. Robke until further information is presented.

Executive Order 9-01 Appointment of Tim Deye as Part-Time Firefighter/EMT Training Specialist For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky.

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

Executive Order 10-01 Appointment of Jamie L. Puthoff As Police Officer For The City Of Fort Wright, Kentucky.

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

Administrator Report

Employee Enrollment for Section 125 Plan

This will be effective starting January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002. About half of the employees have enrolled for the short year. The City has joined the Covington Business Council to administer this program through a third party administrator.

Street Sign Poles

The additional street sign poles have been ordered. Half to be delivered in December and the other half in January. The Public Works crew will install them as time and weather permit. This is a smaller version of the poles in the main City streets.

Bill of Rights Day

A Resolution was passed last year by Council designating December 15 as Bill of Rights Day in Fort Wright.

Council Committee Reports.

Legal Committee

A deed has been prepared for the Siegrist property and waiting for a landscape plan.

Computer Technology

Systems being upgraded to have everyone on the same level and added security for all systems.

Veteran's Memorial Planning starting in January for May program.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported a traffic stop netted three pounds of marijuana. Burglary in Tower Hill Plaza.

Water line project on Madison Pike has hired additional police for traffic control.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported South Hills Civic Club renovation in process. Heating and air conditioning proposal received.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported tax payments being received. Will be delinquent if postmarked after December 31, 2001.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS.61810(B). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Robke, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to authorize Mr. Summe or Mr. Klein to make an offer for the Meyer property. All members voting in favor.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

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Joyce Woods, City Clerk