

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Jefferson County Farm Bureau • 4200 Gardiner View Avenue • Louisville, Kentucky 40213

November 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Lanette Douglas, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Clerk Aggie Keefe; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Attorney John Treitz.

Pledge of Allegiance — All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

Treasurer's Reports —

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of September 2016 in the amount of \$7,094.88 with expenditures in the amount of \$22,177.65, giving a deficit in the amount of \$15,082.77. Mr. Wild clarified that the \$500 for insurance was the result of prepaying the insurance at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of October 2016 in the amount of \$319,654.24 with expenditures in the amount of \$49,603.00, giving a surplus of \$270,051.24. Attorney Treitz clarified that the amount for legal fees was for a two-month period. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

City Government Protocol — Attorney Treitz passed out copies of a map outlining the boundaries of our City. He then explained some of the official policies and procedures that our Council and Officials must follow. He explained the differences between ordinances, municipal orders and resolutions, as well as the process for passing each; what constitutes a quorum; veto procedure for the mayor; and annual ordinances that we must pass. Mr. Treitz also passed out a copy of the Calculating of Compensation Tax Rate for 2016 and explained each line item. He encouraged all present to send him any additional questions they might have so he can address them at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Both Mrs. Welsh and Attorney Treitz reported that it is very difficult to get any contact information from either Iron Mountain or J J Carter. Mrs. Welsh will continue to work on it. Attorney Treitz feels that Metro Zoning needs to become involved, as the fence was a condition of the initial zoning permit.

NEW BUSINESS

City P.O. Box — Attorney Treitz reported that we need to have a City address for City business that is separate from the one being used to handle tax payments. Mr. Wild will take care of securing one.

Investments — Mr. Wild would like to use Sean Miranda at Hilliard Lyons to handle some of the City's investments. Attorney Treitz said there are limitations about what we can invest in, as we can use only financial institutions that are federally insured. Mr. Treitz will check the state statute and report back to us.

Holiday Dinner — Attorney Treitz asked everyone present for their input regarding a date to hold our annual holiday dinner. He will send out an invitation to each of us with the date and restaurant.

Mayor's Report on First Year — Mayor Chesser addressed the Council. She first thanked Mr. Treitz for the excellent job he does for our City. She said we wouldn't be successful without his knowledge and advice. All Council members concurred.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Chesser continued by congratulating everyone on winning the recent election. She thanked Mrs. Keefe for all of her hard work with the newsletter and website maintenance. She thanked Mr. Wild for keeping on top of our finances. Mayor Chesser would like to give all Council members the opportunity to serve on one or more committees of their choosing. Examples would be forestry, road projects, street lights, property issues, pest control, events, and finances. She also suggested that we might want to have a business liaison. She handed out a folder with a list of areas that need committee chairs and asked all Council members to bring the list back to the December meeting with their choices indicated. Mrs. Keefe said it would be ideal if we could include those committees and chairpersons in the winter newsletter as well as on our website.

OLD BUSINESS

STOP Signs/Street Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that there are a few signs that need to be installed on Champions Trace and Colonel Sanders Lane to complete the project. She and Andrew Freibert will do a drive-around once the project is complete. Mrs. Woodson asked if we can add a sign on Gardiner Lane that says "Center Lane Only." Mayor Chesser said that since it is a Metro road, we are not allowed to do so. Mr. Fortwengler would like for us to put up signs at the Bellarmine University complex once it is completed; we will add them to the next phase of the project.

Bellarmine University — Mayor Chesser reported that she along with Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Fortwengler, Mrs. Welsh, and Mrs. Woodson met with Bob Zimlich, Vice President for Administration and Finance, at the proposed development site on Newburg Road on November 2 to discuss the plans for the Bellarmine project. They are all set to start excavating the fields and hope to have them ready for use in the spring of 2017. Mrs. Welsh submitted a list of signatures from residents on Larkmoor Lane acknowledging whether they accept or decline the proposition that Bellarmine University offered them to remove debris and unwanted trees and bushes that line the fence.

Operation Brightside — Mayor Chesser reported that the October 22 Brightside clean-up was successful. Our team consisted of 26 volunteers: 18 adults and 8 children. She reported that this is the fourth year our City has participated as a team.

Nextdoor — Mrs. Woodson reported that there haven't been many postings for Watterson Park but she is constantly monitoring the site.

Lillian Wild Walking Path — Mrs. Woodson found suitable concrete benches at Concrete Kingdom in Indiana. Each bench weighs 400 pounds and costs \$90.00, which includes a sealant. They will deliver and install them for an additional \$140.00. Mrs. Woodson made a motion to purchase two benches and have them sealed, delivered and installed at a total cost of approximately \$350.00; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0). Mayor Chesser mentioned that we might want to consider having a trash receptacle installed at the walking path. She will check with Republic to see what they might have available.

Drop Box — Mr. Wild reported that between October 18 and 31, Drop Box traffic was extremely heavy. He reported that having the Drop Box service has helped him out tremendously, although there is still quite a lot of work still involved on his end since he has to record every payment.

NEW BUSINESS

Delinquent Taxes — Mrs. Welsh reported that the home owner at 1717 Larkmoor Lane who is several years delinquent in paying her taxes asked if she can be put on a payment plan. This is something that cannot be done, so Mr. Wild will contact Attorney Hendricks with the necessary information to place a lien on the property.

Verst Property — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Matt Hartlage with Harry K. Moore Company regarding the vegetation at the rear of the Verst property that runs along Stober Road. Mr. Hartlage will check with the owners of the property and will get back with Mayor Chesser. We need to determine if maintenance of that area is the responsibility of Verst Group or the City of Watterson Park.

LMPD 6th Division Update — Mayor Chesser attended the November 8 meeting, where the Major reported that the biggest issue is still car thefts.

Fiber Optic Cables — Mayor Chesser reported that A.M. Contracting Company is currently installing fiber optic cables for Time Warner along Robards Lane from Cross Jeep to 4360 Robards Lane; this will be an Amazon hub.

Annual Pocket Calendars — Mayor Chesser reported that she checked into purchasing the annual pocket calendars and received a shipment of the calendars that she didn't order; she returned them to the sender. Most agreed that we would prefer something different to give to our residents. Some Council members suggested a pen might be suitable. All were asked to bring some ideas to the December meeting. Ms. Garrett suggested that we might want to send residents a holiday card, but most agreed that it's probably too late for this year.

Manhole Cover — Mrs. Woodson mentioned concern about a missing manhole cover on Gardiner Lane at Poplar Level Road that is taped off. Mayor Chesser said that she contacted MSD about this a year ago, but they have not yet replaced it. After placing several calls, it has been determined this manhole cover is the responsibility of MSD. MSD has put a barricade at the site until the repair can be made.

Kentucky League of Cities Annual Dinner — This year's meeting will be held on November 17 at the Jeffersontown Community Center. Members of the Council suggested that we could donate something for a door prize. Mayor Chesser will check with Attorney Treitz so make sure we can do this. If allowed, Mrs. Welsh will check into having a specialized basket made for this purpose.

Welcome Packets — Mayor Chesser would like to check into the possibility of supplying welcome packets to new home owners in Watterson Park.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe was given permission to obtain a cost for printing our quarterly newsletter in color and on a higher quality paper. Mrs. Keefe will also contact United Mail with the parameters for our City so they can generate an updated mailing list for businesses and residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on 12-14-16.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.