

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

May 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Clerk Aggie Keefe will not be present, so Marlene Welsh agreed to take notes for the meeting.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Becky Ewan; and Treasurer Jerry Wild. Absent were Councilman Steve Fortwengler and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Johnson. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Becky Ewan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported revenues for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$53,396 and expenses in the amount of \$47,298, resulting in a surplus of \$6,098. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Becky Ewan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanitation Bids — Mr. Wild did a monthly cost comparison of the bids and gave everyone present a copy for their reference. He compared the first year totals of the three bids, using carts instead of dumpsters for the mobile home park. Waste Management's bid totaled \$6,118 per month, with a charge of \$500 for the first year for the large-trash pick-ups; Republic's bid was \$5,186 per month, with no charge for the large-trash pick-ups; Rumpke's bid was \$9,890 per month, plus an hourly cost of \$140 for the large-trash pickups. It was noted that Waste Management's bid was disqualified, as it was received after the deadline. After discussion, it was decided to use carts instead of dumpsters for the mobile home park. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the sanitation bid from Republic, using carts for the mobile home park instead of dumpsters; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Becky Ewan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Mayor Chesser will contact Republic to get the contract to Mr. Treitz for his review.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 — Mr. Treitz reported that he, Mr. Wild, and Mayor Chesser have been working on the budget. We have already received the first tranche of ARPA money and will receive the second tranche before the end of June. This means that when this budget goes into effect, that money should be in our coffers. We can use the ARPA funds to pay salaries for Council and officers and the employment taxes associated with those salaries back to March 2021. Mr. Crosby clarified that we can use ARPA funds to pay attorney fees as well. He suggested that we move on to the next item on the agenda, which is American Rescue Plan Act, and then come back to the budget, as how we decide to use the ARPA funds will affect our budget.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) — After discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion authorizing the City to use ARPA funds to pay compensation and related payroll taxes for Council members and City officers from March 3, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and authorizing the use of ARPA funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the same purposes. Motion seconded by Ms. Garrett. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Becky Ewan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 — Each line item of the proposed budget was discussed by the mayor, the treasurer, counsel, and the members of the Council in attendance. Mr. Treitz went over projected income from utility taxes, personal property taxes, automobile taxes, municipal aid fund, interest, franchise fees, and insurance tax. Mr. Wild said he decided to go with \$425,000 for insurance taxes, which is between the \$360,000 we made last year and \$500,000 this year. Mayor Chesser reported that General Public Works will stay at \$165,000. Urban Forestry will not change. She doesn't foresee anything significant under Maintenance and Repair of Existing Roadways and Sidewalks. Sanitation costs will remain the same. Public Safety was increased because of the increase in the hourly rate for off-duty patrol. Ms. Ewan gave first reading by title to the budget ordinance for fiscal year 2022-2023 and made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — There was a meeting on April 12 with MSD representatives; Craig Mount with BTM Engineering; and Watterson Park representatives Attorney John Treitz, Councilman Phil Johnson, and Mayor Linda Chesser. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for May 10. The YUM! Support Center did incur water damage on April 12, but Precision Collision did not.

KYTC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Poplar Level Road — Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping is applying to become pre-qualified for mowing with KYTC.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for May.

Good Citizen Recognition — Mayor Chesser reported that Mrs. Keefe designed an award certificate and also drafted some wording regarding this award for our website. Council didn't have any revisions to either. It was decided that we will invite Eric Kelso, our first award recipient, to an upcoming meeting, where we will present his award.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports — Mr. Johnson reported that MSD was contacted and agreed to take care of the flooding issues between the properties at 4322 and 4320 Gardiner Lane.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mr. Bourke reported that Major Rivera introduced himself at the April meeting. The next meeting will be held on May 11.

Code Enforcement — Mayor Chesser was contacted by George Stewart, owner of Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation, LLC, a company that provides code enforcement services for a number of the small cities in Jefferson County. Mayor Chesser has asked Mrs. Welsh and Ms. Ewan to contact some of the cities with which Mr. Stewart works and get their feedback. Based on that feedback, Mayor Chesser will invite Mr. Stewart to our June meeting.

General Updates Provided by the Mayor —

- *Welcome Baskets*: Baskets have been delivered to six new families in Watterson Park.
- *Bellarmine Property on Newburg Road*: Mayor Chesser received an email from Jeff Dean, Assistant Vice President – Facilities Management at Bellarmine. They are starting a club football team and will practice but not play games on the soccer field behind the Watterson Medical Center. There are currently no plans for any construction on that property.

- *4420 Bishop Lane (Former Dean Milk Property)*: Cindi Sullivan, Geoff Wohl, and Mayor Chesser will be meeting on May 25 to discuss the tree plantings on Bishop Lane. Also, Ms. Sullivan said the sustainability team at Premier Packaging want to meet with us to talk about a possible tree planting project/adoption of Produce Road. Mayor Chesser will find out details and present to the Council for approval of any expenditures. Ms. Garrett said Mayor Chesser needs to mention at this meeting possible issues with views being blocked by trees and with maintenance of the median.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Becky Ewan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:31 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 _____.

Linda Chesser, Mayor

Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken by Marlene Welsh and transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.