

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

December 9, 2015

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Scott Frisch, Gina Garrett, Mary Ann Liebert and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorneys Wade Hendricks and Mary Garris. Also present were Linda Chesser; Steve Fortwengler; and Willa Evans from Stoll, Keenon & Ogden.

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

Call to Order — Helen Arnold, being the most senior member of the Council, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mayoral Vacancy — Mrs. Arnold said that the first order of business was to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mayor Norman Liebert and opened the matter for discussion. Ms. Garrett nominated Linda Chesser to fill the position; all Council members concurred. Ms. Garrett made a motion to appoint Linda Chesser to serve as Mayor of Watterson Park for the remainder of Mr. Liebert's term; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

Mrs. Chesser addressed the council, stating that she was honored and humbled to be appointed to the position. She noted that Mayor Norman Liebert's shoes would be hard to fill, as he did so much for our City during his 34 years as mayor. She would like to continue to promote our city and asked for everyone's help in that endeavor.

Willa Evans performed the swearing-in ceremony, after which Mrs. Chesser assumed the role of Mayor at the meeting.

Council Vacancy — Mayor Chesser announced that there is a vacancy on the City Council resulting from her resignation and opened the matter for discussion. Mrs. Welsh nominated Steve Fortwengler, a resident from Larkmoor Lane. Ms. Garrett noted that Mr. Fortwengler has been regularly attending our meetings, where he has offered valuable input. Council members agreed that Mr. Fortwengler would be an asset to our Council. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to appoint Steve Fortwengler to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Chesser; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (5-0). Willa Evans performed the swearing-in ceremony, after which Mr. Fortwengler took a seat with the Council.

Councilman Patrick Mulvihill, District 10 — Councilman Patrick Mulvihill along with his aide, Geoff Wohl, were present. Mr. Mulvihill addressed the Council, thanking us for allowing him to attend the meeting and to speak with us. He wants to partner with us whenever possible. Among his upcoming projects he will be putting in garbage cans on Gardiner Lane for pedestrian use. Mayor Chesser called to his attention a house in the Champions Trace area that has been abandoned and is boarded up. Mr. Mulvihill will work together with Metro Police and Mayor Chesser to see what can be done about it. He and Mr. Wohl left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Willa Evans left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes — A motion was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Mrs. Welsh to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2015, legislative meeting as received. All present voted yes (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Frisch and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015, special meeting as received. Vote was 5-0, with Mr. Fortwengler abstaining.

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of November in the amount of \$260,170.50 with expenditures in the amount of \$15,925.44, giving a surplus in the amount of \$244,245.06. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report as read; seconded by Mr. Frisch. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

STOP Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that this project is still in the works. We are still waiting for approval from AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials).

School Clusters — Mayor Chesser reported that there is no update at this time. She will be meeting with Lisa Willner sometime in January.

Verst Property — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Matt Hartlage. He said that he had spoken with Paula Brown, the resident on Regina Lane who complained about the idling trucks. He asked Ms. Brown to call him whenever she notices a truck idling on the Verst property.

Complaint — Mrs. Liebert mentioned that there is a resident who parks at the circle on Regina, making it difficult for trucks to turn around. Many times, when trucks cannot turn around safely, they sit on the street with their engines idling. It also makes it difficult for sanitation and delivery trucks to maneuver the circle. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of installing “No Parking” signs at the circle and of assessing fines for infractions. Mayor Chesser will call Saf-Ti-Co to get a price from them. Ms. Garrett suggested that we send letters to the affected residents to let them know. Mayor Chesser will contact Metro Police to see if we can legally put the signs up and if Metro Police will enforce them. She will also check to see if we can issue a fine for infractions. We will further discuss the matter at the next Council meeting.

Kentucky League of Cities Dinner — Mayor Chesser reported that those who attended the recent League of Cities dinner really enjoyed the dinner and the speaker, Scotty Davenport. Mayor Chesser would like to see us continue attending this dinner each year, as it is a wonderful opportunity to network with other cities.

City-Sponsored Trip/Tree Program — Ms. Garrett and Mrs. Welsh have nothing to report at this time. Mrs. Welsh would like to talk with residents to see if they have any suggestions for where we could go. Attorney Hendricks said that we have the funds available in our budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal — Ms. Garrett asked if we have a contract for snow removal. Mayor Chesser said that Mr. Liebert had already signed a contract with Countywide Lawn and Landscaping for this season. Mr. Wild asked that Countywide mail the invoice for services to him in care of our P.O. box. He will then scan and email the invoices to Mayor Chesser for approval.

Assistance for the Treasurer — Mr. Frisch said that he feels Mr. Wild needs some assistance throughout the year, especially when tax bills are billed and paid. He and Mrs. Welsh agreed to help him in any way they can. Mr. Wild said that the bank offers a service whereby they will receive the tax payments, process them, and send a list to Mr. Wild. This would help ease the load during tax season. Mr. Wild will get the specifics and report back to us.

Lab Corps Property — Mayor Chesser reported that the Lab Corps property at 4500 Conaem Drive is in the process of being sold. She contacted Tim Brown at Hoagland to get more details. He said it appears that it is sold but couldn't disclose who the buyer is. Mayor Chesser again mentioned to Mr. Brown the possibility of changing the address to Stober Road so that traffic on Conaem Drive could be kept to a minimum. In April 2014, she spoke with Mr. Ron Reynolds, GIS with Emergency Management Agency—Metro Safe, regarding the process for changing the address from 4500 Conaem Drive to a Stober Road address. Mr. Reynolds emailed the process to Mayor Chesser and she forwarded it to Tim Brown at Hoagland. Since the property has been sold, she followed up with Mr. Brown requesting that he pass this information along to the new owner as the new owner has to approve the change. Metro does not charge for this service.

Assistance — Members of the Council told Mayor Chesser that they will be glad to help her in any way they can. If there are any projects that they can take over, they are willing and able to do so.

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Illegal Signs — Mayor Chesser asked Council members to remove illegal signs from the rights-of-way whenever they see them.

Phones — Mr. Wild asked what has been done about transferring the phones from Norman Liebert's residence. Mayor Chesser reported that the City purchased a mobile phone for her, using the City's 458-7613 number. She is able to receive emails as well as texts on this phone. She said she will use her landline phone at home to receive faxes. Mr. Frisch will help her set this up. Mr. Frisch has a friend who can come to Mayor Chesser's home to set up and sync various accounts and equipment, if needed. Mr. Liebert will take over the contract on the mobile phone that was supplied to him by the City.

Email Address — Mayor Chesser reported that she has secured a new email address, mayor.wattersonparkky@gmail.com.

Equipment — Mr. Liebert has a copier as well as a camera that were purchased with City funds. Council members, the clerk and the treasurer don't have any need for them. Attorney Hendricks said that we can declare them as surplus. He suggested that we determine a value for the copier and let Norman Liebert purchase it from the City if he would like to. We can decide what to do with the camera, possibly donate it. We will cancel the lease for the answering machine service at Mr. Liebert's house.

Signatures — In order to start signing City checks, Mayor Chesser will go to the bank to get her signature on file and will also check into getting bonded.

Contracts — Mayor Chesser reported that she recently met with Mr. Liebert at length. He went over the various City contracts, due dates, contacts, etc.


Credit Card — Mayor Chesser reported that Mr. Liebert turned over to her a City credit card. She will need to secure a City credit card for her use. She will check to find out the best deal.

Sam's Club membership — Mayor Chesser will check with Sam's Club to see how to remove Mr. Liebert as a member under our plan.

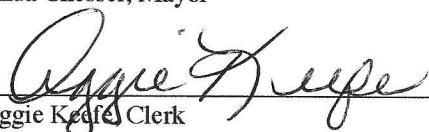
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:43 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 1-13-16.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe