

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

December 14, 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 Willa Evans from Stoll, Keenon and Ogden.

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

CITY OFFICIALS OATH OF OFFICE

Willa Evans performed the swearing-in of the six Council members and the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Arnold gave second reading in full to Ordinance No. 236, Series 2016, changing the meeting day of our monthly legislative meeting to the second Monday of each month. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

Willa Evans left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of November 2016 in the amount of \$87,731.59 with expenditures in the amount of \$19,903.20, giving a surplus of \$67,828.39. Mr. Wild explained that the advertising expense was for the publication of the tax ordinances. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh said there is nothing new to report on this issue.

Investments — Mayor Chesser reported that Mr. Treitz determined that we can invest with Hilliard Lyons, but we are limited to certain types of investments. Mr. Wild said that Sean Miranda will get with John and himself to begin the investment process.

Delinquent Taxes — Mr. Wild reported that we had a returned check, for which we were charged a service fee by the bank. We will pass that charge along to the property owner who wrote the returned check.

City P.O. Box — Our old P.O. Box number is on all of our business cards. Since that P.O. Box number is to be used for tax bills only, Mrs. Keefe will order revised business cards for both Mayor Chesser and Mr. Wild, since they use their business cards often. Council members will continue to use their current cards.

Street Signs/Stop Signs Project — Mayor Chesser reported that this project has been completed.

Bellarmino University — Mayor Chesser reported that Bellarmino University has started removing brush, trees, etc., on the property at the rear of the church on Newburg Road.

Nextdoor — Mrs. Woodson reported that she posted on Nextdoor that Santa will be riding around our residential streets in a fire truck, which will be provided by the Camp Taylor Fire Department.

Lillian Wild Walking Path — Mrs. Woodson reported that two concrete benches have been installed. Mayor Chesser is checking into a suitable trash receptacle to be installed on the property. Mrs. Woodson mentioned that there is another location on the walking path that could use a bench, but it will be a project for the spring of 2017.

Welcome Gift — Mrs. Woodson reported the City purchased a fruit box from Paul's and delivered it to the new family who moved in on Annshire Avenue. We will be delivering a fruit box to the new family who moved into a home on Conaem Drive.

Jefferson County League of Cities Annual Dinner — Mayor Chesser reported that this is the first time our City had donated something for the raffle at the annual dinner, and the two specialty baskets we donated were a big success and provided name recognition for our City.

Verst Property — Mayor Chesser reported that she contacted Matt Hartlage, who helps with issues involving the Verst Property. Mr. Hartlage knows the Verst owners and has assisted us in the past. She asked him about the unsightly brush behind their privacy fence. He was going to talk to the Verst owners and get back with Mayor Chesser, which he never did. Mayor Chesser approached Brandon Vincent from County Wide to get an estimate, but he cleaned it up for us at no charge.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that she is currently working on the winter newsletter. She received an article about the benefits of sleep from Jackie Bourke, a new resident from Milldaun Road. Council suggested that we include articles on the April trash pick-up; the sanitation, recycling, and composting schedule; a thank-you to residents for voting; a teaser about the spring 2017 trip to Indianapolis Zoo, which Council agreed would be our spring destination; new charges from Charter Communications; the new benches on the walking path; and snow and ice preparedness. Mrs. Douglas would like to include pictures and names of all of the Council persons, as well as contact information. The newsletter will go out sometime in January.

City Promotional Products — Mrs. Woodson provided several suggestions for promotional products, which included ink pens, ice scrapers, mouse pads, post-it notes, note pads, and chip clips. Council liked the idea of supplying note pads with post-it notes along with an ink pen. We would put our City name as well as our seal on the promotional products. Mrs. Woodson will check further and obtain a cost.

Jerry Wild left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Committees — Members and officers of the Council will take over the following ongoing issues:

- Helen Arnold — *MSD; street lights; pest control/Terminix*
- Lanette Douglas and Gina Garrett — *Lawn maintenance; tree work; Forestry; Tree City USA; Arbor Day*
- Steve Fortwengler and Linda Chesser — *Road work (includes bids); signs; potholes; speed humps*
- Marlene Welsh and Tiffany Woodson — *Events (spring trip; Operation Brightside clean-ups; yard sale)*
- Linda Chesser — *Property Issues (maintenance; parking violations; illegal signs; tall grass and weeds)*
- Tiffany Woodson and Linda Chesser — *Business liaisons*
- Jerry Wild — *Finance (budget; audit; tax bills)*

Ms. Garrett suggested that we use the next few meetings to establish the names of the various committees as well as the scope of responsibilities for each. Mrs. Keefe suggested that we include this information in an upcoming newsletter and post it on our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiber Optic Cable Vaults — Mayor Chesser reported that a fiber optic cable vault on Regina Avenue had a sinkhole next to it, as the ground had settled since installation. She made numerous calls trying to determine who owns the vault. A Level 3 installer checked it out and identified it as TWC fiber optic cables. She spoke with Dave Campbell with Lewen Line Construction, who does the fiber optic installations for TWC; he will be our contact going forward. If it is not a TWC vault, they will identify it and let her know whom she needs to contact.

LMPD 6th Division Update — Mayor Chesser was unable to attend the December 13 meeting, so she asked Debbie McKnight with Breckenridge Estates to bring up the issue of the abandoned car on Regina Avenue. Mayor Chesser followed up with an email to Officers McElroy and Phillips, who agreed to address the issue. The car has since been removed.

Jennings Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that Jennings Lane between Indian Trail and Produce Road has become a dumping site. Metro agreed to do a large item pick-up to clear out the couches, mattresses, etc. Since there are no street lights to deter dumping on this site, Mayor Chesser met with Mike Gray at LG&E and he agreed to send her an estimate for installing street lights. The posts are already there, and we would be leasing the lights. Council agreed that this needs to be done.

"Center Lane Turn Only" Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that Metro replaced the damaged signs on Gardiner Lane.

Charter Communications — Mayor Chesser passed out a copy of a letter she received from Charter Communications indicating that there will be rate and fee adjustments beginning sometime in January.

Contract for Snow Removal — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a bid from County Wide Lawn and Landscaping for snow removal, and it was the same cost as last season. Mayor Chesser will ask County Wide to make a wider path on Larkmoor Lane and to slow down. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to accept the bid; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

Center for Neighborhoods Membership — Mrs. Woodson would like for us to join this group; membership is \$50 per year and runs January through December. If there is an event going on in our City, they will advertise the event. They will post information about our meeting dates. Council agreed. Mrs. Woodson will fill out the application on line and Mayor Chesser will mail them a check for dues.

City Boundaries — Mayor Chesser suggested that Council members become more familiar with our City boundaries by driving the City streets.

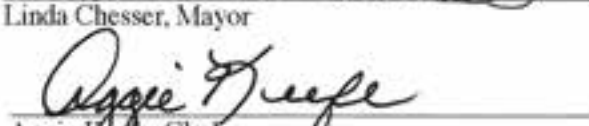
Website Statistics — Mrs. Keefe brought a printout of our City website stats for the past 12 months.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:08 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 1-9-17


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.