

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

February 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Lawn Maintenance — Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn and Landscaping was present to answer any questions regarding his proposals for tree maintenance and lawn maintenance for 2017. Ms. Garrett read his bid for mowing City property. He proposes 34 mows at a cost of \$250 per mow, for a total of \$8,500. Mr. Vincent explained that there will not be a fuel surcharge, as this cost is already built into the bid. After discussion, Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the bid submitted by County Wide Lawn and Landscaping in the amount of \$8,500; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

Tree Maintenance — Mrs. Douglas read a bid submitted by County Wide Lawn and Landscaping to mulch trees, trim trees and shrubs, and spray landscape beds around trees for \$13,721, plus spray curbs on several City streets for \$1,120, for a total of \$15,291. Mr. Vincent explained that he will spray the curbs on Gardiner Lane, Bishop Lane, Produce Road, Champions Trace, and Bunton Road. In addition, there will be a charge of \$125 per service to water plants as needed. Mrs. Douglas made a motion to approve the bid as submitted; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

Stober Road — County Wide Lawn & Landscaping provided bids to clean up the easement area on Stober Road behind the Verst property. This project involves removing 35 stumps, grading the area, cleaning the ditch, and placing oversize river gravel in the ditch, and smaller river gravel at the edge of the road. Supac soil stabilizing material will be placed under the rock. The total for the job is \$4,255. Ms. Garrett suggested that we take pictures of the area before we do any repairs. After discussion, Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to accept the bid as submitted; seconded by Mrs. Douglas. All present voted yes (5-0). Mr. Vincent said they will be able to start this job right away.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of January 2017 in the amount of \$84,857.67 with expenditures in the amount of \$18,547.28, giving a surplus of \$66,310.39. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — The Department of Codes & Regulations sent a notice to the owners of the J.J. Carter property telling them that they are in violation and that they must repair the fence by March 1, 2017. We are not certain if it was sent to the correct address. Mrs. Welsh is concerned that the fence poses a safety hazard.

Delinquent Taxes — Mr. Wild reported that our attorney sent out 14 liens for delinquent taxes totalling \$5,174.42. The letters to offending residents did not include interest and filing fees. Council agreed that we would not send out additional letters asking for interest and fees. However, we will include those costs in any future tax liens.

NEW BUSINESS

Chefs Way — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of a bid in the amount of \$3,900, plus \$575 for time and materials from BTM Engineering to do a topographic survey of Chefs Way to determine where our City boundaries are. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mrs. Woodson. All present voted yes (5-0).

Off-Duty Police Officers — In an effort to counter the recent escalation of crimes in our City, Mrs. Woodson obtained a quote of \$40 to \$45 per hour from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement to provide security services utilizing off-duty Metro Police officers. It has been determined that the recent opioid epidemic is contributing to more break-ins, and Watterson Park has had increasing numbers of car break-ins and thefts over the last several months. Ms. Garrett suggested that if we pay for this service, Metro Police might stop patrolling our area. Attorney Garris said that Attorney Treitz is concerned about possibility City liability. We will discuss further at a future meeting.

Mary Garris left the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Jennings Lane Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that LG&E started installing the light fixtures and discovered there is not a transformer in this area. They informed Mayor Chesser that it would be our responsibility to install one; the cost is \$403. Attorney Treitz inserted a clause on liability in the contract, and LG&E is reviewing the amended contract. Once the contract is approved by both LG&E and Watterson Park, the work on the project will move forward.

Committees — Mayor Chesser said she is really pleased that Watterson Park has established committees and she is confident everyone will work well together to move our City forward.

JCPS — Mayor Chesser reported that she emailed Dr. Dossett and Ms. Dempsey with JCPS to follow up on our request to change the resides middle school for our students. She also mentioned two students in our City who will be attending middle school in the fall of 2017 and the concern the parents have expressed if they are not accepted at the school they chose. Ms. Dempsey instructed Mayor Chesser to let her know if the two families do not hear anything from JCTMS in the next few weeks and she will contact the school directly.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that she wasn't pleased with the quality of the recent newsletter and she will bring it to the attention of United Mail before our spring newsletter is printed. She also suggested that in addition to information on our upcoming trip to Indianapolis Zoo and the Operation Brightside spring clean-up, we include information on crime prevention. The next newsletter will be printed in late March.

City Promotional Products — Mrs. Woodson passed around samples of writing pens and pads. She will continue to obtain pricing on both and will contact Vistaprint to get costs from them.

Business Meet and Greets — Mrs. Woodson reported that she, Mrs. Welsh, and Mayor Chesser toured Sullivan on February 3 and were impressed with the facility. A tour of United Mail is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on March 24. She is also checking into a tour of the Budweiser distribution facility.

Trip to Indianapolis Zoo — Mrs. Welsh obtained the following costs for our spring trip to Indianapolis Zoo: Charter Bus, Miller Transportation—\$1,150; Admission—\$690 (approximately); Box Lunches—\$825. The total cost would be approximately \$2,665. Included will be a free dolphin presentation. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 for the trip; seconded by Mrs. Douglas. All present voted yes (5-0). Mrs. Keefe will put information about the trip along with a reply form in our spring newsletter.

New Residents — Mrs. Welsh and Mr. Fortwengler delivered a welcome fruit box to new residents on Newburg Road.

NEW BUSINESS

JCPS Sign — Mrs. Woodson reported that JCPS has constructed a new sign behind our signature entrance at the corner of Newburg Road and Bishop Lane.

Operation Brightside — Mrs. Woodson reported that the annual spring clean-up will be held on April 15 and encouraged all Council members and officers to attend. She will submit an article regarding the clean-up to Mrs. Keefe for inclusion in our spring newsletter.

Bunton Road — Mayor Chesser reported that there was some work done involving the utility pole at the corner of Poplar Level Road and Bunton Road. The workers dug up a 4 ft. x 4 ft. section of pavement at this location. The blacktop was compacted, but the road has not been re-paved. Since this pole is an AT&T pole, Mayor Chesser contacted Jan Davenport with AT&T and was told that someone there would check into it and let Mayor Chesser know if it was an AT&T project.

Republic Services — Mayor Chesser received a phone call from Mike Patterson with Republic Services reporting that this past Friday their driver was unable to make the turnaround at the end of Larkmoor Lane and had to back up the street, as there was a car parked on the apron they use to turn around. Several years ago, Watterson Park poured an extra-heavy concrete apron at the home at 1701 Larkmoor for the purpose of enabling sanitation trucks to make the turn. However, Mrs. Welsh said the drivers have been backing up the street since a previous homeowner put some boulders on each side of the apron. Mr. Wild is tracking the invoice to see when this work was done and we may need to talk to the current homeowner about the situation. Mayor Chesser, Mr. Wild and Attorney Treitz will do some further research.

Alley Cats — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a letter from Alley Cats indicating they had received a \$86,000 grant from PetSmart Charities that enables them to provide no-cost spay/neuter services for unwanted community cats in certain Jefferson County zip codes. One of those zip codes is 40213. This support will help reduce euthanasia of cats in local shelters. Mayor Chesser made copies of the letter and handed them out to several residents who feed stray cats.

New Developments — Mayor Chesser reported that two developments are going up in our neighborhood. Mason Dixon Business Park (not located in Watterson Park) will be built at the corner of Mason Dixon Lane and Poplar Level Road; a neighborhood meeting was held on February 8 regarding a rezoning from R4 residential to M2 industrial. A meeting regarding a warehouse/storage facility proposed for 4819 Poplar Level Road, which is in Watterson Park, will be held on February 22; Mayor Chesser plans to attend.

Welcome Signs — Mayor Chesser will contact Saf-Ti-Co to come up with a design and cost for new “Welcome to Watterson Park” boundary signs.

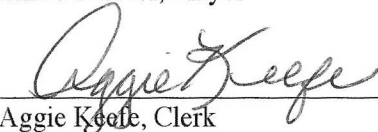
ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. 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 3-13-17.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.