

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

January 13, 2020

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe.

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

OFF-DUTY POLICE PATROL

Sheriff Trevor Towe was present to address concerns and answer any questions we might have. Sheriff Towe explained that in addition to patrolling residential streets, he checks businesses for trespassing and checks suspicious persons. Mayor Chesser reported that she sent John Aubrey a list of streets that are off the beaten path that she would like to have our patrolling officers check. Sheriff Towe was aware of these additional streets. Sheriff Towe left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the most recent Monthly Shift Postings and the Small City Activity Sheet.

MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$23,280.07 with expenditures in the amount of \$44,700.39, leaving a deficit of \$21,420.32. Mr. Wild clarified that the \$16,245.69 under Property Tax Process was for printing tax bills. A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Newburg Road Sidewalk Project — Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from Steve Kurowsky indicating a Notice to Proceed for the Newburg Road sidewalk project and assigning the project a P.O. number. The email noted the following: (1) The schedule outlines that the final concept plan/report should be ready by April 1, 2020; (2) HDR (the engineering firm with which Metro government works) will develop at least two alternative new sidewalk concepts and present to Metro; and (3) Metro will direct HDR, which is the preferred alternative. Attorney Treitz and Mayor Chesser discussed the Notice to Proceed and agreed that since Watterson Park is paying more than any other local unit of government, we need to be in agreement on the design. She discussed the notice with Steve Kurowsky, and he said this is in the early stages and that nothing has been officially approved. They want to have two designs, one of which will avoid any water lines, as this could significantly increase the cost of the project. At this time, they are using the funds approved by Councilman Mulvihill. Once the plans are finalized, Mr. Kurowsky and an engineer from HDR will present them to the Council.

Off-Duty Patrol Schedule — At the December meeting, for which Mayor Chesser was absent, it was brought up that the off-duty patrol schedules are set two months in advance, and that the Council should hold off on approving the rate increase until February or March. Since this is not what Mayor Chesser noticed when she has checked the schedules in the past, she contacted John Aubrey to clarify. He notified her that the schedule is posted and filled monthly and that it usually doesn't completely fill until late in the month before. At times, there are still open patrol times at the end of the month. Per the Council's vote, the rate increase was approved at the December meeting effective January 1, 2020.

Crime Reports — Ms. Woodson contacted Geoff Wohl to request that they include crime reports for District 10 in Councilman Pat Mulvihill's monthly newsletter. She has signed up for the e-newsletter and is now able to monitor crime reports in District 10.

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser reported that we have received a copy of the letter that Joe Exley, Project DRI Program Administrator, sent to Norfolk Southern Corporation on October 16, 2019. In the letter, Mr. Exley stated that after a field inspection of Stober Road, the drainage swale along the south side of Stober Road and between 3301 and 3400 Stober Road within Norfolk Southern's property needs to be cleaned, cleared and positive grade needs to be provided. Brandon Jones, with BTM, will continue to monitor the progress. Typically a business has 30 days to respond before MSD involves their legal team. We have not received an update from Mr. Exley.

Planting and Labeling Trees on Lillian Wild Walking Path —

Mayor Chesser noted that she was puzzled with Mrs. Woodson's comments at the December 2019 meeting where she spoke out against Cindi Sullivan's plans for planting trees, since it was agreed upon at the November meeting that Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Welsh, and Ms. Woodson were to look at the flag locations and report back to Mayor Chesser with their approval or suggestions. Ms. Woodson had a number of questions, all of which were answered by Mrs. Sullivan. Ms. Woodson stated in an e-mail to Mayor Chesser dated November 14, 2019, that the plan looked good, that her questions had been answered, and that she was fine with moving forward with the plantings. Since Ms. Woodson is the person who initially requested more trees on the walking path, it was unclear why she spoke out so strongly against the plan. Ms. Woodson responded that she still has concerns that there are too many trees planted in one section of the property, and that time will tell if there are any issues as a result.

Regarding labeling trees, Mayor Chesser reported that Cindi Sullivan suggested using engraved bricks, at a cost of approximately \$20 each. Council would like to have other options, so Mayor Chesser will invite Ms. Sullivan to attend an upcoming meeting and bring samples of bricks as well as plaques for the Council to review. Ms. Sullivan can also address any questions or concerns regarding the recent tree plantings.

LG&E Gas Line Replacement Project — Mayor Chesser reported that Tom Murphy, LG&E Project Leader, contacted her to give an update on the gas line project. They will be making the final cut out and will be removing the old system located on Gardiner Lane (by the Demolay property). Paving of the roadways will be in the spring. They will pave only those areas that are affected by the cut-outs.

R&R Limousine Service New Facility — Mayor Chesser reported that she e-mailed Carey and Eddie Fieldhouse, the owners of Pegasus, formerly R&R Limo. Mrs. Fieldhouse was excited about their upcoming move to the Poplar Level Road location. They are going to be out of town for our January and February City meetings, but they would like to attend our March meeting to answer any questions we might have. They will be in the new building in early March.

Icee Property, 1200 Hodel Road — Mayor Chesser reported that the new owner of the property at 1200 Hodel Road, formerly Icee Corporation, is Schnell Properties. Advanced Sports Training will occupy the building. They currently focus on softball and baseball training but hope to expand in the future. Mike Schnell is the owner; Jalen Spalding is the manager of the facility. Mayor Chesser has invited them to attend a City meeting when convenient for them. In addition, she will send Aggie's contact information to Jason so their business can be featured on the City website.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Chesser Addresses Council — Mayor Chesser told Council that she is proud of the integrity of our Council members and how everyone works well together for the benefit of Watterson Park. She noted that Attorney Treitz's father, John Treitz, Sr., recently passed away. She reminded Council that the Mr. Treitz Sr. was instrumental in the establishment of our City 39 years ago. She also noted that initial City organizational meetings were held at Mrs. Arnold's home, and that Mrs. Arnold came up with the name for our City. Mayor Chesser said she is looking forward to 2020.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser will be attending this meeting on January 14 and asked Council members to let her know if they have anything to be brought up at this meeting.

Trees, Brush, Tree Stumps, and Gutters —

Mayor Chesser received an estimate in the amount of \$950 from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping to dig debris out of curbs on Hodel Road and Champions Trace. The estimate includes labor for a two-man crew along with a \$50 dumping fee. Council will address this at a future date.

Mr. Johnson complained about the brush behind the new Icee facility, from the guard rail up to the Poplar Level Road overpass. Two years ago, County Wide Lawn & Landscaping gave Mayor Chesser a quote of approximately \$2,000 to clean and trim back this area and to grind out tree stumps. Mayor Chesser will ask for an updated bid from County Wide.

Mayor Chesser will send an email to Bob Zimlich asking him to tidy up the Bellarmine University property on Champions Trace.

Mayor Chesser received an estimate in the amount of \$2,550 from County Wide to remove nine birch trees and stumps along Produce Road, ten small stumps at the corner of Newburg Road and Champions Trace, and eight small stumps at the end of Larkmoor Lane along the fence line at the end of the street. They will haul away any debris. Ms. Woodson suggested that they cut and chemically treat the stumps on Produce Road instead of grinding them out. Mayor Chesser will check with Brandon Vincent to get his input and will report back at the February meeting.

Sign Violations — Mr. Johnson reported that he removed signs at the corner of Bishop Lane and Gardiner Lane. They were placed there by a document shredding company located in Watterson Park. Afterward, the owner contacted Mr. Johnson to find out if we had an ordinance prohibiting signs on the rights of way. Mr. Johnson contacted Mayor Chesser, who provided him with the governing ordinances for Watterson Park and Metro Louisville and informed the company representative.

Property Violations — Mayor Chesser reported that she has been handling several property violations, sending letters to the property owners and notifying Metro as well.

City Trip — Mrs. Welsh asked if Council is interested in having a trip for residents this year. She reported that Bernheim Forest has stated that with the forest giants exhibit, they are still too busy to accommodate tours. She will contact Kentucky Down Under to get information on their park.

Street Signs — Ms. Woodson reported that we need street signs on Champions Trace at Bishop Lane. Council discussed the need for installing new signs in other areas as well as replacing several signs throughout the City. Mayor Chesser would like to discuss this further in March.

2020 Census — Ms. Woodson would like to include in-depth information regarding the Census in our next newsletter as well as on our website. We need to explain to our residents the impact the Census results have on us. She will send an article regarding the Census to Mrs. Keefe for inclusion both in our newsletter and on our website.

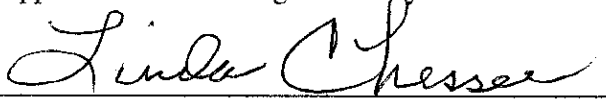
Sanitation Contract — Mayor Chesser mentioned that we will begin work on bid specs for sanitation services. We will check to see if we are legally obligated to provide services to the Bluegrass Mobile Home Park. Mrs. Keefe gave Mayor Chesser a copy of our previous specs for review and revisions. Mayor Chesser will address this with Attorney Treitz.

ADJOURNMENT

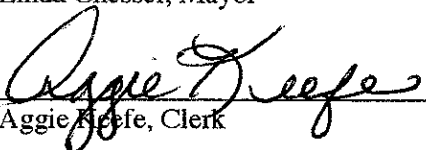
Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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 2-10-2020



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.