

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
via Zoom Video Conferencing

July 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Address from Mayor — Regarding our meeting: *“The notification process is the same as for a special meeting. Watterson Park is conforming with the new law and the meeting will be a regular meeting. The process is transparent; the public can see and hear; and any votes will be taken by roll call. We are no longer asking you to mute yourself but please be mindful of background noise. All Zoom meetings are being recorded and will be kept on permanent file. If you have any technical difficulties, please send a text to my phone 502.458.7613 and I will let Aggie know. Please do not call. I hope everyone is healthy and continues to practice social distancing.”*

Roll Call — Roll was called by the Clerk. Present via Zoom video conferencing were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Paving Projects — At the meeting was Brandon Jones from BTM Engineering, who presented plans for resurfacing projects on Stober Road, Hodel Road, and Colonel Sanders Lane as follows:

- On Stober Road, the plan is to put 130 linear feet of guardrail to extend it past Watterson Park Road. They will mill 1-1/2 inches of the surface and then resurface with 1-1/2 inches. There are no utilities to be modified. One portion has significant damage, which could indicate drainage issues. To do anything more in that area would require having a survey. They are also proposing extending an existing curb at a cost of approximately \$4,000 for the ditch side to help the integrity of the asphalt over its life. The estimated cost is \$23,620; without the curb, the cost would be just under \$20,000. Mr. Jones said he would be happy to meet with anyone at the site to do a site visit.
- On Hodel Road, they would mill 1-1/2 inches of the surface and put a tack coat on the old asphalt before resurfacing. We won't need to adjust water valves. The cost estimate is \$16,416.
- On Colonel Sanders Lane, they propose milling 1-1/2 inches of surface and replacing it with 1-1/2 inches to bring it to the same elevation. Storm catch basins won't be affected. Pavement will need to be re-stripped. The estimate is \$43,285 due to length, larger width, and striping.

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to proceed with the projects, authorizing BTM to prepare the specs for advertising for bids and to issue the notice for public bids. Seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Attorney Treitz asked Mr. Jones to obtain bids for Stober Road both with and without the curbing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of June 2020 in the amount of \$14,014.54 with expenditures in the amount of \$32,834.69, giving a deficit of \$18,820.15. Attorney Treitz commented that this is our year-end report, and it shows a sizable increase in the overall resources, as we have had the past several years. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the report as read; seconded by Ms. Woodson. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser emailed to Council members a short video and pictures of the June 27 flooding on Stober Road. Attorney Treitz reported that he reached out to Derek Sublette with Norfolk Southern and Joe Exley with MSD regarding the latest flood event and the fact that we would like to schedule a phone conference with the two of them. The call should take place in mid-July. Both the YUM! Center property and Precision Collision experienced damage from the flooding. Based on the logistics of the flooding, Attorney Treitz thinks this might be more of an MSD problem than a railroad problem. Mr. Jones said they would need to work with MSD to do an analysis, which is one of the reasons he wants MSD to clear out the ditch so the actual dimensions of the ditch can be seen. Attorney Treitz said that we are going to force the issue to get it resolved. As soon as Mayor Chesser gets the list of expenses for damages from the affected businesses, she will forward that info to Attorney Treitz.

Brandon Jones left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Financial Disclosure Statements — Mayor Chesser said that the only form we are missing is that of Brett Ashley. Mr. Ashley said he mailed it last week but will deliver a copy to Mayor Chesser today or tomorrow.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings/Activities Report — Mayor Chesser reported that she emailed the most recent Monthly Shift Postings and the May and June Activities Reports to all Council members, except for Ms. Garrett, to whom she mailed a hard copy. Regarding the speed alert sign for Gardiner Lane, Mayor Chesser reported that Councilman Mulvihill designated funds specifically for this in their budget and hopes to have it installed sometime this summer.

Street Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that following the June 8 meeting, she notified Andrew Freibert that the Council approved the expenditure for the additional signs. The signs should be installed within the next few weeks.

Labeling Trees on Walking Path — Mayor Chesser reported that the bricks for labeling the trees have arrived. Mayor Chesser will meet at the walking path the morning of July 15 with Brandon Vincent and Cindi Sullivan to start placing the bricks.

2020 Census — Mayor Chesser reported that at the June meeting, a question was asked about Watterson Park’s response to the 2010 Census. She researched and found that Watterson Park had 976 residents reported in the 2010 Census. She isn’t sure what the 2010 response rate was since that information was decommissioned on April 30, 2018. Ms. Woodson reported that she has not been in contact with her friend who works at the Census Bureau to discuss getting some promo products. Mayor Chesser asked Council members to encourage their neighbors to participate in the Census.

COVID-19 Update — Mayor Chesser reported that personal protective equipment (PPE) has been purchased for when we are able to conduct our City meetings in person.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Due to COVID-19, there will not be an Advisory Board meeting in July.

On June 23, Major Michael Bogan sent an email to the LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board announcing his retirement. Mayor Chesser said she is glad she had the opportunity to work with Major Bogan and for the support he provided in addressing issues in the Sixth Division.

Mayor Chesser read the notice of retirement that Major Bogan sent out. She reported that Lt. Corey Robinson began serving as acting Major on June 29 and will serve in that capacity until further notice.

Damaged Tree — Mrs. Arnold reported that a large pine tree on the Demolay property behind her house was struck by lightning, leaving three huge holes in the tree. She’s concerned about safety as well as damage to her property if the tree falls. She spoke with Mr. Black from the Demolay who said they will get Bob Ray to check the tree and determine what needs to be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:04 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 and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.