

**CITY OF WATTERSON PARK**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
via Zoom Video Conferencing  
**September 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

**SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS**

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**Tax Ordinances** — Mrs. Arnold gave second reading by title and summary prepared by counsel to Ordinance No. 254, Series 2020, an ordinance on real property ad valorem taxation, levying a tax of 7.1¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Arnold gave second reading by title and summary prepared by counsel to Ordinance No. 255, Series 2020, an ordinance on tangible personal property ad valorem taxation, levying a tax of 6.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation; seconded by Ms. Garrett. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Arnold gave second reading by title and summary prepared by counsel to Ordinance No. 256, Series 2020, an ordinance on motor vehicles and watercraft ad valorem taxation, levying a tax of 7.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation; seconded by Mr. Johnson. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

**Council Resignations** — Attorney Treitz said that since we recently had two Council resignations, we have an opportunity to appoint two people to fill those positions. Mr. Treitz read Resolution No. 1, Series 2020, a resolution by which the City of Watterson Park, Kentucky, approves notification of filling of the Council seat vacated by Brett Ashley. Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Steve Fortwengler to fill this Council vacancy for the unexpired term; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Attorney Treitz read Resolution No. 2, Series 2020, a resolution by which the City of Watterson Park, Kentucky, approves notification of filling the Council seat vacated by Tiffany Woodson. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to appoint Rebecca Ewan to fill this vacancy for the unexpired term; seconded by Ms. Garrett. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Council and officers congratulated Mr. Fortwengler and Ms. Ewan and welcomed them to the City Council. Mayor Chesser said we will get them sworn in sometime next week.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Mayor's Award** — Attorney Treitz thought it was appropriate to announce an event that occurred in our City this morning and asked Mayor Chesser to give the details. Mayor Chesser reported that she was notified by the office of J.D. Chaney (Executive Director/CEO of Kentucky League of Cities [KLC]) that he, Jeffersontown Mayor Bill Dieruf (President of the KLC), and Douglas Goforth (Deputy Executive Director of KLC) would like to meet with her. They met at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, where Mayor Chesser was presented with a certificate for completion of 60 hours in approved courses through the Kentucky League of Cities. She has now achieved Level II — Excellence in City Governance. Mayor Chesser said she took advantage of the free courses being offered online by the Kentucky League of Cities, and she encouraged Council members and officers to take advantage of them as well. The laws keep changing, and these trainings keep us abreast of those changes. Everyone congratulated her on this accomplishment.

Mayor Chesser reported that the KLC Annual Convention will be held virtually this year. The annual JCLC dinner is scheduled for February 21, 2021, but this date is subject to change.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Helen Arnold, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 6:20 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Linda Chesser, Mayor

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Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.