

**CITY OF WATTERSON PARK
LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

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

August 13, 2018

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the Monthly Shift Postings for August 2018 and the Small City Activity Sheet submitted by Kentuckiana Law Enforcement. Officer Eddie Phillips from KLE was present to address any concerns and answer any questions we might have. Mayor Chesser asked if the off-duty officers could do extra patrol at Poplar Level Road near Pro Tint and also check hidden areas. We have requested the use of a new speed machine. Officer Phillips left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Councilman Brandon Paul — Mayor Chesser reported that Councilman Brandon Paul resigned effective midnight on August 12, 2018, as he will be moving out of the City, which leaves a position that needs to be filled. Attorney Treitz explained that we have only 30 days to replace him. Two potential candidates to fill his position were present: Phil Johnson, a resident from Conaem Drive; and Jay Bourke, a resident from Milldaun. Each candidate told about himself and how he feels he could benefit our City. Ms. Garrett explained that we work hard to spend our funds for the good of our community. Attorney Treitz mentioned that we have reduced the tax rate by almost 50% since our incorporation in 1981. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing Mr. Paul's replacement; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (4-0), with closed session beginning at 7:38 p.m. Everyone except the Council, Mayor, and Attorney Treitz left the meeting. At 7:57 p.m., Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to come out of closed session; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (4-0). Ms. Garrett took notes while in closed session and turned those notes over to Mrs. Keefe. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bourke, Mr. Wild and Mrs. Keefe returned to the meeting.

Attorney Treitz confirmed that there was no decision made during closed session. Ms. Garrett thanked both candidates and encouraged them to become involved in our City's operations regardless of tonight's decision. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2018, electing and appointing Phil Johnson to fill the Council vacancy; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (4-0). The Mayor and Council members thanked Mr. Bourke for his interest, and his willingness to serve, after which he left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised Budget — An ordinance amending Ordinance 237, Series 2017, relating to the adoption of the annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, was discussed, after which Mrs. Welsh submitted the amended budget ordinance to the Council, constituting the first reading of this Ordinance.

Salaries for Clerk and Treasurer – Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to increase the salary for the Treasurer to \$950 per month effective August 13, 2018, per the position classification plan and pay schedule included as Exhibit A with Ordinance No. 243, Series 2018; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (4-0). Mrs. Arnold made a motion to increase the salary of the Clerk to \$800 per month effective August 13, 2018, per the position classification plan and pay schedule included as Exhibit A with Ordinance No. 243, Series 2018; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS

City Paychecks – Mr. Wild reported that effective September 1, 2018, City paychecks will be issued at the end of the month instead of the beginning of the month, so we will be paid in arrears instead of in advance.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (4-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of July 2018 in the amount of \$65,932.00 with expenditures in the amount of \$27,275.72, giving a surplus of \$37,656.28. Ms. Garrett asked for clarification on the coal and mineral grants. Mayor Chesser explained that legal fees included the work on the sanitation contract. Mr. Wild distributed copies of the breakdown of insurance tax payments received for 2017-2018. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Liquor License Application – Mayor Chesser reported that this has been denied on the local level. Mayor Chesser spoke with Councilwoman Barbara Shanklin regarding the status of the liquor license application. The date for the hearing at the State level has not been scheduled.

Boundary Signs – Mayor Chesser reported that Andrew Freibert with Saf-Ti-Co said that emergency MSD sewer jobs have left them scrambling the last six weeks. That job just wrapped up, so they can now get the BUD locate on Thursday, August 16, and the signs should be installed shortly thereafter.

4310 Bishop Lane Development Plan – Mrs. Arnold reported that it will be December or January before plans for this project are submitted to Metro.

Meeting Space Agreement – Mayor Chesser reported that a meeting space agreement was signed by Mr. Shake, President of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau. The rental charge will be \$100 per month. Mr. Shake advised Mayor Chesser that we may use the conference room on the first floor for now. They are planning to purchase new smaller tables for the first-floor conference room and will move the larger tables upstairs for our use.

Labeling Trees – Mayor Chesser sent an email to Cindi Sullivan, a Certified Nurseryman and Arborist, requesting a meeting to discuss future tree plantings and labeling some of our existing trees. She has not yet received a response from Ms. Sullivan.

Newburg Road Sidewalk – Mayor Chesser reported that Chris Thieneman left her a voicemail indicating that it doesn't look like the Newburg Road sidewalk will happen in the near future. Mayor Chesser left Mr. Thieneman a voicemail and is waiting to hear from him so they can discuss it further.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome Baskets – Mrs. Arnold and Mayor Chesser recently delivered three welcome baskets to our new residents: two on Gardiner Lane and one on Regina Avenue.

Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Documents – Mayor Chesser distributed Managing Government Records and The Kentucky Open Records and Meetings Act to Council members, the Treasurer, and the Clerk. Everyone signed the Proof of Receipt form and gave it to Mrs. Keefe, who must keep it on file. Once all signatures have been obtained, Mayor Chesser will sign and return the Certificate of Distribution to the Attorney General's office.

Tree Removal and Maintenance – Mrs. Chesser received a bid from Bob Ray Company in the amount of \$2,620 to remove three trees and stumps and to raise the crown on 16 trees. Since the bid, another tree at the corner of Gardiner Lane and Newburg Road was hit by a car and will need to be removed. Mayor Chesser notified David Hartlage with Bob Ray to see if there would be an additional charge to remove the added tree; she is waiting for his response. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve up to \$3,500 for the above tree work; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (4-0).

Franchise Agreements – Mayor Chesser reported that since Stoll Keenon Ogden represents Charter Communications, Attorney Finn Cato will be handling fiber optic telecommunications network construction projects and franchise agreements for Watterson Park. Mr. Cato also represents several other municipalities. Mrs. Arnold reported that she called Team Fishel to complain about the sinking fiber optic vault in her yard.

Jefferson County Cable Commission – Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Bill Huff, Executive Director of Jefferson County League of Cities Cable Commission (JCLCCC), and distributed copies of information regarding JCLCCC to all present. The cable fee is paid to the State, and the State then sends it to the Cities, ~~less the 15% membership dues to belong to the Commission.~~ We receive approximately \$248 per month and get invoiced annually for the 15%.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser reported that this month's meeting was cancelled.

2018 Kentucky League of Cities Annual Conference – Mrs. Arnold reported that this conference will be held September 17-20 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown/Kentucky International Convention Center. The cost for members is \$369, for non-members is \$469, and for first-time attendees is \$269. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to allocate up to \$2,500 for Council members and officers to attend the conference; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (4-0).

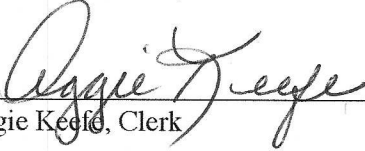
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garrett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:20 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 9-10-18



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.