

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

August 8, 2022

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present was Attorney John Treitz. Absent was Mayor Linda Chesser.

Appointment of Chairman of Council — Since Mayor Chesser will not be at tonight's meeting, Ms. Garrett made a motion to appoint Marlene Welsh as Temporary Chairman of the Council; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Mrs. Welsh recognized Rob Skaggs from the Sheriff's Department, who was the Kentuckiana Law Enforcement officer on duty for the evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022, meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported revenues for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$43,915 and expenses in the amount of \$38,400, giving a surplus of \$5,515. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Johnson. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit — Attorney Treitz reported that he called a potential auditor and left a message but hasn't received a response. Mr. Wild has two auditors whom he will contact. Attorney Treitz said that the other cities he represents conduct an audit every other year. Ms. Garrett thinks it would be reasonable for Watterson Park to conduct an audit every other year going forward. Council decided that since Mr. Wild will be working directly with the auditor, he should make the recommendation about whom we hire. We will confirm next month whether we will do a complete audit or a lower-level financial review for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Code Enforcement Contract — Attorney Treitz reported that George Stewart sent him a report today regarding activity in our City. Mr. Stewart has issued five notices for excessive growth of weeds. He found an abandoned vehicle in an easement behind the Speedway off Newburg Road. He investigated and found that the car is titled in the name of Enterprise; Enterprise claims that they sold the vehicle. We will let Mr. Stewart pursue it with Enterprise. Mr. Johnson gave Mr. Stewart a tour of the City in mid July. He said that Mr. Stewart had questions about overgrowth at a few houses. Mr. Johnson will be the contact person with George Stewart, so Council members should make Mr. Johnson aware of any possible infractions. Attorney Treitz will receive copies of reports from Mr.

Stewart but will become involved only if necessary. Mr. Treitz reported that Mr. Stewart told him seven lawns in the City are being used as parking lots. While we don't have an ordinance that restricts parking, Mr. Fortwengler said that Metro Louisville does. Mr. Treitz clarified that if Metro will deal with the issue, we don't need our own ordinance.

KLC Conference — Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve \$1,097 for conference registration fees plus the cost of hotel rooms for three attendees for this conference to be held September 20 to 23; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) — Attorney Treitz reported that the Jefferson County League of Cities (JCLC) wants to use ARPA funds from home-rule cities to pay bonuses for suburban fire departments. JCLC has scheduled a meeting to discuss this at 9 a.m. on August 13 at St. Matthews City Hall.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — Attorney Treitz reported that he reached out to Joe Exley from MSD, who informed Mr. Treitz that the pipe replacement along Stober Road is under contract now.

KYTC MOU – Poplar Level Road — There is nothing new to report on this.

Homeless Encampment — There was nothing new to report on this. Ms. Garrett reported that plans are underway to use a hotel in downtown Louisville as temporary housing for the homeless.

Semi Trucks on Regina Lane — Ms. Ewan reported that on July 29, a semi tractor-trailer was driving down Regina Lane when a resident stopped the driver to say there was no outlet. The driver stated that he misunderstood the navigation directions. Ms. Ewan reported that the sign that was ordered from Saf-ti-Co should be installed this week. Ms. Ewan reported that she obtained a video of the semi damaging the tree while turning around at the circle on Regina Lane. She will send a copy of the video to Attorney Treitz. Ms. Ewan also stated that semi cabs continue to park in the driveway at 4250 Regina Lane.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mrs. Welsh reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for August.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports —

Ms. Ewan reported that a car hit a light pole, a tree, and a mailbox at 4403 Champions Trace. The repairs for all three have been taken care of.

Ms. Ewan reported that Amanda Selvage from Power of Design at Poplar Level Road wanted the City's approval to install fibre optic cables on behalf of Verizon at a property on East Indian Trail. After discussion, Ms. Ewan made a motion stating that the City does not object to Verizon's subcontractor installing fibre optic lines at 4205 E. Indian Trail as long as the property owner approves it; seconded by Ms. Garrett. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mr. Bourke reported that there hasn't been a meeting since our July legislative meeting, but he plans to attend the meeting that is scheduled for August 10.

Police Patrol — Ms. Ewan reported that a resident on Regina Lane asked if the City still contracts for police patrol, as this resident has not seen any officers patrolling Regina Lane. After discussion, Council agreed that some of the reports we receive from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement are pretty vague and do not list the streets they actually

patrol. We would like to see more detailed reports. Per Council's instructions, Ms. Ewan will email Mayor Chesser and ask her to let John Aubrey know that we would like to receive more details in future reports from patrolling officers.

Tax Rolls — Attorney Treitz reported that we have not yet received the certified tax rolls from the PVA that we need in order to draft our tax ordinances. He did note that because property assessments have increased substantially, we will probably need to reduce our tax rates to stay within the compensating rate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:17 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 from notes and audio recording.