

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

December 12, 2022

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby, Sgt. Rob Skaggs representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement, and Carla Cease with Stoll Keenon Ogden.

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

NEW BUSINESS

City Officials Oath of Office — Ms. Cease swore in all six Council members and the Mayor for their new terms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, legislative meeting as received; 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.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported \$194,726 in revenues for the month of November 2022 and expenses in the amount of \$41,529, giving a surplus of \$153,197. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the report as presented; 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit — Mayor Chesser reported that she and Mr. Wild are meeting with Brian Cobb, CPA with Cobb & Associates, on December 14 to discuss the city audit. Mr. Wild said that he has sent quite a bit of documentation to Mr. Cobb.

Code Enforcement — Everyone should have received a copy of November's Field Report. Mayor Chesser thinks that Mr. Stewart is doing a good job. She mentioned to Sgt. Skaggs that the residents at 1360 Gardiner Lane park several vehicles, including a truck with topper, in their driveway. The truck blocks the sight-line of oncoming traffic on Gardiner Lane, making it difficult and dangerous for vehicles exiting Milldaun. Sgt. Skaggs agreed to check into it.

Nuisance Ordinance — Mr. Treitz distributed copies of an updated draft of the proposed ordinance based on discussion at the November meeting. He went over the revisions made since the previous draft, including the proximity of trees and foliage to sidewalks and streets; prohibiting the parking of large vehicles in front of a home's facade; limiting the height of weeds and grass to 10 inches; the ability of our code enforcement officer to serve notices of violation; and outlining the criteria for the suspension of fines. If we pass this ordinance, we would also need to simultaneously pass two ordinances that would repeal our two previous nuisance ordinances. Ms. Ewan would like to prohibit parking large vehicles on the street and also prohibit large commercial/industrial vehicles from parking in driveways. Mr. Treitz will make revisions to this draft ordinance and resubmit to Council. Once the ordinances have been passed, he would like for Mrs. Keefe to format them into a printable document and have them mailed to our residents.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) — There are no updates.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — Mr. Treitz reported that Joe Exely told him they have come up with a plan.

- 1) The study that they conducted determined that both the east side and west side of Poplar Level drains into the Stober Road ditch.
- 2) The first project will be the re-construction of the pipeline crossing from the north side of Stober near Precision Collision into the ditch on the south, as the existing pipe has been more than 50 percent crushed.
- 3) MSD has determined that the excess water flowing into the south ditch at Stober cannot be redirected elsewhere. The existing ditch can accommodate only a 2- to 5-year rain event. MSD tries to make everything accommodate at least a 10-year rain event.
- 4) The engineering solution at the moment is to construct a 3' x 8" x 1200' box culvert under the current Stober Road to handle the excess water coming off of the north side, coming down Watterson Park Drive from Gardiner Lane. This culvert would divert that water before it reached the Stober ditch and would redirect it into the ditch that starts on the north side of the major pipe, which goes under Stober Road, where the two flows would then merge.

Brad Allgeier with Stantec Engineering is the outside engineer. Mr. Exely said that by mid to late February, he should be in a position to come to our meeting to discuss the project. He wants Mr. Treitz to look at the old plans for Stober Road to see if there are sewer plans for that area. He also wants Mr. Treitz to determine how we acquired the rights to build Stober Road across the YUM! and Post Office properties.

Mr. Treitz would like to consult our engineers to get their feedback on this plan.

KYTC MOU – Poplar Level Road — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping is still pursuing this.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for December. Sgt. Skaggs reported that there hasn't been any recent drag-racing on Jennings Lane.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — Mayor Chesser reported that she met with Steve Kurowsky and Amanda Deatherage on December 2 to discuss the Newburg Road sidewalk. Watterson Park committed to provide \$120,000 for the project, and Councilman Mulvihill committed to provide \$50,000. Half of Councilman Mulvihill's \$50,000 has been used for the preliminary design. The Water Company relocated the water line and did not ask for funding for the project. Ms. Deatherage said there are no issues with the Federal funding and that they did provide for inflation. Mr. Kurowsky wants to know if Watterson Park would agree to contribute more to the project if needed. He doesn't expect it will be needed but, with inflation, it is possible the project could cost more than what was originally budgeted. Mayor Chesser told Mr. Kurowsky that this would be up to the Council and, when we get closer to that time, she would want the two of them to attend a City meeting to review the plan and the funding. Mr. Kurowsky hopes construction will start in the spring of 2023.

Robards Lane — Discussion on whether or not we should take ownership of the section of Robards Lane that Metro does not pave was tabled until January or February.

Official Documents — Mr. Treitz said that Council and Officers will receive a set of documents within 60 days from Mayor Chesser or himself. He already mailed out Financial Statements to everyone to be filled out and submitted to him.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Shop with a Cop — Mayor Chesser reported that the Sixth Division was very appreciative of our donation to this cause.

Review of Watterson Park Ordinances — There is no update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

County Wide Bid for Snow Removal — Brandon Vincent with County Wide submitted a bid for snow plowing and salt application at a cost of \$80 per trip for salt spreading, \$160 per hour for snow plowing, \$75 per hour for blowing snow from sidewalks, \$40 per hour for hand labor clearing sidewalks, rock salt at 50¢ per pound, and ice melter at 80¢ per pound. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the bid; 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.

Committee Reports — There were no reports.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser and Mr. Bourke have not attended any recent meetings.

State Representative Daniel Grossberg — Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from Daniel Grossberg, our State House Representative, asking if he can attend an upcoming meeting of the Council to introduce himself and to answer any questions.

1234 Gardiner Lane — Mayor Chesser continues to receive complaints from the resident at the end of Regina. The semis continue to park next to the fence and idle for hours. Mayor Chesser said she contacted Keith Starling, the CBRE property manager, who is attempting to address the problem.

Welcome Basket — Mayor Chesser and Mr. Bourke delivered a welcome basket to a new resident on Milldaun Road. They will be delivering another to a new resident on Annshire.

Enterprise Truck Rental — Because there have been so many thefts of catalytic converters at this business, the owners have decided to have Amarak LLC install a fence that will give a static shock to anyone who attempts to breach the existing chain-link fence.

Resignation of City Treasurer — Mr. Wild reported that he will be resigning his position as City Treasurer as soon as the position can be filled. He has agreed to train his replacement. Mayor Chesser will email the Treasurer's job description to all Council members. If anyone on the Council is interested, or knows of anyone who would be interested, please let Mayor Chesser know.

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 8:39 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.