

**CITY OF WATTERSON PARK  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

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

**January 14, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Council members Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe.

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

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

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**Off-Duty Police Officers** — Sheriff Trevor Towe was present to address concerns and answer any questions we might have. Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the Small City Activity Sheet for December and the Monthly Shift Postings for January 2019. Sheriff Towe explained some of the violations listed on the Activity Sheet. He said they do quite a bit of business checks, as Watterson Park has a large percentage of businesses compared to residences. Sheriff Towe left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10 meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of December in the amount of \$62,642.16, with expenditures in the amount of \$29,802.66, giving a surplus for the month in the amount of \$32,839.50. A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh to accept the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**Delinquent Taxes** – Mr. Wild reported that he spoke with Attorney Steve Sherman, who informed him that we cannot sell delinquent taxes for collection. Mr. Wild reported that when a tax bill is unpaid, he sends a second tax bill. If payment is still not remitted, the attorney sends a letter then files a lien. This is at considerable expense to the City. We don't recoup those costs until a property is sold. Ms. Garrett stressed that we should continue in our efforts to collect unpaid taxes, and Council agreed. We will continue with our current process for obtaining unpaid taxes.

**Stober Road Flooding** — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Jones with BTM is following up with Joe Exely at MSD regarding the obstruction in the creek behind the YUM! property. She reported that during the last heavy rain event, the water was close to the edge of the roadway. Mr. Jones said the obstruction is in the area between Vineyard Drive and Stober Road. Mr. Jones will follow up with MSD. Mr. Johnson reminded Council that MSD said it could take up to 60 days before the situation is resolved. Mayor Chesser said that once MSD takes care of the obstruction, we will clear the Norvin Gottula Conservatory site that adjoins it.

**Rental Properties** — Mrs. Welsh reported that we have two AirBNBs as well as one owner-occupied AirBNB in our City. Out of the 205 residences in our City, 44 are rentals. Mrs. Arnold reported that at the public hearing on December 17 regarding conditional use permits for short-term rental properties, there was quite a bit of discussion regarding AirBNBs. It was reported that up to 75 percent of the time these properties remain vacant. There are many regulations that need to be followed by the owners.

**Planting Trees** – Mayor Chesser reported that trees have been planted on Larkmoor Lane and on the Lillian Wild Walking Path. They will need to be watered the first two years during dry periods, which County Wide Lawn & Landscaping will take care of if they are awarded the contract for this year.

**City Promotional Products** – Ms. Woodson presented a few sample products she received but is checking into additional possibilities. We would like to have these products available to give to residents when we deliver the Operation Brightside spring clean-up mailer.

**Newburg Road Sidewalk** – Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Representative Tom Burch about the need for a continuation of the sidewalk on Newburg Road from Larkmoor Lane to the Metro Animal House property. Representative Burch is familiar with the area and agreed that a sidewalk is needed. He will check into it and get back with Mayor Chesser.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Documents** — Mayor Chesser gave the “Your Duty Under the Law” and “Managing Public Records” information to our newly-elected Council member, Brett Ashley. Mr. Ashley signed the Proof of Receipt and gave it to Mrs. Keefe for filing.

**LG&E Gas Reliability Project** — Mr. Johnson reported that in February, LG&E will begin putting in a new gas line on Gardiner Lane, Conaem, and Annshire; they will change the pressure on Milldaun and Regina. They will pressure check each house once new lines are installed and connected. If there is a leak in someone’s home, the home owner is responsible for repairing the leak. LG&E will make every effort to restore the site to its original condition. Mrs. Keefe will include information on this project in the upcoming newsletter as well as on our website.

**City Trip** — Mrs. Welsh checked into the possibility of going to Jefferson Memorial Forest but found out it doesn’t fit our needs. She also contacted Hill Hidden Hill Nursery only to discover they closed to the public in September 2018; they open only for special events. Mrs. Welsh asked Council members for suggestions for another facility for our annual spring trip. Mayor Chesser agreed to contact Cindi Sullivan to see if she has any recommendations.

**Sam’s/Costco Memberships** — Mayor Chesser reported that the City will no longer provide memberships to these shopping clubs as it is considered to be an inappropriate expenditure. However, we will continue to provide memberships at Sam’s Club for the Mayor, the Treasurer, and the Clerk, as they buy office supplies and equipment there.

**Sullivan University** — Mayor Chesser received an email from Sullivan University stating that they want to become involved in the Watterson Park community. Council agreed that the Operation Brightside clean-up in the spring would be an ideal activity in which they could participate. Mr. Ashley mentioned that late April and the first part of May are typically finals, which might prevent their involvement in the spring clean-up.

**LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** — Mayor Chesser reported that at the January 8 meeting, Major Bogan reported that crime in the Sixth Division was down 10.5 percent for 2018, with the largest reductions being in property and violent crimes. The Sixth Division led all divisions in crime reduction. He warned that there has been an increase in road rage incidents in Louisville. Also, he asked that we remind citizens not to warm up their unoccupied vehicles, as auto theft typically increases during cold weather.

**Business Cards for New Council Members** — Mayor Chesser asked Mrs. Keefe to order business cards for our newest Council members. Mrs. Keefe asked Mr. Ashley to submit a short bio for inclusion on our website.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

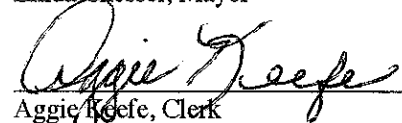
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Mrs. Welshk made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garrett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on 2-1-2019



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.