

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

January 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, legislative meeting as received; 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.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported \$29,068 in revenues for the month of December 2022 and expenses in the amount of \$45,068, giving a deficit of \$16,000. Mr. Wild explained that Public Works included the amount paid for snow removal, and the cost of the publication and mailing of the fall newsletter was included in Office Supplies. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report as presented; 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Update — Mr. Wild has attempted to get in touch with Brian Cobb from Cobb & Associates via phone and email but has been unsuccessful. All of the records requested by Mr. Cobb have been submitted, and Mr. Wild and Mayor Chesser have answered all of Mr. Cobb's questions to date.

Code Enforcement Update — Everyone should have received a copy of December's Field Report. Mayor Chesser mentioned that the house on the corner of Milldaun and Gardiner Lane has a large appliance sitting in the side yard. She left a business card with the resident and asked them to call her. Mr. Bourke said the truck that was blocking the site of oncoming traffic on Gardiner Lane hasn't been parked in the driveway lately.

Nuisance Ordinance — Mr. Treitz distributed copies of an updated draft of the proposed nuisance ordinance, giving an outline of what is in the ordinance. He went over the revisions that he made in paragraph 3.2 under Section III per discussion at our December meeting. Mr. Treitz stated that this ordinance would replace our previous two nuisance ordinances, which we would need to repeal. It would give us the ability to move forward using our Code Enforcement Officer to prosecute certain actions as necessary within the legal system.

Ms. Garrett gave first reading by title only to an ordinance repealing City of Watterson Park Ordinance No. 71, Series 1991, relating to nuisances on private and public property; seconded by Mrs. Welsh.

Mrs. Welsh gave first reading by title only to an ordinance repealing City of Watterson Park Ordinance No. 156, Series 2003, relating to nuisances on private and public property; seconded by Ms. Ewan.

Ms. Ewan gave first reading by title only to an ordinance relating to nuisances on private and public property; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler.

Review of Watterson Park Ordinances — Mr. Crosby reported that he expects to finalize this review and have a report for us by our February meeting.

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

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — Mr. Treitz reported that he sent another note to Joe Exely and hasn't yet received a response. They are supposed to be doing some work this month on the crushed pipes on Poplar Level Road and Stober Road. Mayor Chesser gave Norman Hall (Precision Collision) and Dennis Diemer (YUM! Brands) an update on what Mr. Treitz reported at last month's City Council meeting.

1234 Gardiner Lane — Attorney Treitz and Mayor Chesser met via Zoom with Rob Kurlenden and Fred Van Noord from Perceptive Capital (property owners) and Keith Starling from CBRE (property manager) to discuss the ongoing semi parking problem at this address. The owner has agreed to have some jersey barriers installed by the chain-link fence that is next to the residential homes to prevent the drivers from parking in that area. They'll leave just enough room for egress and regress, forcing the semis to park at the rear of the property.

KYTC MOU – Poplar Level Road — No update at this time.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for January. She reported that Allstate Ford had a recent break-in; the thieves cut the fence and stole catalytic converters.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — No update at this time.

Robards Lane — We will discuss taking ownership of the section of Robards Lane from Gardiner Lane to Gardiner Point at the February meeting. Mr. Bourke said he noticed that it had been salted and plowed during the recent snow event. We're not sure whether this was done by Metro or by County Wide.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — Mr. Treitz added a side note to what was discussed earlier in the meeting regarding this issue. He mentioned that he spoke with Craig Mount with BTM regarding MSD's plans to address the flooding issues. Mr. Mount told Mr. Treitz that this remedy is what BTM had suggested to begin with. Mr. Mount believes it will take care of the problem.

Official Documents Deadline Update — Mr. Crosby will be sending the necessary documents to Mayor Chesser, who will send the documents to the Council and officers.

City Treasurer Replacement — Mr. Bourke reported that he sent the City Treasurer job description to Jean Hall, who might be interested in this position. She retired from Humana, where she worked in finance.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports — There were no reports. Mayor Chesser said that she has been removing illegal signs throughout the City and encouraged others to do the same.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser and Mr. Bourke received notification that the most recent meeting of this board was postponed.

Tree City USA — Mr. Crosby took care of the paperwork, and we have been officially re-certified as a Tree City USA for 2022.

Charter Communications Rate Increase — Mayor Chesser received notice that there will be price increases for plans and equipment effective on or after January 17, 2023.

Shop with a Cop — Mayor Chesser received a letter from Metro Police thanking us for our donation to this cause.


Storage Facility — Mayor Chesser and Mr. Wild are looking for a new storage facility that is climate controlled in which to store our City records. They have some options that they will check out.

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 7:46 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 2-13-2023.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.