

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

June 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 was Attorney John Treitz.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Code Enforcement — Mr. George Stewart, owner of Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation, was present to talk about the code enforcement services he offers. His business has been in operation since January 2016. He currently handles code enforcement for 17 cities. Mr. Stewart will drive through our city and check for violations. He generally talks with the property owner first to get an issue resolved. If it doesn't get resolved, he will issue a citation and will follow up on that citation. For rental properties, he talks with the owner instead of the renter. Mr. Stewart will discuss serious violations with us before taking any action. He will immediately investigate any issues we call to his attention.

We would need to sign a contract, which we can cancel at any time with 30 days' notice. Mr. Stewart's hourly fee is based on the number of hours of service he provides. He would give us a monthly report of his activity. He will be utilizing an app in August whereby we can track his activity online. Mr. Stewart carries a two million dollar liability policy. Mayor Chesser would do a drive-thru of the City with him to point out our boundaries. We would appoint a contact person with whom Mr. Stewart would correspond regarding activity in Watterson Park. Mr. Stewart left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Mrs. Welsh said that she and Ms. Ewan contacted several of the cities who contract with Mr. Stewart, and they are all very satisfied with the service he offers. Mayor Chesser contacted Lyndon, and they are also pleased with his services.

Chet Gentry with the Sheriff's Department arrived at the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Ms. Garrett would like to have Mr. Stewart notify our contact person immediately when he issues a citation so that we are prepared in the event the property owner contacts us regarding a citation. Mr. Bourke asked if Mr. Stewart has a marked vehicle; Mayor Chesser will find out and let us know. We would make residents aware that we have a Code Enforcement Officer via our website as well in a future newsletter. After further discussion, Mr. Bourke made a motion to contract with Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation for five hours per month beginning July 1, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. We will put a clause in the contract that covers any additional hours that might be needed. 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 MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 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 May 2022 in the amount of \$57,558 and expenses in the amount of \$33,712, giving a surplus of \$23,846. 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

Sanitation Contract — Mayor Chesser reported that the signed contract needs Ms. Keefe's signature before sending to Republic Services. Large trash pickups will be on Fridays instead of Saturdays. Mrs. Keefe will contact Todd Preher to get a pick-up calendar and updated guidelines that she can put on our website.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 — Ms. Ewan gave second reading by narrative summary to Ordinance No. 261, Series 2022, adopting the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Ms. Ewan made a motion to adopt the ordinance; 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.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) — Mr. Treitz said that we should receive the second tranche of money before the end of the month.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — After the virtual meeting with Wesley Sydnor on May 10, another meeting was held on May 13 with Joe Exley from MSD and Brad Allgeier from Stantec (engineering firm for MSD). Participants at the on-site meeting were Richard Banta, owner of the YUM! property; Norman Hall, owner of Precision Collision; Joe Exley; Brad Allgeier; and Councilman Johnson and Mayor Chesser representing Watterson Park. Mr. Johnson reported that they still don't know definitively what is causing the flooding issue. A low spot in the area of the flooding was discovered. The current plan is to build a flood wall and hope it remedies the flooding issue. They also discovered a collapsed drain at Precision Collision, which MSD will repair.

KYTC Memorandum of Understanding – Poplar Level Road — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent is working on the application to become pre-qualified for mowing with KYTC.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for May.

Good Citizen Recognition — Mayor Chesser reported that the award will be presented to Mr. Kelso at the July meeting. The people who nominated him will also be invited to attend the meeting. Mrs. Keefe will supply the award certificate and a certificate holder.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports — Ms. Ewan asked if we will be doing a City-sponsored trip this year. Mrs. Welsh, who takes care of organizing these trips, suggested that we plan a trip for next spring. Council agreed.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mr. Bourke and Mayor Chesser attended the most recent meeting of this Board. Mr. Bourke reported on the following takeaways from the meeting:

- Crime is up in Watterson Park, with most being crimes of opportunity.
- There was a recent shooting in the Fort Bluegrass Mobile Home Park.
- The antennae are up for Shot Spotter, but it is not yet operating. Shot Spotter will not cover as large a radius as initially thought.
- The Sixth Division received two recruits from the most recent class.
- The possibility of small cities installing Flock Safety license plate readers was discussed.

Street Light Request on Conaem Drive — Mayor Chesser reported that a resident on Conaem Drive asked if we could install an additional streetlight on Conaem Drive. Mayor Chesser met with Mike Gray, Design Technician with LG&E. The light can be installed on the existing utility pole, and the cost for an LED Cobra (250w equivalent) is \$12.36/month. The residents closest to the location were okay with the addition of another light. Council agreed with this installation and with the monthly cost.

Premier Packaging Tree Plan — Mayor Chesser reported that she met with Cindi Sullivan and two representatives from Premier Packaging on June 10 to discuss planting trees on Produce Road. Premier Packaging will pay for the entire project. They would like to present their plan at one of our upcoming Council meetings.

KLC Conference — Mayor Chesser reported that the annual conference will be held September 20 through 24. Mayor Chesser, Ms. Garrett, and Ms. Ewan are interested in attending. Mayor Chesser will book hotel rooms.

Downed Utility Wires — Mr. Bourke reported that some utility wires were knocked down last week on Milldaun Avenue by the sanitation truck. Both he and Mayor Chesser contacted AT&T but didn't get a response. Mayor Chesser called Spectrum, and they came out immediately and took care of the problem. Mayor Chesser will find out whom at AT&T we should contact in the future when something like this happens.

General Update Provided by the Mayor —

- *iHeart Radio*: There is a sale pending for the iHeart Radio property at 4000 Radio Drive. The building is 86,100 square feet and sits on 7.9 acres. The sale price is \$5,150,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; 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 and meeting adjourned at 8:30 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.