

**CITY OF WATTERSON PARK
LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

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

March 11, 2019

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

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

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

MINUTES

Councilwoman Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019, meeting as received; seconded by Councilwoman Garrett. All present voted yes (6-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Wild, no Treasurer's Report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection of Delinquent Taxes — Mayor Chesser reported that we won't know anything until June, when the Kentucky League of Cities will discuss it at their meeting.

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser reported that she received pictures and letters from Richard Banta with ERDCO Properties and Norman Hall with Precision Collision, which outlined the damages incurred on their properties from the flooding on two occasions in 2018. Once BTM submits their letter, all will be forwarded to Attorney Treitz for further action.

Insurance Premiums Tax — Mayor Chesser reported that she attended a Kentucky League of Cities meeting on March 9, where they provided information on what to expect with the Metro insurance premium tax increase. Jeffersontown Mayor Dieruf said that Metro will vote on the tax increase on March 21. We will need to hold a special meeting to give second reading to our ordinance increasing the insurance tax. Notices of the special meeting to be held on Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at Mayor Chesser's residence were distributed.

Board of Ethics — Mayor Chesser reported that Attorney Treitz will be holding a conference call on March 15 with the three people who have agreed to serve on the Board of Ethics Committee to give them a general idea of what the position entails.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with James Richardson with KYTC regarding an extension of the sidewalk on Newburg Road from Larkmoor Lane to the Metro Animal House. Since Mr. Richardson is with Permitting, he referred Mayor Chesser to Tom Hall, KYTC Division of Planning. This project would go through Planning first and then to Mr. Richardson's office for permitting. Mr. Hall indicated his willingness to meet with our engineers at the site so he could answer any questions they might have.

BTM will draw up a plan and estimate the cost. The plan will then be submitted to KYTC for their approval and/or changes and then it would be advertised for bids.

Mayor Chesser and Councilman Ashley will coordinate dates and times to meet with KYTC and BTM at the site.

LG&E Gas Reliability Project — Mayor Chesser reported that she sent an email to the project manager to remind him that in Watterson Park, netting instead of straw is to be used for reseeding. She received an apology and assurances that it would be taken care of. Councilwoman Woodson reported that they have already begun to replace the straw. Council was upset that residents were given very little advance notice by LG&E that the project would begin in their specific areas.

City Trip — Councilwoman Welsh reported that Bernheim Forest will not be able to accommodate us in the spring or summer due to the popularity of their Forest Giants exhibit. The Arboretum State Botanical Garden of Kentucky in Lexington is for students only; and Boone County Arboretum doesn't have food available.

Bernheim Forest might be able to accommodate us in the fall. The total for the bus, buffet, admissions, and tours for 56 participants would be approximately \$2,439. Council agreed that we would pursue a fall trip to Bernheim Forest and came up with possible dates of September 21 and 28 and October 5 and 12. Councilwoman Welsh will contact Bernheim Forest to see if they can accommodate us on any of these fall dates.

Operation Brightside Spring Cleanup — Mrs. Woodson reported that the cleanup will be on April 13, which is the same date as Thunder Over Louisville. This could affect participation. She supplied flyers for Council members to distribute to residents.

Committees — Council removed Community Yard Sale from the Events Committee, as we have very little participation in this event. Councilman Johnson agreed to be added to the Property Issues Committee. Councilman Ashley, Councilman Johnson and Mayor Chesser agreed to co-chair the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Johnson also agreed to co-chair the Road Work, Signs, Potholes, and Speed Humps Committee. Mayor Chesser added her name to the Sanitation Committee. Mrs. Keefe will research which specific services fall under the Public Safety Committee.

Tree Plantings and Beautification — Following Councilwoman Woodson's suggestion to add some brightly-colored plantings along the Lillian Wild Walking Path, Mayor Chesser contacted Cindi Sullivan to get her input. Ms. Sullivan said that flowers would need to be watered regularly and we don't have access to water; bulb plantings would need to be done in the fall, and those flowers are not long-lasting. Councilwoman Woodson suggested colorful shrubs and flowering bushes instead of flowers. Mayor Chesser will continue to work with Ms. Sullivan on this.

Walking Path Fence — Mayor Chesser reported that County Wide Lawn & Landscaping cleaned the fence at the Lillian Wild Walking Path.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser reported that she won't be able to attend the March meeting, as it was rescheduled from March 12 to tonight, March 11.

Mayor Chesser reported that at the February meeting, Officer Edward Johnson III was selected as the 6th Division Officer of the Month. On February 2, Officer Johnson was dispatched to check on a suspicious vehicle, which turned out to be stolen. Rather than settling with the recovery of the stolen car, Officer Johnson initiated an investigation, which ultimately revealed the driver of the car was a student at Newburg Middle School. With a description of the suspect, Officer Johnson followed up with the school resource officer and learned the suspect's identity. Officer Johnson then located the keys to the stolen car in the suspect's possession. The suspect admitted to stealing numerous cars as well as burglarizing several houses in both the 6th and 7th Divisions. As a result, numerous cases were closed.

Insurance for Off-Duty Police — Mayor Chesser received a renewal notice from Nelson Insurance Group for the Workers Compensation and Police Professional Liability policies. There was a small increase in the premium.

City Roads — Mayor Chesser received an estimate from BTM of slightly more than \$500,000 to repave all of the City-owned streets in Watterson Park.

Pothole — Councilwoman Woodson reported a pothole on Bunton Road. Mayor Chesser will take the necessary steps to have it filled.

Kentucky League of Cities Officials Legal Handbook — Mayor Chesser shared a copy of this book and asked any interested Council members to let her know if they want a copy for their use. A copy will be secured for Councilman Ashley.

Bios on Website — Mrs. Keefe asked everyone to review their bios on our website and send any updates to her.


District 10 Advisory Board Meeting — Councilwoman Arnold reported that she attended this meeting and wanted to share with Council some of the information she obtained. The vacant K-Mart property on Poplar Level Road will be either a Big Lots, Ross, or Planet Fitness. In addition, there will be a Burger King built on this property. Norton's might take over the vacant Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market property on Poplar Level Road at Hess Lane. In addition, the old Swiss Hall will be town homes or condos. Councilwoman Woodson mentioned that the vacant K-Mart property at Breckenridge Lane and Taylorsville Road will be a Big Lots, and there will also be an Auto Zone built on the property.

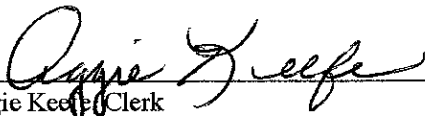
Councilwoman Arnold reported that the proposed insurance premium tax increase by Metro Louisville was discussed at length at this meeting. Mayor Chesser said that Attorney Treitz stressed that if we increase our insurance tax rate, we need to notify our residents of our reasons for doing so.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Welsh. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:08 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 4-8-19.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.