

**CITY OF WATTERSON PARK
LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

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

October 8, 2018

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Absent was Treasurer Jerry Wild.

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

ONGOING BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the most recent Monthly Shift Postings and the Small City Activity Sheet submitted by Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE). Detective Charles Rader was present to address concerns and answer any questions we might have. He encouraged us to let him know if they report any activity that isn't in our City, as they are still familiarizing themselves with our boundaries. Deputy Rader left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10 minutes as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0). Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on September 17 as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report delivered for the month of September.

OLD BUSINESS

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Jones with BTM has been in contact with Carolyn Fust, Development Specialist at MSD, regarding the flooding on Stober Road. Since MSD can identify the culverts and pipes in the area and whose responsibility they are, Mr. Jones requested a meeting with MSD at the site. Following that, the next step will be a meeting with MSD and Norfolk Southern. Mr. Fortwengler and Mr. Johnson will attend that meeting.

Delinquent Taxes — Mayor Chesser reported that Attorney Stephen Sherman wrote a letter to the Office of the Attorney General requesting an opinion as to whether a home-rule city can adopt procedures allowing for the collection of delinquent taxes by selling the bills to a third-party purchaser. He has not yet received a reply.

Liquor License Application — Mayor Chesser reported that she attended an Alcoholic Beverage Control workshop at the recent Kentucky League of Cities Conference. She was advised to continue to stay in touch with Trina Summers' office with the ABC in Frankfort. On October 1, Carol Beth Martin with ABC advised Mayor Chesser that there is a lot of opposition on file regarding this particular request. The request was denied at the local level and the ABC Board in Frankfort has not received anything from the local level at this time. If there is an appeal at the local level, it will be listed on the Metro Codes & Regulations website.

Planting/Labeling Trees – Mayor Chesser and Mrs. Arnold met with Cindi Sullivan, after which Ms. Sullivan sent a contract proposal for her services. Ms. Sullivan will recommend tree species appropriate for planting, engage planting contractors, supervise planting and follow up, and evaluate and assess the health of right-of-way trees in our City. Her fee is \$90 per hour up to a maximum of 15 hours per service. We currently have approximately \$10,000 in our tree budget. Ms. Woodson would like to see us limit the labeling of trees to the walking path and to other select locations that won't cause a distraction for drivers. Ms. Woodson also suggested that we plant trees at our signature entrance at Newburg Road and Bishop Lane. Mayor Chesser responded that since this is JCPS property, we need to first get approval from JCPS. We are currently looking at planting at the end of Larkmoor Lane and along the Lillian Wild Walking Path. Any additional plantings can take place in the next fiscal year. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve Ms. Sullivan's Consulting Contract for an amount up to \$1,350; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0). Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve up to \$8,000 for trees and planting per the Consulting Contract; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

Newburg Road Sidewalk – There was no update at this time.

Boundary Signs – Mayor Chesser reported that all signs have been installed. She wasn't happy with the sign on Produce Road being placed on such tall posts, so Saf-Ti-Co agreed to lower it.

JCPS – Mayor Chesser reported that she received a response to the letter she wrote to Dr. Marty Polio regarding changing our resides middle and high schools. The response came from School Choice Executive Administrator Cassiopia Blausey. Ms. Blausey will voice our concerns. It was agreed that parents need to know there are options available other than the resides school for their address. Ms. Woodson reported that she will be attending an October 29 forum for District 6 School Board candidates and encouraged others present to attend. Ms. Garrett said we should put information regarding school assignments in all welcome packets for new residents, including available options if they are not happy with their assignment.

Kentucky League of Cities Annual Conference – Mrs. Arnold and Mayor Chesser reported on some of the workshops they attended at this conference. Overall, they thought it was a helpful, informative conference.

Rental Properties – Mrs. Welsh gave an update on the list of rental properties she is maintaining. Eighteen percent of the residences in Watterson Park are rentals. Mrs. Welsh will make copies of the list and distribute to all members of the Council.

Operation Brightside Fall Clean-Up – Ms. Woodson reported that she picked up all of the supplies for this October 20 event. So far, she was 23 people signed up.

Newsletter – Mrs. Keefe reported that the newsletter was finalized and mailed out. She will contact United Mail to see how to insure that future newsletters do not get forwarded. She will also include a note on future newsletters to let recipients know they can view the newsletter in a digital format online.

Rumpke – Fort Bluegrass Mobile Home Park – Mayor Chesser reported that Rumpke began removing the recycle carts from the mobile home park last week. However, there are still some remaining. Mayor Chesser sent an email to Chris Thieneman as well as the office manager requesting that the remaining carts be moved to a central location or left at the roadside for pickup.

NEW BUSINESS

Charter Communications — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a notification from Charter Communications that there will be a rate increase effective on or after November 1, 2018.

League of Cities Annual Dinner — Ms. Woodson again suggested that we supply a donation for the raffle at this annual event. After discussion, Council agreed that we will supply a bottle of bourbon for the raffle. Ms. Woodson will handle the purchase of the bourbon and take it to the event. Mayor Chesser will give Ms. Woodson some Watterson Park pens and note pads to include with the bourbon.

Promotional Products — Ms. Woodson will begin working on this at the end of this calendar year.

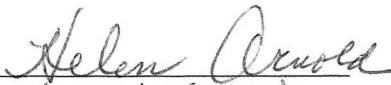
LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser will be attending the meeting on October 9 and encouraged all present to also attend.

Committees — Mrs. Keefe would like for us to address our committees and their chairs after the first of the year since Councilman Brandon Paul's resignation left vacancies. We need to insure that responsibilities are evenly distributed.

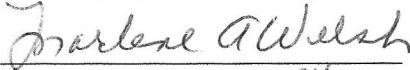
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garrett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:43 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 11-12-18.



Linda Chesser, Mayor *HELEN ARNOLD*
ACTING MAYOR



Aggie Keefe, Clerk *MARLENE WELSH*
ACTING CLERK

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.