

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

September 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Brandon Paul, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney Mary Garris.

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017, meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of August 2017 totalling \$28,166.94 with expenditures in the amount of \$36,531.73, giving a deficit of \$8,364.79. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers — Attorney Garris reported that we are still working on the insurance issue. The insurance agent said we need to carry workers' compensation for the off-duty, which would cost more than \$4,100 annually. We will be contacting attorneys for other cities to see what insurance they are buying. We are waiting on a quote for \$3 million general liability insurance. Mayor Chesser reported that Lieutenant Simpson reviewed the proposed schedule that she submitted and thought it did a good job of covering peak times as well as showing a Police presence. Mrs. Woodson would like to change the time on Fridays to midnight to 4 a.m., and Council was in agreement with her suggestion.

House Bill 246 — Attorney Garris reported that Louisville Metro's motions for summary judgement now stand submitted to the Court for a ruling. This is being handled by Attorney Mark Hurst with Stoll Keenon Ogden. Mr. Hurst notified Mayor Chesser that they anticipate the Court's ruling will conclude the action.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh reported that trees have been cut down, others trimmed, and brush removed. There is still some tree work to be done before they begin working on the fence repair.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Tax Rate — Attorney Garris reported that the tax rolls came in, so they were able to prepare our taxing ordinances. She explained for new Council members how we establish our tax rate. Mr. Wild would like to submit to Attorney Garris a list of realty companies that request tax bills so they don't receive the tax bills more than once.

Tax Ordinances —

Real Property Tax Ordinance — Mrs. Welsh introduced and read in full an ordinance providing for the assessment of all real property within the corporate limits of the City of Watterson Park, Kentucky, and for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes thereon during the fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, at the rate of 8.3¢ per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

Tangible Property Tax Ordinance —Mrs. Arnold introduced and gave first reading in full to an ordinance providing for the assessment of all tangible personal property within the corporate limits of the City of Watterson Park, Kentucky, and for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes thereon during the fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, at the rate of 6.5¢ per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

Motor Vehicles and Watercraft Tax Ordinance —Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading in full to an ordinance levying an ad valorem property tax on all motor vehicles and watercraft by the City of Watterson Park, Kentucky, for the year 2018 at the rate of 7.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation.

We will need to give second reading to these ordinances at a special meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. on September 19 at Mayor Chesser's residence.

Attorney Garris left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Paving Projects — Mayor Chesser reported that work is underway on Chefs Way and Champions Trace. The curve on Stober Road has been repaired and will be striped once all paving work is completed. Mr. Fortwengler drives by the area daily to check on it. We gave Flynn Brothers an extension until September 25 to complete Chefs Way.

Audit Report — Mr. Wild contacted John McIntyre at McIntyre & Wooldridge, PSC, Certified Public Accountants. His firm will do our audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Mr. McIntyre promised to have the audit completed within 30 days of receipt of the necessary documents. Mr. McIntyre will also attend our Council meeting to go over the audit once he prepares it.

Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that the transformer and street lights will be installed on Chefs Way once the road work is completed.

Newsletter — Everyone was pleased with the new design for our fall newsletter. The cost for printing and mailing was approximately \$160 more than the previous newsletter. The winter newsletter will mail out in December. Mrs. Keefe noted that there were some scuff marks on the newsletters caused by the sorting equipment at the U.S. Post Office.

Boundary Signs — Mayor Chesser will be ordering the signs in the near future.

Red Roof Inn and Speedway Properties — Mayor Chesser and Mr. Paul met with Michael Murphy, Regional Vice President of Operations for Red Roof Inn, and Tom Posz, District Manager of Speedway, on August 21 to discuss safety and aesthetic concerns at their properties. Mr. Paul felt that Mr. Posz listened intently to our concerns. However, corporate won't put any money into this Speedway location because they don't do enough business on the weekends. They did some improvements inside the building, and existing pumps might be replaced with used ones when available. Both Mayor Chesser and Mr. Paul felt it was a very productive meeting and hope to see some improvements in the properties.

Mr. Paul reported that the access road to the Red Roof Inn—Red Roof Inn Place—is a private road. It doesn't provide easy access to the Inn, and Mr. Murphy is afraid pedestrians could get hit by vehicles on the road. Mayor Chesser reported that Stuart Sparks, Louisville Metro Public Works Traffic Engineer, indicated that delineation should help since currently the only thing to draw out the access road is the roll curb, and line striping could better channelize motorists..

Churchill Downs Development Project — Mr. Paul reported that he hasn't had any success finding the contact person with whom he can discuss this project. He reported that since a portion of this property is zoned residential, the Camp Taylor Fire Protection District will get some revenue from the new facility. Mr. Paul also reported that the Arby's on Poplar Level Road will be a Chinese buffet restaurant.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement – Since Stoll Keenon Ogden represents Spectrum, Attorney Finn Cato will review the Spectrum Franchise Agreement for Watterson Park.

Resurrection Lutheran Church – Mayor Chesser reported that she advised Mr. Oelker that we could possibly do a “meet your neighbor” event sometime in the spring of 2018.

Proposed Housing Development at Newburg Road and Shepherdsville Road – Mayor Chesser reported that as of last week, Anthony Perry, a Petersburg resident, did not have any updates on the housing development. Mr. Paul said he signed up to be notified but hasn’t heard of any additional hearings.

Kentucky League of Cities Annual Conference – Mayor Chesser, Ms. Garrett, Mrs. Woodson, and Mr. Paul are registered to attend the Annual Conference at Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, Kentucky, October 3 through 6.

Forestry Trip for 2018 – Mrs. Welsh is checking into Conner Prairie to see if it is an appropriate destination for our spring 2018 trip.

Little Free Libraries – Mr. Paul presented the Little Free Library building he constructed. He will install it on the Lillian Wild Walking Path within the next two weeks. Council suggested that we call it “Megan’s Little Free Library” after Megan Paul, who came up with the idea for our City.

Lillian Wild Walking Path – Mayor Chesser reported that we purchased two additional concrete benches that will be installed along the walking path.

Bantam Court – Mayor Chesser reported that County Wide Lawn & Landscaping sprayed and cleaned the curbing along Bantam Court. MSD will repair the catch basin at the corner of Bantam Court and Champions Trace. Mr. Fortwengler reported that the Water Company repaired the covers. Mayor Chesser will send a letter to a resident on Bantam Court whose property has excessive weeds and grass.

Concern was expressed about elderly and/or disabled residents who need assistance with the upkeep of their property. Mr. Fortwengler will check with the Boy Scouts program to see if they can provide yard clean-up and assistance for the elderly and disabled as a service project.

Brightside Fall Clean-up – Mrs. Woodson will be organizing the October 21 cleanup. It was announced in our fall newsletter and on our website as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Summit – Mrs. Woodson reported that there will be a Neighborhood Summit on October 28 at the African American Heritage Center at 1st and Muhammad Ali Blvd. She will contact Pat Mulvihill to get tickets for this event for herself, Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Arnold, Mayor Chesser, and Mr. Paul.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser will be attending the next meeting on September 12 and encouraged anyone who is interested in attending to do so.

District 10 Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser attended the District 10 Advisory Board Meeting on August 16. Among items that were discussed: FY ’18 Budget items, paving projects, MSD rate increase, and a break-in at the vacant Kmart property on Poplar Level Road. New restaurants are an Italian restaurant in the former Goss Avenue Pub, and a Mexican restaurant in the former Russman’s Funeral Home building; Oskar’s Slider Bar is coming to the corner of Poplar Level Road and Trevilian Way. Positive economic movements include the sale of America’s Best on Kemmons Way, the Catholic Archdiocese development on Holy Family Church property, and the Churchill Downs Trackside development.

Left permissive turns arrows have been requested at Audubon Plaza Drive at Poplar Level Road, Gardiner Lane at Poplar Level Road, and Bardstown Road at Six Mile Lane. Mayor Chesser placed a call to the State Highway Department regarding the same at the Gardiner Lane and Poplar Level Road intersection. Mr. Wild suggested left permissive turn arrows at the corner of Newburg Road and Gardiner Lane. Mayor Chesser will submit that request also.

Brightside Cleanliness Assessment Report – Mayor Chesser distributed copies of this report, which scored District 10 with an overall score of 2.05—in the Minimal Litter Present category.

Regina Avenue Speedhumps – Mayor Chesser presented a draft of a letter to be distributed to residents of Regina Avenue asking for their input regarding the installation of speed humps. Stamped, addressed envelopes will be delivered with the letters. The decision will be based on what the majority of the residents want.

Franck Properties – Mayor Chesser reported that she was contacted by the owner of properties on Gardiner Lane—1438, 1440, 1442, and 1444. The properties at 1442 and 1444 were rezoned to OR-3 in 2007, but the properties at 1438 and 1440 are still zoned as residential. Mr. Frank, the owner, would like to proceed with rezoning the properties at 1438 and 1440 to OR-3 and he wants to take into consideration the Council's ideas on what type of businesses would be acceptable. In going through the files, Mayor Chesser found that the 2007 rezoning was not opposed by Watterson Park, but there were some binding elements we asked to be incorporated into the plan. Mayor Chesser will stay in contact with Mr. Frank to monitor the project.

Tree Work – Mayor Chesser reported that Bob Ray Tree Company has finished the tree work in our City. The total was \$2,275, which included the additional trees that we added after we approved their proposal.

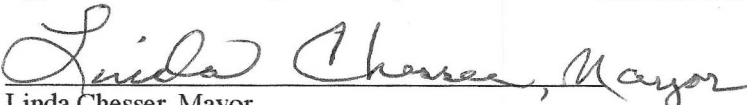
Google Fiber – Mayor Chesser reported that Google Fiber won the lawsuit with AT&T. At the recent Jefferson County League of Cities meeting she attended, there were concerns about the micro trenching Google Fiber is doing, whereby they cut only a few inches into pavement and then haphazardly patch it. Mayor Chesser passed around photos of areas where the patching has deteriorated or wasn't done at all. The League of Cities has not yet received the Uniform Franchise Agreements that were submitted to Mayor Fischer for his signature.

Jefferson County League of Cities Meeting – Mayor Chesser reported that Dr. Marty Pollio with JCPS will be the featured speaker at the Jefferson County League of Cities meeting on September 21 and encouraged all to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Garrett made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Woodson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:45 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 10-9-17.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.