

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

February 12, 2014

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Norman Liebert; Councilpeople Linda Chesser, Mary Ann Liebert, Marlene Welsh and Lillian Wild; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz.

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

Minutes — A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh and seconded by Mrs. Chesser to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014, meeting as received; all present voted yes (4-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of January 2014 in the amount of \$49,931.04 with expenditures in the amount of \$20,560.08, giving a surplus of \$29,370.96. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report as read; seconded by Mrs. Wild. All present voted yes (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Poplar Level Road Overpass Lighting — Mrs. Chesser reported that Carrie Peers is still waiting to hear back from the Kentucky Department of Transportation regarding lighting.

Street Lights on Stober Road — Mrs. Chesser reported that four lights were installed on Stober Road. However, two of them are not working, as the transformers need to be replaced.

Tree Services — Paul Clinton from Beechwood Trees and Gardens was present to discuss tree services for the upcoming year, which would include spraying for weeds, pruning the signature entrance, and mulching. He would also like to prune down to ten inches the damaged river birches on Champions Trace. This would need to be done just before they begin growing in the spring. Mr. Clinton also mentioned that over the years he has planted ten ash trees in our City. With the presence of the emerald ash borer in Kentucky, he is concerned that we will lose these ash trees. Options he submitted are to treat each tree with insecticide, which would be an ongoing, expensive process, or to cut them down and plant something different. After discussion, Mrs. Chesser made a motion to not do anything to the trees at this time but to wait and see what happens; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (4-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh and seconded by Mrs. Wild to approve the bid from Beechwood Trees and Gardens in the amount of \$14,900.00. All present voted yes (4-0). After further discussion, Mrs. Welsh withdrew this motion and Mrs. Wild withdrew the second.

Mr. Clinton will submit a revised bid for tree services and we will have a contract drawn up for review at the March meeting of the City Council.

Mr. Clinton mentioned that Charles Marsh on Produce Road would like to get some plantings done and would like to see another signature entrance built at that location. Mrs. Welsh stated that she has been working with Mr. Marsh and that he told her they will do some improvements first and then contact us to see what we would be able to contribute.

New BUSINESS

Salaries of Council and Officers — Mrs. Welsh introduced and gave first reading by title only to an ordinance increasing the salary of the members of the City Council by five percent. Mrs. Welsh introduced and gave first reading by title only to an ordinance increasing the salary of the Clerk by five percent. Mrs. Chesser introduced and gave first reading by title only to an ordinance increasing the salary of the Treasurer by five percent. Mrs. Chesser introduced and gave first reading by title only to an ordinance increasing the salary of the Mayor by five percent.

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Sanitation — Mayor Liebert instructed Mrs. Keefe to draw up bid specs for sanitation services for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016. The dates for large trash pick-up would be October 18, 2014, April 18, 2015, October 17, 2015, and April 16, 2016. Mrs. Keefe will have the Advertisement for Bids published in the Courier-Journal newspaper and will mail out bid specs.

Budget — Mayor Liebert distributed copies of last year's budget and instructed Council members to take it home and review it for discussion at the March meeting.

Snow Removal — Mayor Liebert reported that we received bills from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping for snow removal in January. Initially, we were billed for more salt than we should have been, so Mayor Liebert questioned it. The bills were then adjusted accordingly. The adjusted total for January is \$5,210.00.

Complaint — Mrs. Chesser will contact Metro Call regarding the truck that is parked in the right-of-way at the Awnings Above property.

Audit — With there being no questions about the audit, Mrs. Chesser made a motion to approve it; seconded by Mrs. Wild. All present voted yes (4-0). Mayor Liebert would like to get bids for next year's audit. The company currently doing our audit takes entirely too long to complete it. Mayor Liebert will contact Attorney Treitz to discuss the bidding process.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Tree City USA Application — Mrs. Keefe reported that Wade Hendricks had emailed her stating that it would be helpful for the Tree City USA Application if we could mention the Arbor Day Proclamation and celebration in our newsletter. Mayor Liebert will contact Mr. Hendricks to get more specifics.

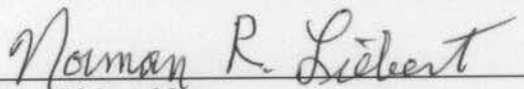
Contractors Court — Mrs. Chesser reported that Starr Drywall wants to know why we don't salt Contractors Court. Mayor Liebert stated that since it is a private road, we cannot legally salt it or maintain it. Starr Drywall also wanted to know exactly what services they get from our city for the taxes they pay. Mrs. Chesser will tell them that they are taxed at a significantly lower rate compared to what they would pay if they were taxed by Louisville Metro.

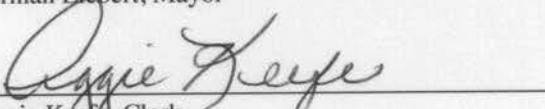
Sixth Division Police Advisory Board Meetings — Mrs. Chesser reported that she has recently attended two of the Sixth Division Police Advisory Board meetings. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. We are in Beat 3, which has seen a decrease in crime. Mrs. Chesser received some information from the Sixth Division on how to reduce/prevent crime. She forwarded this information to Mrs. Keefe for her to post on our website.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment — Mrs. Liebert made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:05 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 3-12-14.


Norman Liebert, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe