

# **CITY OF WATTERSON PARK**

## **LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

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

**August 12, 2019**

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

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz. Absent was Councilwoman Tiffany Woodson.

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

### **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

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**Congressional Medal of Honor** — Present at the meeting was resident Lucas Fortwengler, who was recently presented the Congressional Medal of Honor for his voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration. Lucas is the son of former Councilman Steve Fortwengler, who was also present. Lucas talked about the amazing journey that led to this prestigious award. Watterson Park Council and Officers congratulated Lucas on his achievement.

### **MINUTES**

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Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2019, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$63,652.28 with expenditures in the amount of \$30,090.66, giving a surplus of \$33,561.92. A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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**Newburg Road Sidewalk Project** — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Pat Mulvihill, and he agreed to contribute \$50,000 from District 10 CIF funds, which would leave \$112,000 needed in local funds. Attorney Treitz stressed that we need to ascertain how we are going to confirm that this will be an enforceable promise. He will call Geoff Wohl to see if we can work out a mechanism whereby we both put the funds into a special account earmarked for this project. Ms. Garrett suggested that we send a legal agreement for Pat Mulvihill to sign. Attorney Treitz will call Geoff Wohl to discuss how we can be assured that their money will be available 2 1/2 years from now regardless of whether Pat Mulvihill is in office. Attorney Treitz will continue negotiating with Councilman Mulvihill's office until we are satisfied that all parties are onboard and willing to make the necessary commitment.

**Off-Duty Patrol Workers' Compensation Insurance** — Attorney Treitz reported that we are still waiting on assurance from KEMI regarding responsibility for Workers Compensation insurance on off-duty officers supplied by Kentuckiana Law Enforcement. We had applied for workers compensation insurance but KEMI is not going to seek premiums from us at this point because they believe that KLE is responsible. Mr. Treitz wants to get something definitive in writing. He is not yet comfortable with the language in the emails from them so far.

**Stober Road Flooding** — Attorney Treitz reported that BTM will be sending another letter to Norfolk Southern Railroad asking for their assistance in clearing the ditch to prevent future flooding. MSD has indicated that they will also be sending a similar letter directly to Norfolk Southern asking for their assistance in getting the ditch cleared and possibly regraded. Brandon Jones with BTM is coordinating the effort on our behalf. Attorney Treitz had suggested to BTM that Watterson Park may be willing to pay for this work if the Council approves.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

**LG&E Gas Reliability Project** — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Tom Murphy, LG&E Team Leader for Gas Construction. He provided an update on the gas line replacement program for the Watterson Park area. They are wrapping up their work on Conaem and Annshire. The next phase will involve replacing 17 gas lines on Milldaun Road and Regina Avenue. Once the lines are replaced, LG&E will increase the pressure gradually and will have three checks at each property. Once the project is completed, they will pull up the grass-seed netting. They still have to do work at the Post Office Annex, the YUM! Resource Center, and Bunton/Road/Poplar Level Road.

**City Trip to Louisville Zoological Gardens** — Mrs. Welsh reported that she has received several responses from residents. We need to pay for participants and finalize the lunch menu by September 3. We are checking into the possibility of having a docent present at the luncheon.

**Street Lights on Bishop Lane** — Mayor Chesser reported that she was contacted by Bill Reed from Flynn Brothers Contracting regarding concerns about the safety of pedestrians walking in the early morning hours at their property. Mayor Chesser contacted LG&E about the situation. After evaluating the area, LG&E has completed the installation of 10 additional street lights on Bishop Lane between Gardiner Lane and Champions Trace Lane. Mayor Chesser contacted Mr. Reed to let him know that additional lighting has been installed. He was very appreciative that Watterson Park took such quick action.

**Trees** — Mayor Chesser reported that two trees on the Lillian Wild Walking Path died and needed to be removed. Cindi Sullivan discussed with Mayor Chesser the possibility of planting a different species on the walking path and possibly adding a few more trees throughout the City in commercial areas. Before planting trees in front of any businesses, however, Council wants assurance from the affected businesses that they are onboard with the plantings and will not damage or remove them. Council decided that we can proceed with planting trees on the walking path but we will discuss further tree plantings at a later date. Mayor Chesser reported that the evergreens on Larkmoor Lane are doing well. Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping has been watering the new trees and flowers on a regular basis.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Kentucky League of Cities Annual Conference** — Mayor Chesser reported that the annual conference will be held in Covington, Kentucky, September 24 through 27. She and Ms. Garrett would like to attend. Mayor Chesser will contact Councilwoman Woodson to see if she is interested in attending. The conference fee is \$379 per attendee; the room is \$165 plus tax per night. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 for up to three people to attend this conference; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

**Camp Taylor Fire Department Fire Hydrants** — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a call from Norman Hall with Precision Collision. Mr. Hall discovered that the fire hydrant located in front of his business was not connected. Apparently, it had not been connected since the property on Hodel Road was renovated. Mayor Chesser contacted Captain David McGraw with Camp Taylor Fire Department. Captain McGraw said they would take care of connecting this hydrant and would be doing a flow test on all hydrants in the area as well.

**House Bill 246** — Mrs. Arnold reported that the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled in favor of small cities by upholding House Bill 246, which allows small cities to maintain control of contracting with garbage haulers of their choice, and also affirms their sovereign authority as independent government entities with the right to serve their citizens in accordance with the Kentucky Revised Statutes.


## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mr. Ashley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:47 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 9-9-19

  
Linda Chesser, Mayor

  
Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.