

# **CITY OF WATTERSON PARK**

## **LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

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

**November 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; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Audit Report** — Present at the meeting was John McIntyre from McIntyre & Wooldridge PSC. Mr. McIntyre presented a draft of the City Audit for the period ending June 30, 2019, going over each page of the report with Council. Mr. McIntyre noted that the City has some investments that were not insured by the FDIC and not collateralized by the bank; City management will consult with their attorney to resolve this matter. Mr. McIntyre pointed out that there was a downward trend in the insurance tax revenues. It was noted that Councilwoman Gina Garrett has been performing oversight over the treasurer/accounting functions. Mr. McIntyre stressed the importance of continuing this process and to document the sign-off on the specific procedures performed on an oversight procedure checklist. Mr. McIntyre informed Council that we can apply for a police grant to help fund our off-duty police protection. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the audit as presented; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, Mayor Chesser called for a vote. All present voted yes (6-0). Mr. McIntyre will e-file the three copies to the Department for Local Government in Frankfort, Kentucky. Mrs. Keefe will prepare the independent auditor's report, budgetary comparison schedule, and city contact information for printing and mailing out by first class mail to the residents within 30 days of tonight's audit presentation. She will also secure an affidavit of advertising to be retained for the City's files. Mr. McIntyre left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

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Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2019, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Ms. Woodson. All present voted yes (6-0).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of October 2019 in the amount of \$306,772.11 with expenditures in the amount of \$28,992.94, giving a surplus of \$277,779.17. A motion was made by Ms. Garrett to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Johnson. All present voted yes (6-0).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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**Newburg Road Sidewalk Project** — Attorney Treitz reported that he was informed by Steve Kurowsky with Metro Government that Councilman Pat Mulvihill has placed \$50,000 in a segregated account for the sidewalk project. Mr. Kurowsky indicated that his immediate boss is enthusiastic about this project and wants to move forward, indicating that he wants to include \$100,000 additional for a

potential utility relocation. That means the local funding would have to increase by 20 percent. Mayor Chesser produced a document that showed that BTM had already included the utility relocation in their specs. We would need to come up with an additional \$20,000 if we want to proceed with the project. Mr. Johnson made a motion to amend the previous resolution to increase our commitment for this project by \$20,000, up to \$120,000; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, all present voted yes (6-0).

**Off-Duty Patrol Rate Increase** — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a letter from John Aubrey announcing an increase in the hourly rate from \$40 to \$45 per hour effective April 1, 2020. Ms. Garrett suggested that we decrease the patrol hours in the wintertime. Council agreed. Mayor Chesser and Mr. Johnson will work on a new schedule and present it to Council at the next meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to modify the current contract increasing the rate from \$40 to \$45 per hour effective April 1, 2020; seconded by Mr. Ashley. There being no further discussion, all present voted yes (6-0).

**Off-Duty Patrol Workers Comp** — Attorney Treitz reported that he continues to talk with KEMI and will pursue the matter until he is comfortable with their determination regarding responsibility for Workers Compensation insurance on off-duty officers supplied by Kentuckiana Law Enforcement.

**Stober Road Flooding** — Mayor Chesser reported that Joe Exley with MSD sent a letter to Norfolk Southern on October 16 but has not yet received a response. MSD usually gives the recipient 30 days to respond before involving their legal team.

**Holiday Dinner** — Attorney Treitz announced that his annual appreciation dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 19, and asked that we contact Willa Evans at his office to RSVP.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**JCLC Annual Dinner** — Mayor Chesser reminded everyone of the upcoming JCLC annual dinner to be held at The Jeffersonian on November 21. Ms. Woodson has secured the \$100 Jeff Ruby's gift card that our City is donating as a door prize for this dinner.

**Planting/Labeling Trees** — Mayor Chesser reported that Cindi Sullivan would like to plant 10 trees around the Lillian Wild Walking Path this fall. The cost of \$6,500 includes various trees, planting, mulching, labeling, and Mrs. Sullivan's fee. Ms. Sullivan has flagged proposed planting sites for our approval. Ms. Woodson thinks 10 trees might be too many and would like to visit the site to see where Ms. Sullivan proposes to plant them before we approve a contract. Mr. Johnson made a motion to allocate up to \$6,500 for trees at the walking path; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, Mayor Chesser called for a vote. All present voted yes (6-0). Ms. Woodson, Mrs. Welsh, and Mr. Johnson will look at the flags that Ms. Sullivan has placed on the path and contact Mayor Chesser with approval or suggestions. Mayor Chesser will secure and sign a contract with Ms. Sullivan based on their findings so the plantings can take place this fall.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** — Mayor Chesser reported that this Board has an annual outreach program and would like Council's approval for Watterson Park to donate to the program. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to allocate \$500 for the FOP 6th Division Christmas Outreach Program; seconded by Ms. Woodson. All present voted yes (6-0).

**Snow Removal** — Mayor Chesser received a proposal from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping for snow removal for this season. Rates remained the same as in the previous contract. Mayor Chesser discovered some streets that we should be treating that need to be added to the contract. She doesn't feel adding these streets will be a significant increase in cost. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the proposal; seconded by Ms. Woodson. There being no further discussion, Mayor Chesser called for a vote. All present voted yes (6-0).

**Rumpke Sanitation** — Mayor Chesser reported that she met with Eric Curtis, Rumpke Regional Vice President, and Chris Pierce. There have been several ongoing issues, including two missed large trash pick-ups as well as failure to provide rear-door pickup for a handicapped resident. In addition, Mayor Chesser receives quite a few complaints, which require her to follow-up with phone calls to Rumpke. She is hoping that the service improves. We will be advertising for sanitation services for 2020 through 2022 in the spring of 2020.

**Terminix** — Mrs. Arnold reported she has been monitoring the services provided by Terminix. We currently pay \$175 every other month for their services.

**R&R Limousine Service New Facility** — Ms. Woodson asked if R&R Limousine would be presenting to our City Council plans for their new headquarters at 4719 Poplar Level Road. Mayor Chesser will contact them and extend an invitation to make a presentation at an upcoming City Council meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

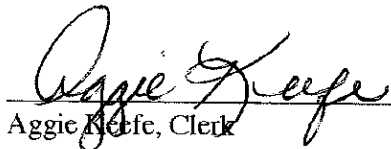
All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on 12-9-19



~~Linda Chesser, Mayor~~

HELEN ARNOLD, ACTING MAYOR



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.