

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

October 14, 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Absent was Councilman Brett Ashley.

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (5-0). Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019, special meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of September 2019 in the amount of \$13,110.81 with expenditures in the amount of \$28,831.99, leaving a deficit of \$15,721.18. Ms. Garrett questioned the negative amount listed under "Change in Fair Market Value." Mr. Wild clarified that both the Hilliard Lyons and Stock Yards Bank accounts suffered losses during the month of September. A motion was made by Ms. Garrett to approve the report as presented; seconded by Ms. Woodson. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Newburg Road Sidewalk Project — There was nothing new to report on this project. As a follow-up to Mr. Ashley's previous concern about capping our commitment to this project at \$100,000, Mayor Chesser reported that best practices dictate that you cap funds for your own protection.

Off-Duty Patrol Workers Comp — There was nothing new to report at this time.

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Jones with BTM Engineering received an email on September 19 from Joe Exley with MSD. Mr. Exley is going to prepare a letter to send to Norfolk Southern, with a copy to Brandon Jones, on behalf of MSD stating that the ditch needs to be cleared.

LG&E Gas Reliability Project — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a phone call from Tom Murphy with LG&E updating her on this project. Work at the Post Office Annex is taking place today. Once the YUM! Resource Center, All State Ford, and YUM! on Gardiner Lane are completed, replacements in Watterson Park will be finished. There will still be some cuts in the pavement on Gardiner Lane. Poplar Level Road (Gardiner Lane to Bunton Road) may not happen until after the first of the year, depending on the weather. Once the projects are completed, curb-to-curb paving will be done.

City Trip to Louisville Zoological Gardens — Mrs. Welsh reported that everyone seemed to enjoy the trip. Council expressed appreciation to Mrs. Welsh for all of the hard work involved in planning this trip.

Brightside Fall Clean-up — Ms. Woodson reported that she will pick up T-shirts and supplies for this event on October 15. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. on October 19. Ms. Woodson also mentioned that the large-trash pick-up will occur on this date.

KLC Conference — Both Ms. Garrett and Mayor Chesser reported that this conference was the best they had attended.

Ms. Garrett reported on the following workshops she attended:

1. Cemeteries—As the global population expands, we need to address how to dispose of the 55 million-plus people who die every year. Cemeteries are becoming more and more crowded and expensive, and there are rules and restrictions on the disposal of cremated remains.
2. School Resource Officers—SROs are controlled by the local police department and are bound by city rules; policies are decided by the local city. SROs are not responsible for the discipline of students.
3. Police risk management issues—For cities who have their own police departments, there are many issues and challenges, including cost and liability. In addition, it's important to have fewer high-quality officers instead of more low-quality officers. It's also extremely important to hire a top-notch police chief.
4. Being a good leader—In order for a good leader to be successful, he or she needs to be humble, teachable, self-aware and willing to learn from others.

Mayor Chesser reported on:

1. Audits—Cities should have two signatures on all checks (which Watterson Park already implements), and someone on the Council should review each transaction monthly. Mayor Chesser thanked Ms. Garrett for taking on this role with Watterson Park.
2. Census—The census documents will be mailed on March 12. For each person not accounted for, a city loses \$975 per person per year in Federal funds. For a family of four, a community loses out on approximately \$40,000 over a 10-year period. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your data with any other governmental agency. Mayor Chesser also mentioned that the American Community Survey that is mailed out monthly to approximately 30,000 people should not be confused with the Census forms.
3. Roads—Mayor Chesser shared information she received from Brandon Shelley, Traffic Engineer with Louisville Metro. He explained that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet typically does asphalt resurfacing every 8 to 10 years on KYTC roadways and every 15 to 20 years on major Metro roadways. Residential streets may go 25+ years before needing to be resurfaced. Asphalt repaving is usually performed every 20 years for major roadways and up to 50 years for minor roadways. Mr. Shelley said that the Newburg Road/Gardiner Lane intersection is on his study list prior to submitting to KYTC.
4. AppHarvest—Mayor Chesser reported on the solar greenhouse project which is going on at Morehead State University. These greenhouses combine conventional agriculture techniques with today's technology to grow non-GMO, chemical-free produce. They reduce water usage by up to 90 percent.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe distributed drafts of the upcoming fall newsletter for Council's review and approval. She will submit files to United Mail for output at the end of this week.

JCLC Annual Dinner — Mayor Chesser reported that this dinner will be held at The Jeffersonian on November 21, and we need to appropriate funds for those Council members and officers who wish to attend. The cost is \$49.50 per person. Mr. Johnson made a motion to allocate up to \$600 for this purpose; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0). After discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to allocate \$100 for a gift card to Jeff Ruby's to be donated as a door prize for this dinner; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0). Ms. Woodson will secure and deliver the gift card.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser attended the October 8 meeting of this Board. There have been a few incidents involving theft from vehicles on Bunton Road over the past several months. Major Bogan will have the officers patrol the area more often. Mayor Chesser sent an email to John Aubrey asking him to make the off-duty officers aware of this situation. In addition, Mayor Chesser reported that Officer Eddie Phillips, DRO (Division Resource Officer) for the Sixth Division is taking on a new role with LMPD, having served in this position for six years. Officer George McMillan will be the point of contact until Officer Phillips' replacement is named.

Demolay Property — Mrs. Arnold reported that the Demolay is keeping the banks of the ditch bordering their property clear. She reported that there are several downed tree limbs, and residents are concerned about some leaning pine trees.

County Wide — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn and Landscaping planted mums on the Lillian Wild Walking Path at no cost to our City.

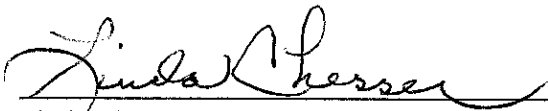
Little Free Library — Mrs. Welsh reported that on her last check, the Little Free Library on the Lillian Wild Walking Path was full of books.

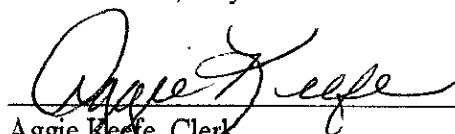
ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:30 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 11-11-19


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk