

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Off-Duty Patrol — Present at the meeting was Deputy Nicholas Bray. He reported on recent activity in Watterson Park. He said most of his runs are for silent alarms and speeders. Deputy Bray left the meeting at 7:09 p.m..

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

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Ordinances — Attorney Sherman explained the process whereby the tax rate is determined each year. Our current tax rate is 8.2¢ per hundred dollars of valuation; the compensating rate is 7.8¢. After discussing various options, Council agreed to reduce the tax rate to 7.1¢.

Mrs. Welsh introduced and gave first reading in full to 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 at a rate of 7.1¢ per hundred dollars of valuation to be used for general City purposes during the fiscal year of July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Ms. Woodson 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 at a rate of 6.5¢ per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation to be used for general City purposes during the fiscal year of July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Mr. Ashley introduced and gave first reading in full to an ordinance levying an ad valorem property tax of 7.5¢ per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all motor vehicles and watercraft by the City of Watterson Park, Kentucky, for the year 2020.

We will need to hold a special meeting for the second reading of these tax ordinances. The date and time agreed upon is September 18 at 6 p.m. at Mayor Linda Chesser's residence. Notices will be mailed out.

Attorney Sherman left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Johnson. All present voted yes (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of August 2019 in the amount of \$119,336.11 with expenditures in the amount of \$32,048.45, giving a surplus of \$87,287.66. Mr. Wild clarified that the amount under Office Supplies included \$1,000 for accounting software. A motion was made by Ms. Garrett to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Ashley. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Newburg Road Sidewalk Project — Mayor Chesser reported that she met with Bob Zimlich from Bellarmine University regarding this project. Mr. Zimlich received an estimate from Steve Kurowsky with Metro Government. He will discuss the estimate with Flynn Brothers Paving and get back with Mayor Chesser.

Geoff Wohl sent an email to Mr. Kurowsky indicating Councilman Mulvihill remains committed to appropriating \$50,000 of District 10 designated CIF, and the City of Watterson Park is prepared to also appropriate funding for this purpose. Councilman Mulvihill requested that Mr. Kurowsky open an account and deposit the D10 funds.

Watterson Park has been requested to submit a letter of financial commitment for the project to Mr. Kurowsky. Mr. Kurowsky said that KIPDA should have a call for federal projects beginning this fall, which is when the TAP application process would begin.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to authorize Mayor Chesser to execute such documents that are necessary to initiate with the appropriate authorities the submission of an application for TAP funds for the construction of a sidewalk along the west side of Newburg Road along with a commitment for the City of Watterson Park to expend up to \$100,000 therefore; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. Motion carried with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmembers Garrett, Johnson, Welsh, and Woodson voting for, and Councilman Ashley voting against. Mr. Ashley explained that he is concerned that we will be limited to \$100,000, so if additional funds are needed, the project could be cancelled.

Stober Road Flooding — There is nothing new to report at this time.

LG&E Gas Reliability Project — Mayor Chesser reported that she was contacted by Bill Stoll with Stoll Construction. He said that they will start paving the roadways affected by the LG&E gas line replacement project. Tom Murphy stopped by today to confirm they are finished with the residential homes. The only places remaining are the YUM! property, the post office annex, and Bunton Road. Work on Gardiner Lane will begin September 10. Ms. Woodson said she is not happy with the condition in which they left her front yard. Mayor Chesser will notify Mr. Murphy of Ms. Woodson's dissatisfaction.

City Trip to Louisville Zoological Gardens — Mrs. Welsh reported that everything is ready for the September 14 trip. She submitted our food choices and picked up the admission wrist bands. She was informed that the Zoo will provide two docents with animals.

Large Trash Pickup — Mrs. Woodson printed flyers regarding the upcoming large trash pick-up and the fall Brightside fall pick-up. Both of these events are on Saturday, October 19. She asked that they be handed out to the trip participants along with the Zoo admission wrist bands.

Fiber Optic Installations — Mayor Chesser reported that a new utility pole was recently installed on Champions Trace and two cuts had to be made in the pavement to accommodate the fiber optic cables. The cut asphalt was patched, but it began settling. Mayor Chesser made several phone calls and discovered that the work was done by Star Construction, who installs fiber optic cables for MCImetro and AT&T. Star agreed to put some more asphalt on the places in question and said if it continues to sink to let them know. The normal process is for Watterson Park to be notified prior to any work involving our roadways, but this didn't happen in this case.

NEW BUSINESS

Charter Communications Rates — Mayor Chesser reported that she received notice that programming fees will be increasing effective October 6, 2019. Charter will be sending notices to customers to make them aware of this increase.

The Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Acts — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of The Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Act to Council members and officers, who each filled out and signed the Proof of Receipt and gave to Mrs. Keefe for filing. Mayor Chesser will obtain the signed form from Mrs. Arnold and will forward to Mrs. Keefe.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Council did not have anything to be brought up at the upcoming meeting.

District 10 Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser attending the September 5 meeting of this board. Mayor Chesser reported on the following:

- (1) Colleen Younger, Jefferson County PVA, presented at the meeting. A number of areas in District 10 will be assessed next year, both residential and commercial. Property assessments occur every four years. People over age 65 should apply for the Homestead Exemption, which will be increased to \$39,300 this year.
- (2) Major Tim Burkett, the newly-appointed Fourth Division Commander, was introduced.
- (3) There will be three music festivals in September on what was previously the Executive Inn property by the Fairgrounds. This area is now called the Highland Festival Grounds. Phillips Lane will be closed from the viaduct at I-65 to Gate 1 at the Fairgrounds during the festivals.
- (4) On the former K-Mart property on Poplar Level Road north of I-264, plans are to have a Planet Fitness and Big Lots. Ross Dress for Less will most likely also be at this location. In addition, there might be a Burger King and a Starbucks.

JCLC Annual Dinner — Mayor Chesser reported that this year's dinner will be held on November 21. Dr. Tori Murden, President of Spalding University, will be the speaker. We will discuss in further detail at the October meeting.

Tree City USA — Mayor Chesser reported that it is time for recertification as a Tree City USA member. Mayor Chesser will contact Attorney Mary Garris to begin the process.

County Wide Lawn and Landscaping — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent with County Wide picked up some broken glass on one of our roads. In addition, he picks up abandoned grocery carts on a regular basis. We might need to reword our contract with him to include general maintenance items.

Fall Brightside Clean-Up — Ms. Woodson will distribute packs of flyers for this clean-up to Council members within the next week for distribution to residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ashley. 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 10-14-19.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.