

Special Meeting 09/26/2018 Minutes of Woodlawn Park City Council (corrected)

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on September 26, 2018 at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members Doug Watson, Tom Nunn, Greg Claypool, Ellen White and Shannon Seidt, and Attorney Matt Carey and City Clerk Chana Elswick. George Langford was absent.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order. Clerk Chana Elswick stated there was quorum present.

Larry stated the meeting had been called for the purpose of a vote and the appointment of Michael Koenig as the Chief of Police of Woodlawn Park. He thanked Mike Brown, Wally Deener and Jim Reh for their assistance in the search for a new Police Chief. 12 people inquired about the position. 4 did not respond further. 8 started the process. 2 took other positions. 4 interviewed for the position. This was narrowed to 3, then 2 and finally to Michael Koenig. He stated the Council has a copy of his resume. He gave a brief summary of his career. Michael Koenig has 20 plus years in law enforcement. After serving 13 years with the Jeffersontown Police Department, he retired in 2017 as a Sergeant. Before serving with the Jeffersontown Police Department, he served 7 years with County and LMPD. After retirement, he served briefly in the Attorney General's Office. He is currently working part-time security at the Southern Seminary. During his career he served in various positions such as: Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer and Detective. He has earned 118 credit hours towards a Bachelors degree in Justice Administration from the University of Louisville. He has had extensive ~~advance~~ advanced law enforcement training. He is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations and is an active member of his church and community. Larry stated, Council, I present for your approval retired Sergeant Michael Koenig as the next Chief of Police for the City of Woodlawn Park.

Sgt. Koenig addressed the Council. He thanked everyone for their time this evening for the meeting. He stated he is a father of 6 soon to be 7. His wife is with LMPD in the Homicide Unit and works with victim's family and resources. He stated he has been married for 14 years and lives in Northfield. He stated he sought out Northfield for the small Police Department in the City. He stated speed control, maintaining rules and regulations and maintaining property values are his goals. He stated he is an advanced investigator. With him we will get an advanced investigator, experienced supervisor and a well-rounded person. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Ellen White asked did he retire because his 20 years was up. Sgt. Koenig stated the ~~government~~ Governor was vocal about *making changes to* the retirement system and he retired early because of this. Policing is all he knows and wants to continue this. He stated there is a vast change in the new system. He spent 6 months in the Attorney General's office in their Medicare/Medicaid fraud Department. Ellen asked about his reasons for leaving this position. He stated the job was not as discussed. There was a lot more travel and it was not a good fit. Ellen asked why he did not graduate if he had 1 class left to get a degree. Sgt. Koenig stated he is about 1 semester away from a degree. He started a family and had 6 kids and was working. He has 400 ~~community education~~ hours of leadership training and he is an advanced investigator. Ellen asked how does his leadership training translate to Woodlawn Park. Sgt. Koenig stated that most important is transparency and communication. He stated one person cannot solve all the problems. Leadership training will help with this. He stated he would like to start a Coffee with the Chief to speak to the residents and increase communication. Ellen asked if he had any idea for technology advancement. Sgt. Koenig stated he has advanced OPS training and would like to incorporate this into the City. He explained some of these ideas to the Council. His records would go directly to the State, which will help with crime trends, MOs, etc. He would like to use the speed sign for recording speeds on the streets. Ellen stated he cannot tell what his hours will be, but does he plan on varying his hours. Sgt. Koenig stated he will vary his hours and be visible at bus stops. He stated in the evening is a good time to connect with residents. He stated he has worked late watch hours.

Tom made a motion to vote on the appointment. Doug seconded the motion, A roll call vote was taken Shannon, Aye, Ellen, Aye, Doug, Aye, Tom, Aye, Greg, Aye. All vote Aye and the motion was passed. Larry stated that Council had approved the appointment.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick, City Clerk