

April 2018 Minutes of Woodlawn Park City Council

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on April 16, 2018 at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members Doug Watson, Scott Horn, Tom Nunn, George Langford and Chief Bob Heaton, Attorney Matt Carey, Treasurer Gloria Curran and City Clerk Chana Elswick. Absent was Greg Claypool and Shannon Seidt.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council reviewed the minutes for the March 19, 2018 Council Meeting. Doug made a motion to accept the minutes. Scott seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's Report. She gave the report for March, 2018. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for March 2018 with the Council. George asked about the Kimpflein taxes and were they made as a correction to the audit. Gloria stated they were for the 2016 audit and she will give an update at the next meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the report. Scott seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Gloria reviewed the budget worksheet with the Council. She stated the revenues were about the same, the road fund went down. There are no major expense changes. She added a public services heading. She reviewed some added expenses and stated there were no major changes to the budget.

Chana Elswick gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website.

Chief Heaton gave the Police report for March. There were 15 warnings, 25 assists, 140 miscellaneous tasks, 2 welcomes: both rentals. There was \$100.65 in expenses. He stated a Beechwood Village resident contacted him about a missing cat. Larry reminded him to have the resident remove the signs at the end of the week. Chief Heaton stated he will be on duty during the yard sale.

Guests: Variance: None

Residents: Nix Collier, 4240 Westport Terrace, stated he is listed on Air BNB and rents for 1 week a year at Derby. He got a letter for the \$250.00 rental fee and he paid the fee after he got a letter stating legal action would be taken. He has paid within the past 2 weeks. Now he has another bill. He found out the first bill was for 2017 and the new bill is for 2018. Larry stated AirBNB is included in the rental ordinance and it doesn't matter how long the rental is. The resident questioned the bill at the end of the year and another for 2018. Larry stated the bill was late because it wasn't brought to the City's attention until later in the year. Matt explained the annual license will be obtained no later than 04/01 of the year, per the ordinance. Doug discussed that the rental fee is billed when it is found out. Gloria said AirBNB will have to be addressed. She said she is following procedure. Matt stated she is following the law. The resident asked for an extension of the fee. Gloria said it would be ok to pay it after Derby. Matt suggested Council making a motion to approve. Doug made a motion to extend the due date to 05/31/18. George seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was approved. Alice Neafyus, 4314 Alicent Road stated there were 4 St. Matthews police cars parked by her street. Larry said he could not say why they were there, since we are not a part of St. Matthews. Chief Heaton said he had no contact, so he doesn't know either. Chief Heaton and the resident discussed a house on the street. Larry stated the Chief keeps the City phone on 24/7. He advised her to call 911 if she cannot reach him.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tom made a motion to introduce Ordinance #1 for the first reading. Doug seconded the motion. Chana gave the first reading of Ordinance #1, series 2018-2019.

Mayor's Report

AirBNB Larry stated that as the ordinance currently reads, no designation of rental of 1 day versus 365 days. He has listened to the residents and reviewed other cities. Metro has a \$25.00 application and a % fee. Windy Hills has fees. He stated he understands the residents' feelings. Jtown does not allow them at all and there is \$500.00 fine. He thinks this needs to be discussed and allowances made. He stated what brought it to light was 1 rental causing issues by violating ordinances. George stated he thinks they should continue to charge the rental fee the same as everyone else, no matter the length of time. Larry stated we could do a short-term rental. It is the landlord's responsibility to know the laws. Applications could be for 30 days. Larry said he had researched and found the ones that were on the site now. Doug stated the resident could circumvent the fee. He stated he feels another thing to monitor is too much to do and it should be left as it is. Tom stated it is hard to monitor. Larry stated there are 4 current rentals now. Tom stated year rental versus weekend rental should not pay the same fee. Larry asked Matt for the legal insight into this. Matt stated the current ordinance does not have a term in it. A full year rental pays \$250.00 annual fee. If an owner does AirBNB for the weekend, there is a difference. He stated Council needs to discuss this and come up with a plan. It will be a monitoring and enforcing challenge. Doug stated he is open to a different structure. Scott stated he does not know how to structure it. Larry asked if this would be an amendment. Matt stated it would be a new ordinance. Scott stated a short-term rental fee would be appropriate. Larry asked Matt to review the ordinance and draft some guidelines. Council discussed possible fees and Larry asked for a fine structure. Scott stated since 2 residents had paid, can they apply the money to 2018. Matt will look into it and come up with a draft.

Yard Sale Larry stated the yard sale will be May 12th. He will run an ad in the Courier Journal on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for \$40.00 for 5 lines or less. There will be entrance signs, set out 1 week before. There is no registration this year.

City Website/Ordinances Larry stated there is a summary of ordinances, but this just gives an overview. Other neighboring cities have a complete list on their websites. He stated he wants to work on the website and update the information. Scott stated it is not mobile friendly. Larry stated he will look into that.

Brightside Community Cleanup The cleanup had been rescheduled due to weather. It will be the weekend of 04/21/18. There may be 1 student who needs community service hours helping. It will start at 9:00 am and there is not much territory to cover.

Code Enforcement Update Larry stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion about a carport turned into a garage. He recommended Code Enforcement take over. A letter was sent to the resident. It has been made into a garage and is out of ordinance. There are 2 options, return it to a carport or bring it up to code. A letter was sent to a resident on Green Meadow Court. It was returned, the address was updated and the letter was resent.

Council Focus

City Hall Greg Claypool was absent. Larry stated the blinds have been discussed in the past. He will get new ones.

Street and signs Tom Nunn stated a banner came down and he will put it up. He is waiting on warmer weather to get pothole repair estimates. He will put up the speed sign. He will call the guy that does the pothole repairs.

Lighting Grid Doug Watson stated he and the Mayor met with Mr. Pearson of LG&E on 04/16/18. Green Meadow Circle, Westport Terrace and Schuway Court were staked out. Larry discussed the Green Meadow Circle light and the work that needs to be done. Doug will be sent a new contract. The City can be worked into the schedule in month or so after the contract is signed. Doug will follow-up on the light at Westport Terrace and Ahland that is still out.

Fences and Permits Scott Horn stated he had requests 2 permits. 6860 Green Meadow Circle asked about limitations on a fence. He gave them guidelines. No permit has been issued yet. 6881 Green Meadow Circle inquired about covering a front porch stoop. He referred them to Metro.

Drainage/Sanitation/Block watch George Langford stated there were no drainage issues. MSD is doing work in the City. The median on Green Meadow Court has been repaired. 04/12/18 he posted about Coffee with a Cop. Larry showed Council a crime map for 04/01-04/12/18 for the surrounding area. There was nothing in the City. George discussed gang signs and graffiti under the viaduct. Larry stated "see something-say something".

Historian/Archivist Shannon Seidt was absent. Larry stated she had information ready for her brochure at the last meeting. He has some information to share with her.

Scott discussed the noise ordinance. He asked that as a resident, who has to witness the event to report it. He asked if the Chief had to witness the event to write a citation. Matt stated he did not think so. Larry stated he had drawn up a written complaint form. He asked if a resident could fill out a written complaint of a noise violation. Matt will review the ordinance and let the Council know. Larry stated it is at the discretion of the officer to issue a warning instead of a citation. Larry stated to call Metro about barking dogs.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk