

April 2013 Minutes Of Woodlawn Park City Council

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on April 15, 2013, at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Mike Brown, Council Members, Becky Ritz, Greg Claypool, Larry Lewis, George Langford Tom, Nunn and Doug Watson, Treasurer Gloria Curran, Attorney Matt Carey, Chief Bob Heaton, and City Clerk Chana Elswick.

The meeting began at 7:30 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike asked for a moment of silence in honor of the Boston Marathon Bombing victims.

The council reviewed the minutes for the March 18, 2013 Council Meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes. Becky seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's report. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for February with the Council. George asked about the LG&E bill being \$280.00. Council discussed hating City Hall. Mike will try to adjust the thermostat settings. George made a motion to accept the report. Larry seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Guests Bob Brunderman, resident at 6881 Green Meadow Circle stated he had Doug check his property for a privacy fence in his backyard. He requested a variance for a 7 foot fence with good side towards his property. He is concerned about the 2 dogs on the other side of the fence. He showed pictures of the area to Council. He stated the yard at 4314 Kinloch is a mess and the dogs attack the fence. He has grandchildren that play in his yard. Doug stated the request is within ordinance, except for the 7 foot height and reversing the fence. He has approved a 6 foot privacy fence. Becky asked if he could put up a shadowbox fence. He stated he wants a solid fence. Larry asked where Council stood on the maintenance of 4314 Kinloch. The resident stated there is a woodpile that the dog stands on. Chief Heaton stated the house is a rental. Mike took a roll call vote for the variance of a 7 foot fence: George – Nay, Larry- Nay, Becky – Nay, Doug – Nay, Tom – Nay, Greg- Nay. The variance was not granted. Mike took a roll call vote on reversing the fence: George – Nay, Larry- Nay, Becky – Nay, Doug – Nay, Tom – Nay, Greg- Nay. The variance was not granted. Greg discussed the sewer line in the area and the fence might be in the way of the line. Greg asked the resident if Mr. Brunderman's garage was painted. He stated it was not. Greg stated it should be painted, per ordinance.

Mayor's Report

Mike stated there was no April newsletter.

Mike stated bushes had been installed at the entrances.

Mike stated he had replaced the City Hall porch light bulbs.

Mike stated there will be no electronic recycling at the yard sale this year, City Pride Award was given to Virginia Murphy, 4316 Westport Terrace.

Old Business None

New Business Chana gave the first reading of Ordinance #4, signage in yards.

Council discussed raising the rental fee. Mike stated Richard Chessen had approached the Council about raising the rental fee. Mike asked Council if they wanted to raise the fee. Mike asked if other cities had a similar fee. Greg stated he had checked other websites and he cannot find any city that has a rental fee. He stated some do not allow rentals, but that it is listed their deeds. Greg discussed a \$600.00 vs. a \$250.00 fee. Council discussed the purpose of the fee. Matt stated a \$1200.00 fee seems excessive and uncollectable. George stated a Code Enforcement Member thinks it deters home purchasers. Council discussed enforcing current ordinances, possible fees and changing the deed to state no rentals. Mikes stated the City has a god Code Enforcement system to take care of issues. There are 34 rentals in the City. Greg discussed foreclosures. Matt stated Metro has a weed ordinance and they could be called to take care of lawns. Doug made a motion to raise the rental fee to \$400.00 per year. A roll call vote was taken: George –yes, Larry- Nay, Becky- Yes, Doug – Yes, Tom- Nay, Greg- Nay, Mike made the deciding vote of Nay. The motion was not passed. George suggested placing the fee in a special account for maintenance issues. Doug stated sales of homes in the area are up and prices are good.

Chana gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She mailed the newsletter to the residents that requested it not be emailed.

Chief Bob Heaton gave the Police report. There were 1 city citations, 24 city warnings, 17 motorist assist, 1 backups, 101 miscellaneous runs, and \$194.00 in expenses. Doug stated Mr. Bates had a trailer that should be places on a paved surface.

Council Focus

Fences and Permits Doug Watson stated he had 6881 Green Meadow Circle, with no variance was granted. 817 Perryman was within ordinance. He had received a building request for Kinloch. He showed Council his new permit request and explained how it works. Mike asked if he had any idea how many fences were installed incorrectly, Doug stated maybe 8-10. Council disused grandfathered fences.

Streets and Signs Larry Lewis stated the letters were on the wall on Westport Road. The horses were not installed yet. He stated the sign at Westport Road was installed. He will purchase a temporary stop sign.

Ordinance Review Greg Claypool stated he had nothing to report.

Welcome Tom Nunn stated he had welcomed 2 new residents and 3 new renters.

City Hall Becky Ritz stated the Book Club was reading "Even Silence has an End".

Emergency Preparedness George Langford stated emailed Julie Raque Adams about a stoplight on Westport Road. He had not received a response. He had walked the tracks and gave Mike a list of issues. He gave Mike an email about pit bulls. He had stopped to look at the culverts. Grass will grow in the swales in the front, concrete will be in the back. He asked about lowering the flags. Greg stated MSD is shooting grades on Kinloch.

Mike stated the first reading of the budget and ad valorum will be next month. He would like to put the ordinances on the website. It will cost approximately \$600.00. Council discussed this and decided to keep it as it is for now. He stated he would like to upgrade the fax line for the Chief. It is currently \$10.00 and will now be \$25.00 per month. He stated he would like to buy a new table for the meeting area.

Greg asked if the City told TLD they cannot have a sign on their building. No one remembers this. Mike thanked Council and everyone for all they do for the City.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk