

**April 2017 Minutes (corrected)
of Woodlawn Park City Council**

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on April 17, 2017 at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members, Shannon Seidt, Tom Nunn, Scott Horn, Doug Watson and George Langford, and Chief Bob Heaton, Attorney Matt Carey, Treasurer Gloria Curran and City Clerk Chana Elswick. Absent was Greg Claypool.

The meeting began at 7:02 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council reviewed the minutes for the March 20, 2017 Council Meeting. George made a motion to accept the minutes. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's report for March. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for March 2017 with the Council. Tom made a motion to accept the report. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Chana Elswick gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She stated her voice recorder was broken and asked if she could purchase a new one. Larry stated she could.

Chief Heaton stated he attended school in March at U of L Shelby Campus. He gave the Police report for March. There were 15 warnings, 19 assists and 2 backups. He welcomed new rental residents at 4204 Stivers Court. A citizen had requested he use radar. He has started at the Green Meadow Circle area and Ambridge Circle. 2 unlocked cars have been entered. The house at 906 Beechwood had been entered and Metro is working this. There was a homeless man walking in the City. He was acting suspicious. He is living by the railroad tracks. Chief Heaton took a trip with the Home of the Innocents to the Governor's mansion. There was \$105.00 in expense for the month. The new car gets better gas mileage than the old car did.

Guests: Variance: None

Residents: Fan Waddle, 4300 Darbrook Road, stated she had addressed an issue with another neighbor. She stated rental properties are becoming prevalent in the City. She stated she was told rentals would take better care of their properties than owners. Her idea is to increase the rental fee to 1 month of rent. She stated there were 4 or 5 rentals on Darbrook. She stated she thinks this lowers the property values. She stated raising the fee would make rentals less desirable. Larry stated that in December the Council discussed changing the fee to by property instead of by owner. The fee is now \$250.00, or 1.5% of the rent. Council has discussed this in the past and cannot change it to by property instead of by owner. Gloria stated there are 32 properties listed as rentals in the City. This is down from in the past. Matt explained the \$250.00 fee. The City is on the high side of rental fees for surrounding cities. We cannot make it undesirable for people to rent in the City. The City cannot do the fee per property as this was struck down by the Court. Larry discussed rentals and ordinances and stated the rentals are under the same ordinances as the owners. Doug and Fan discussed how many people can live in a house.

Jim Gaslin, 713 Ahland Road, asked if there is a situation of abuse or problem with the number of people living in a house, what to do. Larry stated to call Louisville Metro Code Enforcement.

Old Business: None

New Business: Larry explained why the budget is being done in April instead of May. Matt has researched this and states it has to be done by June 1st. He passed out a budget statement for the Council to review. Larry reviewed the sources of income for the budget. He reviewed some of the changes in the budget. He is proposing increasing the Chief's hours and to replace some equipment. He is requesting a salary increase for Chief Heaton and to add a salary for members of the Code Enforcement Board. They are the only people that serve the City that do not receive a salary. He stated there are some paving/patching of streets in the budget. He has added some community outreach events. There is no tax increase for the year. Gloria reviewed some additional changes to the budget. The police car has been removed from the budget as has the directory. Snow removal was kept the same. Legal has been increased due to the Metro lawsuit.

Doug introduced Ordinance #1 for the 1st reading. Chana gave the 1st reading of Ordinance #1, series 2017-2018.

George introduced Ordinance #2 for the 1st reading. Chana gave the 1st reading of Ordinance #2, series 2017-2018.

Larry stated he had been served on 03/31/17 and is now a part of a lawsuit by Metro on behalf of 109 Board. 83 cities have been served. HB246 was passed by the State Legislature. Larry reviewed the history of this bill. Basically, this

bill takes away waste management from the little cities. Matt stated HB246 usurps the Mayor of Louisville's authority and jeopardizes home rules of the small cities. The bill is special legislation which affects only 1 city. He is preparing an answer to the complaint that will be filed in the next 2 weeks. Tom made a motion to introduce Resolution #1. Doug seconded the motion. Council read the resolution. A roll call vote was taken, Shannon-Aye, George-Aye, Scott-Aye, Doug-Aye, Tom-Aye. The resolution was approved.

Mayor's Report

Noise Ordinance: Larry stated some residents ~~æ~~*are disturbing neighbors with*-playing loud music. The Chief has talked to them. Larry stated there is no noise abatement in our records. He discussed some items that cause issues. There is only a Metro ordinance not a State ordinance, so the Chief cannot enforce them. He asked Matt to draw up a noise ordinance to review at the next meeting.

Brightside Cleanup: Larry stated there were 10 volunteers for the cleanup. Trash was picked up along Westport Road from 264 to Walden. They collected 10-12 bags of trash.

City Wide Yard Sale: Larry stated the yard sale will be 05/13/17 and is sponsored by Mike Brown and On the Move Realtors. Mike stated there are 14 residents already signed up. The last day to sign up is 04/30/17. Residents can sign up online or fill out a form.

Accident 02/21/17: Larry stated he had spoken with the insurance company. They were told it was a minor incident and had hit some wires. He explained the accident to them, The insurance company will pay for the new street signs. George had called Larry to inform him the new telephone pole had been hit again.

Westport Road Corridor: Angela Leet and Glenn Stucker held a meeting in early April. It was a fact-finding meeting. Their number one item they came up with is traffic and speeding. Angela Leet is putting in a proposal to Metro to do studies.

Walden: Larry has met with the head traffic officer. *Larry said he* puts his car in one lane to block and to reduce traffic. He has talked to the headmaster and the State Highway Department. St Matthews Police stated they have reviewed the activities and traffic and this is the best solution. Larry read a report about the traffic at Walden.

Council Focus

City Hall Greg Claypool was absent. Larry stated he is working on the cleaning people paperwork, for Gloria. He will check into other companies.

Streets & Signs Tom Nunn stated he got a quote from Louisville Paving for the streets. He has other companies that he will get quotes from. Larry discussed bids and which streets to do. Scott stated to check with Flynn Brothers. Larry stated that last year Metro got some estimates and would allow small cities to piggyback off those estimates.

Fences and Permits Scott Horn stated 4317 Kinloch requested a permit to change a chain link fence to a privacy fence. The permit was approved.

Lighting Doug Watson stated he appreciated the condolences for he and Connie. Larry stated the light at the Kroger walk through works some days and some days it doesn't.

Drainage/Sanitation/Block watch George Langford stated on 03/28/17 he went to Coffee with a Cop at McDonald's at Woodlawn Center. 5 Block Watch Captains and several residents also went. He attended the Westport Road Corridor meeting with Larry. There has been MSD work on Walser and Green Meadow Circle. On 04/11/17 he went to Walden to discuss the traffic issue. He discussed the issues with Council. He and Larry discussed the officer blocking traffic for Walden.

Historian/Archivist Shannon Seidt stated she is going to U of L and the Filson Club to find out neighborhood history. She will present the information at the next meeting.

Shannon stated she has neighbors that are concerned about dog waste. She asked if the City had explored having disposable trash bags in high traffic areas. Larry stated there is an ordinance for no leash and cleaning up after dogs. He asked Shannon to look into the cost.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk