

June 2018 Minutes of Woodlawn Park City Council

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on June 18, 2018 at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members Doug Watson, George Langford, Scott Horn, Tom Nunn, Greg Claypool and Shannon Seidt, and Chief Bob Heaton, Attorney Matt Carey, Treasurer Gloria Curran and City Clerk Chana Elswick.

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

The council reviewed the minutes for the May 21, 2018 Council Meeting. Doug, George and Larry made corrections to the minutes. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved, as corrected.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's Report. She gave the report for May, 2018. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for May 2018 with the Council. Doug made a motion to accept the report. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Gloria stated that Eclipse Bank made a presentation at a meeting last fall. She has opened 2 accounts. There is a new road fund account and a money market account. She will close the Main Source account. She stated she always watches for investment opportunities.

Chana Elswick gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She stated Matt had Ordinance #1 published in the Voice. Matt will have Ordinance #2 published in the Voice and she will mail Ordinance #3.

Chief Heaton gave the Police report for May. There were 11 citations, 28 warnings, 30 assists, 1 backup, 156 miscellaneous tasks, 1 report of a man that fell out of a tree on Kinloch and was taken to the hospital. There were 5 welcomes: 707 Beechwood, 600 Stivers, 915 Perryman, 4204 Stivers Ct and 6710 Stivers Rd. He gave a City Pride award to Keith Anderson for winning the Derby Poster contest. It is on the label of the Woodford Reserve bottle. 908 Perryman has been sold. There was \$184.70 in expenses.

Guests: Variance: None

Residents:-Fred Andres, 6925 Ambridge Circle addressed the Council about the Business License fee. He read from the license to the Council. He stated he is self-employed and lives in the neighborhood. He stated he has talked to Matt about the license fee and the definition of a business. In his view, a business has a storefront, door and hours. He is asking for a definition of a business. Since 1992, when this law was enacted, working from home has changed. He stated Gloria gave him a list of businesses in the City. All of the others are incorporated and licensed by the State. He is listed with his home address by the State and is incorporated. He stated each person who works from home is running a business. He discussed the benefits of working from home. He stated he is taxed on gross dollars of sales. He explained how this is billed. He stated he feels he is taxed at a higher rate than the real estate companies in the City. Matt stated he had spoken with the resident. He asked how he could avoid paying the business license tax. Matt stated that gross receipts means gross receipts, which is how the IRS sees it. Matt asked if Council would entertain amending the ordinance. Greg asked if any subcontractors come to the house. Mr. Andres stated no. Scott stated he could maybe register the business at a PO Box. Matt stated he would still be under the ordinance. Larry stated several people work from home but work for a company not in the City. Greg asked Mike Brown if he had another office. Mike states he did not. Mr. Andres stated the ordinance reads that each person that works from home should pay the license fee. George asked how other cities handled this. He stated he thought we just charged a fee if you operate a business out of your home. Matt stated if gross receipts go above a certain limit then it is a percentage. Gloria stated she would like it to be a flat fee. Doug stated he would like to meet with Gloria and Scott to discuss and figure out what to change in the ordinance and to look at the accounting side of the ordinance. Doug stated Mr. Andres made a good point and he would like it to be equitable for all businesses. Shannon suggested to change the work from home wording. Larry agreed that the language needs to be reviewed. Larry asked Mr. Andres if he was on the Air BNB site. Mr. Andres said he was, but he did not rent this year.

Old Business: Chana gave the second reading of Ordinance #2, series 2018-2019. A roll call vote was taken, Shannon- Aye, Scott- Aye, Doug -Aye, Tom – Aye, Greg- Aye. The ordinance was passed.

Chana gave the second reading of Ordinance #3, series 2018-2019. A roll call vote was taken, Shannon- Aye, Scott- Aye, Doug - Nay, Tom – Aye, Greg- Aye. The ordinance was passed.

New Business: None

Mayor's Report

HazBin Larry stated household materials can be dropped off on Wednesday and Saturday. The Meriwether site can take these items. There are some limitations.

Website Larry stated that last month he had said he and Chana were looking into revising the website by adding the ordinances and a FAQ section. Our webmaster quoted a cost of \$2000.00 and has come down to \$1800.00. Windy Hills site cost \$3300.00. We are the only small city to not have all the ordinances on the website. He will bring information to the next meeting.

Code Enforcement Board Larry stated they had success on Ambridge Circle. The property had been in violation for some time. It has been resolved and there is only 1 vehicle in the drive now. The Board has requested the Council consider revision of Ordinance #3 1975 to just say siding, not metal siding. This is in reference to the garage with metal siding. Larry discussed that metal siding referred to aluminum siding, but as it reads it could just be metal siding. George stated he received a telephone call from Mr. Cravens and he was in a motorcycle accident and will need a ramp to get into his home. He stated it looks like the plastic is being taken off the garage.

Recycling Larry stated he met with Republic. He stated Metro Solid Waste Board wants 90% recycling and wants zero to go to the landfill. He discussed how recycling works. He gave a handout to the Council. We are in our 4th year of our contract, but Republic will not be asking for an increase. Recycling costs may increase. Republic wants the City to educate the residents about recycling information.

Council Focus

City Hall Greg Claypool stated he noticed some of the plants out front have issues. Larry will have Adam look at them. Greg stated he had seen a trend with mailboxes on the street. Larry stated he is familiar with one because of dog issues with the mail carrier. Stivers Court has curb boxes and Orchid Hill does too.

Street and Signs Tom Nunn stated the pothole repairman has disconnected his phone. He has contacted two others to come out. It will not be done by the end of the month. Larry listed some bad street areas for repairs.

Lighting Grid Doug Watson stated after Council approved the revised price, the Mayor signed the contract with LG&E. Doug will follow up with Mr. Pearson for a timetable. Larry discussed the stakes and that some of them have been moved.

Fences and Permits Scott Horn stated Mr. Cravens was issued a permit for a carport. He wants to put plywood paneling and paint it the color of the house. Leslie Bates is interested in a garage permit. He has not met with him yet.

Drainage/Sanitation/Block Watch George Langford stated on 06/04/18 he received a call from a Stivers Road resident about a hole in the road. He placed a barricade and called MSD. They were going to do a dye test on 06/05/18 and a metal plate was placed over the hole. On 06/16/18 he walked the drainage ditch and it has not been cleared. He talked with a CSX employee and he was going to try to get the ditch cleared. Boland is going to try to keep trash out of the ditch area. There was a Coffee with a Cop on 06/01/18. The next Block Watch meeting is 10/04/18. He gave julep cups to the 2 Captains that are leaving.

Historian Shannon Seidt stated she spoke with the Church about using the parking lot during the parade. We can use it on the 4th of July, but not the weekend before. They will provide tables, chairs, use of their fridge and freezer. Ed Purcell will do music. Parents will help get flyers out. We still need to tell the Church a time. 2:00 pm was set as the time for the parade. She will get the word out about the parade.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk