

March 2013 Minutes Of Woodlawn Park City Council

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on March 18, 2013, at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Mike Brown, Council Members, Becky Ritz, Greg Claypool, Larry Lewis, George Langford and Doug Watson, Treasurer Gloria Curran, Attorney Matt Carey, Chief Bob Heaton, and City Clerk Chana Elswick. Absent was Tom Nunn

The meeting began at 7:30 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike stated Tom was on vacation.

The council reviewed the minutes for the February 18, 2013 Council Meeting. Becky made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Doug 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 January with the Council. Doug asked if Onan was paid up on taxes. Gloria stated they were, but may owe for 2012. George asked about the Oates Flag bill. Gloria stated it was for 6 flags that Mike bought. It was cheaper to buy them that way. Becky made a motion to accept the report. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Mayor's Report

Mike stated he had 1 bid, from TLD for grounds keeping. He will accept it with 1 condition, mowing of the railroad easement. This will be done with the approval of the Mayor, on an as needed basis. George asked if they had equipment to clear leaves from the culverts. Becky suggested sending postcards to residents to clean culverts, possibly 3 times a year. Mike will ask Tony about a vacuum for leaves in the big culverts. Mike wants the Orchid Hill bush trimming lowered and will change the gas charge to \$4.00 per gallon. George discussed the easement from Stivers to Beechwood. He and Mike discussed the area and Mike will walk it in the spring. Mike stated he wants to accept the bid for snow removal and brining the streets. This should save money. Mike stated he wants TLD to pick up the brush at Ambridge Circle. They will do this for \$150.00. Mike will call MSD about a sinkhole near the tree. He wants to place 1 boxwood at each corner of each entrance. They are \$95.00 each, which includes planting and mulching. Council discussed this and wants 2 at each entrance. This will be put in next year's budget. No one opposed the proposal.

Yard Sale Mike stated the yard sale will be 05/11/13, 8am-1pm. The sign up will be done by flyer. Junk pickup day will be 05/16/13.

City Pride Award The ward was given to 4306 Darbrook Road, Steven Dutschke for yard landscaping. Doug asked about electronics recycling at this year's yard sale. Mike will email the company.

Old Business None

New Business None

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. Mike discussed spam on the discussion page of the website. He will approve each email which insures the address of registered users for the website.

Chief Bob Heaton gave the Police report. There were 0 city citations, 12 city warnings, 22 motorist assist, 2 backups, 111 miscellaneous runs, and \$198.00 in expenses. Chief Heaton stated Fred Dugan would like someone else to head the Block Watch. He stated there had been AT&T solicitors in the City. Hr suggested getting Miller Transportation to have a bus trip to a Cincinnati Reds game for residents. Hr gave Mike a "Mayor of Woodlawn Park" cap.

Council Focus

Fences and Permits Doug Watson stated he had no requests but had received some inquires. Mike stated the owner of 6819 Green Meadow Circle had put up a fence without a permit. Doug will check the PVA for the owner. Mike stated they cannot be cited because the Chief does not know who the owner is.

Streets and Signs Larry Lewis stated the retaining wall was on schedule for this week, if the weather permits. The stop sign at Westport Road and Westport Terrace is down. It is on a replaced post. This is the fourth sign in

2 1/2 years. He requested to purchase a temporary sign in case this happens again. Mike stated to get a sign.

Ordinance Review Greg Claypool stated the sign ordinance had been written. Council had a discussion about the ordinance. Mike stated the 1st reading will be next month.

City Hall Becky Ritz stated she had purchased a tool kit and a first aid kit. The Book Club will meet 04/04/13 at 7:00 pm and they are reading 2 books. Greg worked on the door at City Hall. He recommends replacing the door due to it being warped. Mike will put the item in the next year's budget.

Emergency Preparedness George Langford stated he had walked along Wingate Road in the new culvert area. He stated it looks like plastic pipe under the driveways. Some have already been asphalted. The culver in the back will be concrete.

A Councilmember has been approached about a light at Westport Road. Ms. Coombs will contact the State. George suggested a light at Perryman. Council discussed how hard it is to get out of the City.

Doug stated he would be open to taking over the Block Watch, if someone else took over permits.

Richard Chessen, 808 Cattleya Ct, an alternate on the Code Enforcement Board, spoke to the Council. He stated there was a change in local demographics and there were more rental properties in the City. He proposed raising the rental license fee to \$1200.00 per year. He stated this might help keep the properties in proper maintenance. He suggested making an exception for family rentals. Mike stated he will put this on the next agenda to be discussed. Greg stated when he researched the issue, no other nearby cities have a rental fee. Greg discussed foreclosed home upkeep.

Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk