

November 2013 Minutes Of Woodlawn Park City Council

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

The meeting began at 7:30 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council reviewed the minutes for the October 21, 2013 Council Meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes. 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 October with the Council. Doug asked about 2013 taxes. Gloria stated 19 were still outstanding for 2013, 3 with liens for 2012. Becky made a motion to accept the report. Larry seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was accepted.

Daniel Weber with Goodman & Co. gave the auditor's report. He stated the report was for year 2012-2013. He stated it is an unqualified audit, which is the best audit type. Council reviewed the report. There were no questions for the auditor.

Guests Ryan Smith, 607 Stivers Road, had requested a variance for a privacy fence 4 feet from the house. He would also like an 8 foot fence for privacy. He stated he would be retracting the request for the 8 foot height. He would like a 4 foot extension beyond the rear corner of the house. He showed pictures and a drawing to Council. He would like a 6 foot fence all around the yard. He reviewed his plans with the Council. Council discussed the setback from the street. Larry made a motion to conditionally approve the 4 foot extension, provided it is within the setback. A roll call vote was taken. Larry-Aye, Becky-Aye, Doug-Nay, Tom-Aye, Greg-Aye. The motion was granted.

Sean Haarsagen, 801 Beechwood Rd., stated he has noticed cars parked in the street. He sees Chief Heaton giving warnings and citations. He stated parking is a pain and asked if there were other options. He suggested a temporary permit to allow street parking. Becky reviewed the on-street parking rules. He discussed residents not knowing the ordinances. He asked who to meet with for a fence. He will meet with Tom.

Chana gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She reviewed the options for name tags for the Council. She will order the name tags.

Mayor's Report Mike stated the mailed newsletter was effective. There were 7 more email signups. There are 180 on the list. The website visits are up.

Mike stated the City Pride award was given to Mary Louise Smith, 610 Stivers.

Mike asked for 60th anniversary ideas. Mike stated he would like to have a relationship with ESPN680 and had talked to them about including the City in coverage of the Preakness race. He suggested doing something on yard sale Saturday. Larry suggested a day at the track. Greg suggested replacing some of the banners with anniversary and Preakness Cup banners. Council discussed where the racetrack was located in the City and the history of the City.

Mike stated the December meeting will be brief and there will be a reception at 8:00-9:30 pm. He has received 2 or 3 response from residents.

Mike stated the Brightside cleanup went well. 9 people came to help.

Mike stated the Louisville Water Co. replaced a pipe on Green Meadow Circle that had burst.

Mike stated Junk Day will be 11/21/13.

Mike asked Tom to help hang the wreaths on the light poles. Becky will help with the garland and lights at City Hall.

Chief Bob Heaton gave the Police report. There were 2 citations, 27 warnings, 18 assist, 133 miscellaneous runs, and 1 report for items removed from an unlocked car. There were \$165.00 in expenses.

Old Business Yard maintenance amended ordinance. Matt emailed an amended ordinance to Council. Becky thinks allowing the grass to reach 10 inches is too high. Mike suggested warning at 6 inches and at 10 inches the City could mow and bill the resident. Council discussed the amended ordinance. Becky asked about branches and limbs. Greg stated to have them picked up by December 1st. Council discussed the issue of leaves in yards. Matt stated that by law, they must discuss one topic. He reviewed the old ordinance. Council discussed what would be considered debris. Mike stated he would like to see if the City could get leaves picked up next year. Council discussed grass height for the new ordinance. Matt stated that as written, Chief will warn at 10 inches. Becky asked if the City would be able to fine in the new ordinance. Matt stated it amends the old ordinance and the City can warn, cite, fine and file a lien. Mike stated he wants to find out what Metro grass height is and stay in line with Metro.

New Business Doug discussed a new shed ordinance. He stated there is an issue due to an ordinance which is subjective over the word obstructive. He asked how to word a new ordinance. Greg stated it should include replacement of an existing shed, and new sheds. He stated it should follow the garage ordinance. Doug stated he would like the area a shed can be placed to be clearly defined. Council will review this item in January. Mike asked Matt to do some research with other cities. Mike thanked Council for all they do for the City.

Council Focus

Welcome Doug Watson stated there were 2 new residents. 3 properties are for sale and 3 recently sold. He still needs to greet them.

Emergency Preparedness George Langford was absent. Mike reviewed a list of items George had submitted. There was a Code Red alert on 10/31/13. There was an MSD meeting at Dunn Elementary about sewer overflows. There was a water main break on Green Meadow Circle. He was unable to attend Ken Fleming's town hall meeting. He possibly has a Block Watch Captain for Darbrook. There have been no criminal reports for our City, per Ken Fleming's office and LMPD.

City Hall Becky Ritz stated the bathroom remodel was discussed at the last meeting. Larry has an estimate for tile painting. She stated her estimates were for a handicap accessible remodel. Mike will get an estimate on tile painting. Mike had a ceiling fan installed in the front room.

Ordinance Review Mike stated this had already been discussed.

Fences and Permits Tom Nunn stated he had 1 request on Ambridge Circle.

Streets and Signs Larry Lewis stated people are cutting corners close. He discussed the Kinloch/Walser corner. He asked if Council wanted to put in a curb, or fill in the area. He stated a sidewalk on Cattleya was sinking. It will be filled in the spring. Doug stated 808-810 Beechwood is starting to get potholes. Greg, Larry and Mike discussed curbing at intersections, asphalt berms, etc. Larry will have the area looked at.

Mike, Becky, Tom and Doug will attend the KLC dinner. The City will get a free tree for attending. Larry asked if any headway had been made on info about sinkholes. None had been obtained.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk