

November 2015 Minutes of Woodlawn Park City Council

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on, November 16, 2015, at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members, Tom Nunn, Doug Watson, Donna Rand, Greg Claypool and Scott Horn, Treasurer Gloria Curran, Attorney Matt Carey, Chief Bob Heaton, and City Clerk Chana Elswick. Absent was George Langford.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes for the October 19, 2015, Council Meeting. Larry stated he had corrections to the minutes, under City Pride: Larry stated, not Donna, that Scott and George deserved an award as well. Doug made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Gloria introduced Charlie Veeneman to discuss some investment opportunities that other cities have used. Charlie discussed some options such as GNMA, FHLNC and FNMA investments with the Council. He has spoken with Sue at 5/3 Bank about these investments. The interest rate is in the 3% range and they are traded on the open market and the money can be withdrawn if needed. He reviewed investments and returns for the different options. Greg stated there is an interest rate risk with these and explained how that works. Charlie stated Edward Jones offers CDs and gave their interest rates. He stated these are FDIC insured. He suggested having Sue from 5/3 come to a meeting to explain the options to the Council.

Gloria stated the money from the CDs is in a money market account. She does not want to tie up the money in a CD for more than a year. Larry stated to monitor the CD rates for now. Gloria will leave the money in the 0.4% interest rate account for now.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's report. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for October 2015 with the Council. Tom made a motion to accept the report. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Chana gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She stated she has updated the email list.

Chief Bob Heaton gave the Police report for September. There were 0 citations, 19 warnings, 16 assists, 115 miscellaneous runs, 1 backup and 1 arrest for domestic violence. He had \$93.90 in expenses, \$32.82 for Halloween candy that he passed out to the children. He is working with the resident at 4319 Alicent for a fence installed the wrong way. He went to ECU for stress and wellness training. 12/02/15 he will be going to the firing range with Northfield to get recertified. He got new hubcaps for the Police car.

Guests Variance request: None
Resident Comments: None

Old Business None
New Business None

Mayor's Report

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Larry stated he had made a proclamation last month for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness. Bonnie Duffy sent him a letter about the proclamation.

Delinquent Property Taxes Larry stated there is 1 chronic non payer, which is going onto the 6th year of nonpayment. There was a discussion of the negatives and positives of letting the tax go. Larry stated in the past, people bought delinquent tax bills and then foreclosed on the property. Matt stated the filing fee would be \$200.00, but it would also have to name other lienholders, etc. Larry stated the resident owes \$3013.80, plus interest. Matt stated it could be done, but he doesn't know if he owes the County and/or State. Greg stated to continue to let it go and keep after the upkeep on the property. Larry stated tickets had been issued but have not been paid. Metro may have issued tickets as well. Greg stated he would like to know if there is a mortgage or lien on the property. Larry stated that after Metro came out the resident did mow and trim the bushes. Greg stated to continue citing and issuing tickets. Larry stated we are at an impasse with the resident. He keeps accruing bills and will not pay. Tickets don't work as they keep being added to the bill. Donna asked if there was an ordinance to clean up the yard. Larry stated there is one for grass cutting. Matt stated debris in public easements can be taken care of. The address is 6942 Ambridge Circle.

700 Beechwood Road Larry stated Metro Code Enforcement had followed up. The City has cited them and they have paid the tickets. Recently, gates and posts were taken down. The Chief went over 2 weeks ago to talk to Eline to try to find a solution. A neighbor can't sell his house due to the trucks out back. There is trash in front of the building. Greg stated they bring debris and dump it at the building. Larry stated Louisville Tree Service does not have a Business License. Larry asked Matt if the City could deny a license and ask that they move from the City. Gloria stated she had not billed them. Matt said no, since a bill had not been sent. Scott stated Business Licenses are on a volunteer basis to apply for the license. Gloria stated she only knows if she is told about a business. Matt and Gloria will research the company. There was a discussion about applying for Business Licenses. Greg asked if they are in violation with Metro Zoning. Larry stated they are not in violation of nonconforming use, they are grandfathered.

Solar Power Feasibility Larry showed Council paperwork about putting solar panels on City Hall. It will be approximately \$20,000.00 to install them. The electric bill is currently \$100.00 per month. Greg stated they would generate power more than we could use. Larry stated LG&E may buy the excess energy.

State Vehicle Procurement Larry stated that last month he and the Chief went to the State Garage. He got in touch with the man in charge of the bid system. He gave a spec sheet from Paul Miller Ford for an Explorer, for \$26,000.00. Glenn Ford has 2015 Escapes, 4 wheel drive for \$23,000, and 2016 to order for \$23,400.00. Decals and lighting would be extra costs. If ordered now, it may take a couple of months to complete the order. Larry stated Graymoor Devondale approached George about buying one of their used vehicles. He stated used is not a good option and the Escape is a good option for the City. Tom stated he thinks the Escape is the best option. Donna asked how long we would keep the car. Larry stated "Big Blue" was purchased in 1999.

Rental Property Fees Larry stated the fee is on the landlord, not the property. An example is if you have 3 properties, you only pay 1 fee. Up to \$25,000.00 in profit is a \$250.00 rental fee. Larry stated a more fair way is the fee should be based per property, not per landlord. Gloria stated a questionnaire is sent with Business Licenses, but not Rental Licenses. She proposed a flat fee per property, which would then have to amend the ordinance. Larry stated this would only affect 2 or 3 people and they would be grandfathered in. Council discussed the fees. Scott asked if there was a past discussion about an ascending scale to discourage rentals. Larry said it was not done. Larry asked Doug to do some research on rental fees. Larry stated the rate is good, it just needs to be per property.

City Directory Larry asked if the Directory could be done in January. He discussed doing them once a year instead of every other year. Chana stated she would need updated information and they could probably be done. Larry asked Doug to make sure she had all the needed information.

Code Enforcement Board Larry stated they are still trying to collect on the ticket for loose dogs. The citation dates back to April. He is giving the Chief 1 month to get it delivered. The next meeting will be on December 14.

December Meeting Larry stated this will be the Holiday gathering. Salsarita's was the majority choice to cater.

Council Focus

Welcome Larry asked Doug if he had talked to stores and restaurants to get coupons and promotions for the welcome packets. Doug stated he is going to start working on that by talking with local businesses. Doug stated he had welcomed 4 new residents. He has 6 packets left to deliver. Chief Heaton is helping welcome residents. There are 4 active listings and 4 under contract. Doug asked for more binders. Larry suggested using folders instead.

Drainage/Sanitation/Streetlights George Langford was absent and Scott Horn gave his report. George had posted information about broken garbage cans. He stated to no longer use plastic bags for leaves. He called Boland Maloney and CSX had cleaned the ditch along the tracks. There were 3 street lights out. Larry stated they had been replaced. Greg stated the new light on Kinloch was out again. Tom stated someone had wrapped tape around a pole at 6916 Ambridge Circle.

Fences and Permits Scott Horn stated there were no permits issued. Doug asked if we were giving 4319 Alicent a timeframe to fix the fence. Chief Heaton stated he is working with the resident.

City Hall Greg Claypool asked where the garlands were. Larry stated they are downstairs in the basement. Tom checked on new wreaths. We currently have 20 inch wreaths and 30 inch wreaths are \$40.00 each. He checked at Home Depot and Hobby Lobby. It will cost approximately \$500.00-\$550.00 for wreaths. Tom made a motion to not exceed \$600.00 to purchase decorations for the City. Scott seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was passed. Larry asked for help on the Friday after Thanksgiving at 10:00 am to decorate.

Streets & Signs Tom Nunn stated the concrete leveling on Cattleya is finished and looks good.

City Pride Donna Rand gave the City Pride Award to Steve Dutschke at 4306 Darbrook. Larry suggested the December award be for decorations.

Doug stated Thursday was the League of City dinner and he asked who was attending. Doug, Tom and Larry will be attending. Larry stated the St. Matthews Christmas Party is 12/06/15. He is going to attend and asked Council to let him know if anyone else wanted to attend.

Tom stated that at the last meeting it was stated Washburn was to be a Quiet Zone, but there are still train horns. Larry stated CSX had 30 days to comply with the Quiet Zone. Larry stated Gloria had emailed him that someone had approached Charlie about placing an ad in the newsletter. Larry stated we could ask if others wanted to advertise and this might help offset the cost of the newsletter. There was a discussion about ads.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk