

February 2019 Minutes of Woodlawn Park City Council (corrected)

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on February 18, 2019 at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members George Langford, Mike Brown, Greg Claypool and Doug Watson, and Attorney Matt Carey, Treasurer Gloria Curran, City Clerk Chana Elswick and Chief Michael Koenig. Absent were Council Members Tom Nunn and Shannon Seidt.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry stated the flags were at half mast per an order by the Governor for a serviceman killed in Syria.

The council reviewed the minutes for the January 21, 2019 Council Meeting. George, Mike and Doug made corrections to the minutes. George 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. Gloria gave the report for January 2019. She reviewed the revenues, expenses, general ledger and balance sheet with the Council. She stated she will make a correction for fuel charges to be under the Police expense. Doug made a motion to accept the report. George seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was accepted.

Chana Elswick gave the Clerk's report. She gave the website hit reports for December and January. She stated there had been 4 record requests and they had been filled. She stated she and the Mayor had met regarding the ordinance review and the new website. They are looking into companies to digitize the ordinances for the website.

Chief Koenig gave the Police report for January 2019. He stated he had created an agency logo and had a personalized cloth badge to be worn on the uniform. He showed this to the Council. He stated he had established the vision plan for the agency. He did not place the speed sign, due to the weather. It will be placed on Kinloch next. His report was: 2 citations, 6 warnings, 0 State citations, 1 motorist assist, 3 backups, 0 arrests and 6 miscellaneous tasks. There was \$151.26 in expense.

Guests: Variance: None

Residents: None

Old Business: Larry asked if Doug, Mike and Gloria had met regarding the Business License. Doug stated they did review the ordinance. They decided the rate is *a minimum* \$50.00 and is to be based on net income, not gross income. He asked Gloria about how to have that information submitted. She stated she can make a form. Doug stated the ordinance needs to be reworded to shield work from home employees that are not running a business. Mike stated the wording "or engaging in any business" is misleading. He gave some examples of this. Gloria stated it needs to be based on the business's primary location. Larry asked if this could be made retroactive. Matt stated it could not. Doug asked for Matt to make a revised ordinance.

New Business: Appointments

Larry stated that at the last meeting, Donna Rand had been approved for the Ethics Board for the 2019-2021 term. He submitted for Council approval, Ken Merrick 4200 Schuwey Court, a 20-year resident of the City, for the Ethics Board. Mike made a motion to approve the appointment. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

He submitted for Council approval, Melissa Townsend 6928 Ambridge Circle, a 4+ year resident of the City, for the Ethics Board. George made a motion to approve the appointment. Mike seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

He submitted for Council approval, Rob Toney 4240 Middlebrook, a 16-year resident of the City, for the Ethics Board. Mike made a motion to approve the appointment. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

He submitted for Council approval, Eugene Ward 6877 Green Meadow Circle, a 27-year resident of the City, for the Ethics Board. George made a motion to approve the appointment. Mike seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Metro Proposed Insurance Premium Tax Larry stated that Mayor Fischer is proposing to increase the insurance tax premium by 3 times to 15%. This has not been approved by Metro Council yet. He gave the Council a copy of a newspaper article about the proposal. He stated our tax is 5% and if Metro raise theirs to 10%, we will still get our 5% and Metro will get the remaining amount. He stated Matt had created a proposed ordinance. Matt stated the proposal is to increase Metro from 5% to 12% for 2 years, then 13.5% the next year, then 15% the next year. If we do nothing, Metro will get the balance after we collect our 5%. The insurance company pays the tax and then passes it on to the customer.

He stated this is a revenue opportunity and a lost opportunity if not acted upon. He reviewed sections of the proposed ordinance with the Council. He explained how this would happen over the next 4 years. He stated we will charge an amount equal to Metro's increase. He stated he has been in communication with the Department of Insurance. He read an emailed response from them to the Council. He stated the proposal is being reviewed by the Department of Insurance. He proposed a first reading at tonight's meeting and a second reading at the March meeting. The ordinance must be enacted 100 days prior to July 1st. Larry stated if the ordinance was passed and Metro does not raise their tax, ours would stay the same. Matt stated it is written to stay the same as Metro. Doug made a motion to have the first reading of the Insurance Tax ordinance. George seconded the motion. All voted aye. Chana gave the first reading of Ordinance #5 series 2018-2019.

Mayor's Report

City Website Update Larry gave a copy of a proposal to the Council. He stated it was from the company that did the Windy Hills website. He stated the company is Lumins. Their cost will be approximately \$3000.00 and updates are \$30.00 per update. He suggested that Council look at the Windy Hills website. Mike asked about putting the ordinances on the website. Larry stated this is the main thing to use the website for. He showed the binder of ordinances and stated they will need to be digitized. He stated Chana is waiting to hear back from some companies about getting the files digitized. He stated a summary could be put on the new website and once the ordinances were updated, they could be added. Gloria stated this is not in the current budget. Larry stated he met with Iglou as well. He gave a copy of the proposal to the Council. It is almost half of the Lumins proposal. The only examples they had were of non-governmental sites. Larry stated with a cost of \$3000.00, the website would have to wait until July 1st, due to the budget. He stated our current provider is taking his company in a new direction, as soon as we can get a new website. Greg stated they don't get paid until the website is up and running.

Reach Alert Larry stated the KLC sent out information about Reach Alert. He and Shannon had discussed it. He stated it was like the Red Alert. He stated our current email list is 203 active users. Reach would email, text or phone the residents. Each household would load their information with the company. The fee is \$2.00 per household, with the first year reduced to \$1.00 per household. He showed a handout to the Council which lists some of the cities that use the Reach Alert. Some of the cities around us use the alert. He asked Council to review the information. Greg asked if St. Matthews had an issue would they tell us. Larry stated they only send alerts to the cities that are affected.

Eco-Tech Trees Larry stated the City had received a tree from Eco-Tech. This year we will get 2 trees, Brandywine maples. They will be put in the open area behind City Hall. Greg stated there is room on Ambridge between the rows of trees. Larry stated he will look at the area.

Council Focus

City Hall Greg Claypool stated Mark Webb, a Kinloch resident, had held a creative writing class at City Hall. He was going to have a poetry class, but has canceled it.

Street and Signs Tom Nunn was absent and there was no report. Larry stated they are waiting on the weather to address the streets.

New Moves, Purchases and Rentals Doug Watson stated there are 3 houses listed for sale or under contract. There are no new rental or Airbnb listings.

Fences and Building Permits Mike Brown stated he had one request for 803 Cattleya Court for a fence permit, which he granted.

Drainage/Sanitation/Block Watch George Langford stated on 01/28/19 he sent MSD a list of drain pipe openings. On 02/15/19 he posted on Next Door and the website about a storm coming and he got positive feedback. On 02/06 and 02/07 he cleared flood prone areas. On 02/12/19 he did the same. On 02/18/19 he posted about a rain event this week. He posted about a Coffee with a Cop event for 03/01/19. He stated there was a Block Watch meeting on 02/17/19. 5 Captains and 1 resident attended. Ed Purcell and 4 other captains could not attend. He stated that per the Chief, to notify him and LMPD of any problems. George gave an LMPD crime report. He stated the Chief can add 14 additional hours per month at no additional cost. The next Block Watch meeting will be 06/06/19. He stated LMPD is working 12 hour shifts and we are lucky to have the Chief.

Community Activities Shannon Seidt was absent. Larry stated Garrett Sorenson, Green Meadow Circle won a Grammy for Best Opera Recording.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk