

September 2017 Minutes of Woodlawn Park City Council

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on September 18, 2017 at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members, Greg Claypool, Doug Watson, Tom Nunn, Scott Horn and George Langford, and Chief Bob Heaton, Attorney Matt Carey, and City Clerk Chana Elswick. Absent was Shannon Seidt.

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

7th District Council Member, Angela Leet addressed the Council. She passed out cards to the Council. She highlighted 3 points: speeding, tree canopy and sidewalk accessibility. She stated there had been funding for a sidewalk for Westport Road to LaGrange Road. A stoplight has been approved for the Westport Road and Ormsby Lane intersection. She stated she want to do a full Westport Road traffic study. George asked about the VA hospital. She stated she continues to pressure to keep it downtown. She stated she supports reconsideration of where it will go. Larry asked if they are considering Jewish Hospital. She stated she wrote a 3-page white paper on the subject. George stated a nurse at the VA told him they had 1,000 patients going through each day. She thanked the Council for allowing her to speak.

The council reviewed the minutes for the August 21, 2017 Council Meeting. George made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's Report. She gave the report for August, 2017. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for August 2017 with the Council. Tom made a motion to accept the report. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Gloria stated she had been looking for better investments for the money in the money market account. Brandy Jenkins from Eclipse Bank gave a presentation to the Council about their rates and investment opportunities for the City. She stated they are offering better rates for consumer/business accounts. They offer a free business account with .5% money market. She reviewed the rates for CDs that were being offered to Woodlawn Park. She gave brochures and information for the Council to review.

Chana Elswick gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She has all information uploaded to Google Drop Box. She will get 50 new directories for the Chief.

Chief Heaton gave the Police report for August. There were 4 citations, 21 warnings, 31 assists, 1 back up, 120 miscellaneous tasks and \$107.00 in expenses. He stated the new car is running well. He stated Amazon is using drivers in their personal cars. They are taking pictures of the houses when they make deliveries. There are no signs on the cars or their shirts to identify them as drivers. Larry stated they are moving away from using UPS and the drivers can sign up to work in 3-hour shifts. He explained how it works. The Chief stated there was a 3rd death on Westport Road. A motorcyclist was hit on the 264 ramp. He urges everyone to be careful at that intersection. He stated he got new business cards. Larry stated the cards have his new email address. Larry stated he wants to update all Council member contact numbers. Chief Heaton stated he had welcomed new residents at 3823 Green Meadow Circle, 6916 Ambridge Circle, 6860 Ambridge Circle, 4146 Westport Terrace, 4102 Alicent and 6401 Orchid Hill Place. On 08/24 he received calls about a natural gas smell at Westport Terrace and Stivers. LG&E sent out a troubleshooter to check. There is an emergency box for the cable company and the generator had a malfunction and had a leak. George stated the Chief answered an email about a silver Volvo going around the circle. He sat in George's driveway, but did not see the car.

Guests: Variance: Beth Cathcart, 9707 Green Meadow Court state she backs up to the lawncare company on Beechwood. She had pictures for the Council. She wants to replace an existing metal shed, that is 10x12 with a cement slab. It is in need of replacement. She wants to replace it with a 12x12 shed. She stated the shed cannot be seen by neighbors, Larry asked where it is situated on the property. She stated it is in the back corner by a privacy fence and no one can see it. Tom asked if a variance is needed if the pad is already existing. Larry stated that by ordinance, 11x11 would need a variance. Greg discussed that the pad predates the ordinance. Tom made a motion to approve a variance of a 12x12 shed. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the variance was granted.

Residents: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Larry stated that at the last meeting he had hoped to have an announcement about speed signs. Council Member Leet has a program to pay 50% of the cost. They are \$3100.00, but are on sale for \$2500.00, so our cost would be \$1250.00. He proposes getting 1 sign and he can get up to 4 signs. Tom made a motion to introduce the 1st reading of Ordinance #5. Doug seconded the motion. Chana gave the 1st reading of Ordinance #5. Larry stated he has up to the end of the fiscal year to get more signs. There are 4 different programs that we can receive money for: trees, code enforcement, sidewalks and website.

Mayor's Report

Radar/Speed Sign: Larry stated the sign is mobile. It captures speed up to 1000 feet away, both ways. It tracks the number of cars, time of day and speed of cars. He stated would need state approval to use it along Westport Road.

Franchise Fees: Larry stated the current agreement with Charter has expired. There was a meeting last week with JCLC about a new contract. The City gets a percentage sent back from Frankfort for fees collected. There has been a lawsuit requesting the fees come straight to the cities. Larry discussed how the fees are set up and how the money is collected. Matt is reviewing contract.

Google fiber: Larry stated they are laying cable in Portland, Newburg and Strathmoor Village. Jefferson County will put in trenches along the road 2 inches deep. The State has negotiated to put them in at 8-14 inches deep. JCLC wants them 8-14 inches deep as well. He will attend a meeting on 09/21/17.

Westport Road: Larry has sent a letter to the Executive Director of the KY Transportation Cabinet regarding Westport Road. He has requested a 35mph speed limit be extended from Hubbards Lane to 264. He listed what was along the area in the letter, for an area of less than 1 mile. St. Matthews Mayor is also going to request redirection along Westport Road.

Curbside Leaf Removal: Larry stated that Brownsboro Lawn Care gave him a quote for leaf pickup. He stated that usually the first year or two 60-70% of the residents use the service, after that it usually jumps to 90% of residents using the service. He stated the quote was \$1177.00, or \$27.50 per house. He asked Council if they wanted to think about it and discuss at the next meeting. Greg asked if the City could require residents to participate. Larry stated probably not. Tom stated we can put out signs. There was a discussion with Council and residents about the proposal. Tom made a motion to accept the proposal of \$1177.00 for leaf removal by Brownsboro Lawn Care. Greg seconded the motion. George voted Nay, Scott, Doug, Greg and Tom voted Aye. The motion was passed. Gloria stated it would be in the budget as a contingency. Chana asked Larry to clarify the quote amount. Larry stated he had misread the quote and it was \$11,777.00. Tom withdrew the previous motion for leaf removal by Brownsboro Lawn Care. Gloria stated this amount was not in the budget.

MSD Proposed Rate Increase: Larry stated MSD went to the Metro Council for a 40% increase. They went back with a 10% increase each year for the next 4 years. This proposal has not been finalized yet. He suggested letting Angela Leet know your feelings on the proposal.

Orchid Hill Place: Larry stated the sign was installed on 09/18/17. The bushes may be repositioned and a few may be added.

JCLC Annual Dinner: Larry stated the dinner is 11/16/17 at 7:00 pm, reception starts at 5:30 pm. Need 8 people to fill a table. The speaker will be the Chief of Staff for Governor Bevin.

Council Focus

City Hall Greg Claypool stated the ceiling lights need to be cleaned. Larry reminded Greg the blinds in the kitchen and Clerk's office need to be replaced. Larry stated Ron Panther had cleaned, for \$30.00 per month. He has a power washer to clean the outside of city Hall.

Streets & Signs Tom Nunn stated Larry had found a banner and he will have it put up.

Fences and Permits Scott Horn stated that for July and August he had been asked about a deck permit, but one is not needed, for 4304 Alicent. He had been asked about a variance for a fence. He advised he resident to come to the Council meeting. Larry met with the resident and looked at the neighbor's yard. The resident might get bushes. 805 Beechwood requested a permit for a 4-foot metal fence. He notified them it was not in ordinance. He had a request for a back-porch addition for a resident on Kinloch. He advised then to contact Metro. 807 Beechwood requested a garage addition permit. He told then to contact Metro. The Cathcarts asked about a porch addition and he told them to contact Metro. Their shed variance will be granted.

Lighting Grid: Doug Watson stated he had followed up with LG&E contacts about adding lights to the city. He was asked for our proposal and he will review it with the LG&E lighting specialist. There are no reported lights out in the City.

Drainage/Sanitation/Block watch George Langford stated on 08/22 and 08/23 he posted on the City website about the ditch and gave Beechwood Village contact information. He also put information about Coffee with a Cop on the website. He has asked the new Commander to come to Woodlawn Park for a meeting. On 09/8/17 he was advised by a resident on Stivers that MSD had cleaned out the ditch. He stated there was discussion on the Next-Door app about the police directing traffic at Walden School. Larry stated he would like to get a picture with someone using more cones. George stated the next Block Watch meeting is 10/05/17 at 7:00pm. There is no speaker lined up yet. He stated he had talked at a prior meeting about getting julep cups from Louisville Stoneware to give to speakers, ex-mayors, etc. They are \$24.50 each and there is a onetime \$75.00 art fee. George made a motion to purchase julep cups from Louisville Stoneware to give as mementos, not to exceed a cost of \$700.00. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

Historian/Archivist Shannon Seidt was absent. Larry stated the Council had approved dog waste stations. He showed it to the Council. He stated that they need to decide where to place it. Larry stated other cities have gone through a lot of bags and he asked where will the bags be disposed. Gloria stated it comes with 400 bags. Matt asked if the box locked. Larry said it did. Larry stated the City will test with 1 box and it will be placed at Ahland and Westport Terrace. Chana will watch the box and report her findings to the Council. Larry stated Shannon is working on historical pieces.

Larry stated the Code Enforcement Chairman was in attendance. Larry gave a report. There were 3 outstanding citations and payment had been received for one. One was returned due to the speeder had a fake name and address. Chief Heaton will investigate. Larry stated parking on the street still continues to be a problem. The 1st time the offender gets a warning, the 2nd time they get a citation. 8 houses have been habitual offenders. The Chairman has sent letters, and going forward they will receive citations. Larry discussed habitual parking violators, towing signs, etc.

Tom asked about the ditch at Ambridge and 264. He stated it has a lot of overgrowth. Larry stated he will have Brownsboro Lawn Care take a look at it.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk