

September 2018 Minutes of Woodlawn Park City Council (corrected)

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on September 17, 2018 at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members Doug Watson, George Langford, Greg Claypool and Shannon Seidt, and Attorney Matt Carey, Treasurer Gloria Curran and City Clerk Chana Elswick. Tom Nunn was absent.

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

The council reviewed the minutes for the August 20, 2018 Council Meeting. Doug made a correction to a date in the Drainage Council Focus section. Doug made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's Report. She gave the report for August, 2018. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for August 2018 with the Council. She stated the Police expense included Chief Heaton's last pay. He was paid in August for July. She stated most of the revenue is from property taxes. The discounted rate is up on August 31, 2018. 27 parcels remain unpaid out of 449. George made a motion to accept the report. Shannon seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Chana Elswick gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She stated Ordinance #4 was published in the Voice. She stated they will no longer run classified ads. Matt will check to see if the Leo is a qualified publisher for future ordinances.

Guests: Variance: None

Residents: George Langford stated that at the last meeting Leslie Bates had asked that the residents' comments be extended to 5 minutes. He asked if he could make a motion for this. Larry stated the chair controls the agenda and will keep it at 3 minutes for now.

Jim Reh, 4315 Kinloch stated he has lived here 32 years and has been on the Code Enforcement Board. He talks to a lot of residents and he asks what they think of the city. He said people think the City is fantastic. He discussed the "crap" on social media. He stated he thought Chief Heaton was a nice guy. He discussed the negative comments being spread on social media. He discussed gossip about a crime spree that was on the news and how people will not want to live here. George stated he was the one in TV and related the story.

Dan Foes, 6408 Orchid Hill Place, stated he has lived here 34 years and echoes Mr. Reh. He stated it seems like some people have an agenda. He stated it is spreading across the City. He stated he loved the City.

Kim Horn, 6865 Green Meadow Circle stated she is probably the person people are speaking of on Next Door. She stated she does have an agenda, to get people to stop speeding and running stop signs. She stated to read woodlawnpark.com to see how many times she has addressed this issue. She stated she uses social media for her concerns. She stated she is trying to protect children. She stated there are council members that know of the dirty deeds done by Chief Heaton. She asked George to relate. He stated he may discuss at a later time.

Greg Huettig, 910 Perryman Rd stated he has seen the negative comments. He stated someone had posted about the open drain pipes and that they should be covered. He related a story of a boy getting sucked into a drain pipe. He saved him. He said the drains still are not covered. Larry stated the one across the street is covered, this one is not (*Larry clarified this one is the drain at Walser and Kinloch*).

Old Business: Open Council Seat Larry stated it is up to the Council to nominate someone for the seat, which expires on 12/31/18. George nominated Ellen White. He stated she was the only one he had received a letter from. She lives on Kinloch. Greg seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was taken, Shannon, Aye, George, Aye, Doug, Aye, Greg, Aye. All voted aye and the nomination was passed. Larry stated Ellen is filling in until the end of the term. He stated a swearing in will be at the end of the meeting.

New Business None

Mayor's Report

Larry stated the Fall Junk Pickup will be 10/11/18.

Stivers Road Sinkhole Larry stated the sinkhole is just like the one at 610 Stivers. It is in the 600 block of Stivers Road, at 602. He showed Council pictures. He called MSD and they repaired the 610 sinkhole. He called MSD and they put a plate over the new sinkhole. They did a dye test and it indicates it is not from their pipes. They turned it over to the Public Works Department. Public Works will not do anything. He has called Angela Leet's office for help, and this has been unsuccessful. It has not grown much, but the center is getting deeper. He has contacted several engineering firms, to evaluate and give recommendations. He wants it addressed before it becomes a major issue. The engineering firm cannot give an estimate, but it will probably be under \$500.00. He stated this would need Council approval. Shannon made a motion to use up to \$500.00 to ~~fix the sinkhole~~ *have the engineering firm evaluate the sinkhole*. George seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

Chimney Flashing Larry stated the wall over the fireplace and evidence on the basement wall shows that water has gotten in. He stated he thinks it is the flashing. He will get estimates.

Westport Road/Orchid Hill fence. Larry stated he did not have a chance to do any research. When he has found the date of the installation, Matt will go from there.

Alicent Road. Larry stated he had spoken with the owner of the Alicent Road house. She has a contract and the house is being sold.

Police Chief Search Larry stated he is in phase 2. There were 12 inquiries into the position, 4 did not apply, 3 started the process but did not complete, 4 interviewed, 2 took other positions and there were 3 finalists. He hopes to have an appointee by the first of the month, or close to that. George asked if there was any possibility of contracting with Graymoor Devondale for a month. Larry stated by the time they get through, the City will have someone. He stated they did discuss Graymoor Devondale and if the same coverage were

maintained it would increase the budget by \$31000.00. We would give up oversight of who patrols and there would be no community involvement. For these reasons, he is moving forward with replacing the Chief. There are 2 interviewees. One wants to continue as Chief Heaton, or ~~possible~~ possibly do two part time people. George stated he had been on the Council since 2004. When the Police started it was 120 hours per month and is now up to 160 hours. He stated he questioned Chief Heaton about adding extra hours. Larry stated the main job is to circulate through the City with the Police car, not do pass throughs.

Council Focus

City Hall Greg Claypool stated blinds had been replaced.

Street and Signs Tom Nunn was absent. Larry stated he has contacted another company for an estimate on street repairs and repaving. The company is proposing sealing streets and fixing cracks.

Fences and Permits Doug Watson stated he had requests for 4206 Schuwey for a fence. 4312 Kinloch, he has reviewed on site and the plans are under ordinance. He has approved the permit. Larry stated he needs to follow-up on 601 Stivers as they had a pool put in. Doug will contact Metro.

Drainage/Sanitation/Block Watch George Langford stated on 08/21/18 Will Boland with the Woodlawn Center at request of resident asked about trees behind Stivers. On 08/26/18 he discussed trees and drainage. On 08/27/18 he talked to Lt. Berman about a search warrant issued in Woodlawn Park. He responded to a drainage issue on Schuwey and Perryman. He posted about Coffee with a Cop on 09/14/18. The Block Watch meeting will be 10/04/18 at 7:00 pm. He stated he ~~needs~~ has a new a Captain for Perryman and *is looking for 2 new Captains*.

Historian Shannon Seidt stated over the last month she has received personal messages calls, texts and posts on Next Door about speed and children. One family asked if they could out a Children at Play sign in their yard. She asked Tom for pricing. She contacted Eagle Sign for the cost and she will email this to the Council. It is \$560.00 per sign with installation. She stated she would like to start looking at other areas. She stated that we should go ahead with the speed sign since the report will go to the new Chief and on his first day he has a report. She stated she was driving 25mph on the Circle and it felt like she was on 2 wheels. She stated she does not want to wait to set up the sign. Larry said there is no need for the resident to pay for the sign. He suggested finding where there are young kids that play. He stated there are 3 candidates for Chief and he hopes to have someone in the next 2 weeks. Shannon stated that if there in not someone in 2 weeks, to put out the sign. Shannon stated she had been positing on Next Door with reminders. She will share news as it is being shared to her. Larry asked her to get ideas for locations of young children to put up signs and an idea of how many. Larry stated that in the past there were signs, but they were all changed to be uniform. Greg asked that she post on the official website what is being posted on Next Door.

Greg stated the tree that on fell along Westport road is still in the yard. He stated it looks terrible. Larry stated it fell in the resident's yard. The City had it cleaned up off of the sidewalk. AT&T removed it from their lines. It is technically on City property. The resident is waiting on fence information then they will decide what they will do,

Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk