

## **October 2013 Minutes Of Woodlawn Park City Council**

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on October 21, 2013, at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Mike Brown, Council Members, Larry Lewis, George Langford, Tom Nunn, Greg Claypool and Doug Watson, Treasurer Gloria Curran, Attorney Matt Carey, Chief Bob Heaton, and City Clerk Chana Elswick. Absent was Becky Ritz.

The meeting began at 7:32 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council reviewed the minutes for the September 16, 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 September with the Council. She stated there was a question last month about the garbage bill. Per the contract, the fee had gone up, but the billing was still not fixed. Doug made a motion to accept the report. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

**Guests** Ryan Smith, 607 Stivers Road, requested a variance for a privacy fence 4 feet from the house. He would also like an 8 foot fence for privacy. He stated that cars coming down Ahland shine into the house. He stated his privacy is compromised due to the neighbors. He stated Doug & Tom told him the fence was out of ordinance, and he would need to ask for a variance. He showed Council a sketch of the property. He stated prior to him owning the house, there was a 4 foot extension to the fence. Council discussed the layout of the yard, fence, house etc. Greg stated he would like to see pictures. Mike asked Council to drive by the house and review it within the next 30 days. Mr. Smith stated he would like to have a response sooner. Mike stated he wants to see how the house sits on the lot first. Mr. Smith stated he wanted to clarify that there will be a decision on both variances. Mike stated yes. Tom stated that Mr. Smith was told the variance was up to the Council. Greg discussed the lot, setback, etc.

Chana gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. She stated a solicitor for AT&T had been in the City. She asked for his permit and he stated he had a federal permit to solicit. She contacted Mike, who asked them to remove their vehicles from the City.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mike stated the Leyland Cypress were planted behind City Hall in the vacant lot. He bought a soaker hose to keep them watered.

Mike stated there would be a community wide Brightside cleanup on 10/26/13 at 9:00 am. The first 10 residents to help would get a free t-shirt. He asked if Council would be attending, some responded they would be attending. The area to clean will be Perryman to the Watterson.

Mike stated the newsletter was not finished. He showed a sample to the Council. He reviewed items in the newsletter with the Council. He will have it mailed in a couple of days. He discussed reorganizing the Ethics Committee.

Mike stated the arbor vitae were replaced on Beechwood Road. The quote was for \$1600.00, but he negotiated it down to \$1350.00.

Mike reviewed the quotes for the bathroom remodel, Kenneth Wolfe \$6310.00, Patrick Durbin, \$3887.00, for removal of tile and tub, remove and replace vanity and replace toilet. Mike stated he might wait until July to place it in the budget. Larry stated he knows someone who paints tile and he will get an estimate. Tom asked if it would be handicap accessible. Greg discussed how this would be achieved.

Chief Bob Heaton gave the Police report. There were 22 warnings, 16 assist, 1 backup, 121 miscellaneous runs, and 1 report for items removed from an unlocked car. There were \$209.30 in expenses.

**Old Business** Mike stated they would discuss the vacant property ordinance from last month. Greg stated he thought the state had rules for cities to mow, etc. and a lien could be placed on the mortgage. He thought KLC had an article about this. He stated his neighbor's house was cleaned up when calls were made. Mike stated two houses on Westport Terrace have had bank reps out to look at them. Matt stated there is an ordinance to mow lawns that was

under the Code Enforcement Board. He stated an ordinance could be made that if the yard is not mowed, the City can do it and bill the owner. If that is not paid, a lien can be filed with all related fees. If the home is in foreclosure, you don't know who to cite and bill and file lien on. This would place responsibility on the owner to pay back the City for mowing. Mike asked if the property is occupied and has been cited and the City mows would the owner be billed. Mike asked if a budget item could be placed for mowing foreclosure properties. Council discussed foreclosed properties. Matt will draft a new ordinance.

**New Business** Mike stated he would like Council to think of ways to celebrate the City's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. He asked then to email their ideas. He will also put this in the newsletter.

#### **Council Focus**

**Welcome** Doug Watson stated there were 4 recent sales. He has not contacted them yet. He will try to get the forms filled out when he welcomes them. Mike cautioned him to remind them we don't give out email information. Tom stated there are 5 properties for sale in the City. Gloria asked if 805 Ahland was sold to a company – T-Top. She stated there were 15 delinquent property taxes; 3 for 2012 with 2 liens being filed

**Emergency Preparedness** George Langford stated he had received a Code Red Alert on 10/06/13 for the storm. The Block Watch meeting on 10/13/13 had 12 attendees. He handed out brochures to the 8 that could not attend. He may ask the 5<sup>th</sup> District to attend the next meeting. Mike suggested getting the Captains safety vests. Gloria told him he might be able to get a grant for them. The next meeting is in February 2014.

**City Hall** Becky Ritz was absent.

**Ordinance Review** Mike stated this had already been discussed.

**Fences and Permits** Tom Nunn stated he is working on 2 other requests besides the one for tonight's meeting.

**Streets and Signs** Larry Lewis stated he had nothing to report. He stated garbage trucks are cutting the curb on Walser. Mike stated to keep him informed if the drivers are not doing their job for ID. Mike asked if Council still wanted to paint the curb at Walser. George stated he would also like the drainpipe painted. Greg stated he would rather see reflectors than paint. He discussed the curbing and painting. Mike asked if George and Larry could come up with a proposal.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick  
City Clerk