

January 2014 Minutes Of Woodlawn Park City Council

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on January 20, 2014, at Woodlawn Park City Hall. Present were, Mayor Mike Brown, Council Members, Becky Ritz, Tom Nunn, Greg Claypool, Larry Lewis, George Langford and Doug Watson, Treasurer Gloria Curran, Attorney Matt Carey, Chief Bob Heaton, and City Clerk Chana Elswick.

The meeting began at 7:30 pm. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council reviewed the minutes for the December 16, 2013, Council Meeting. Becky made a motion to accept the minutes. Tome seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved, with the month changed at the top of the minutes.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's report. She reviewed revenues and expenses, the general ledger and the balance sheet for December 2013 with the Council. Becky asked if the people that rake their leaves to the street on Beechwood are paying TLD for the leaf removal. Council discussed residents raking leaves onto the easements. Becky stated she wants to tell Tony that he has to pick up the leaves in the residents yards. Mike stated he will check into the issue. Becky discussed the tree that fell on the arborvitaes. She wants the residents notified. Greg stated there is a dead tree at Perryman and Westport. Mike stated the owners can be put on notice that a tree needs to be taken care of. Tom made a motion to accept the report. Doug seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Mike asked if there were any guests that would like to approach Council. There were no guests.

Chana gave the Clerk's report. She gave the hit report for the website. Mike and Greg discussed website usage. The City received a thank you note from Salsarita's for the Christmas reception.

Mayor's Report

Mike stated it was an election year. The deadline to register is 08/12/14. Per the KLC website, no one is registered so far. He stated Ken Fleming had not signed up yet for District 7.

Mike stated the City Pride award was given to 4315 Westport Terrace, Doug Pollyfeyt.

Mike stated Ecotech had given the City a free tree, an Autumn Blaze Maple. He would like to plant it near Ambridge Circle. Last year's tree was doing well.

Mike asked if anyone had any 60th anniversary ideas. He stated he would like to replace some of the banners with anniversary banners, and maybe place some throughout the City. Greg stated one near Perryman needs to be moved. He stated it is not in line with the others. Mike suggested having a horse on the banners and including the year 1954-2014.

Chief Bob Heaton gave the Police report. There were 1 city citations, 16 city warnings, 19 assists, 1 backup, 136 miscellaneous runs, 1 report and \$245.00 in expenses.

Old Business None

New Business Mike stated Brightside sent an invoice for \$2,500.00. He asked if Council wants the City to support the area. Tom asked if this was for 1 year. Mike stated it was and Windy Hills was on board. Becky stated it was a good idea. Gloria state the money will have to come from the contingency fund. Council stated it was okay with supporting Brightside for \$2,500.00.

Mike discussed the KLC meeting held 01/16/14. He stated Jim Ising, Windy Hills Council Member is the Treasurer of the KLC. Mike discussed an article in the KLC magazine about reclassification of cities. Mike discussed the old and new ways cities will be classified and the types of governing bodies used.

Mike stated KLC talked about a nonprofit group- First Tee of Louisville. There are 150 kids in the program that teaches young kids how to golf. It also brings life issues in to the game.

Mike stated the Seneca Gardens Mayor is on the board of KLC. He is concerned about municipal taxes for the small cites. He is concerned there is no accountability for the insurance companies. Gloria discussed how taxes are tracked. She state there is a state website that lists money to be sent to the City. Mike stated the Seneca Gardens Mayor has hired a company to track this for his city. Doug stated he is reminding new welcomes of having taxes

sent to the City. Mike stated Seneca Gardens had used the Funds for the Arts group “ Second Chance” for a gathering. KLC encouraged the Council and Mayor to form a relationship with Ken Fleming's office.

Mike stated there is a new procedure for Metro permits. They are being issued before the City approves the request. They will notify the Mayor after the permit is granted. We are not in the loop for permits and it is a state law that permits cannot be put on hold. Council discussed permits.

Council discussed the 1% tax being proposed by Metro.

Council Focus

Welcome Doug Watson stated he had welcomed 704 Stivers and had 4 more to welcome. He stated there are 4 properties for sale in the City. 4303 Westport Terrace just sold.

Emergency Preparedness George Langford stated there were Block Watch Captains for every street but Middlebrook. 2 have been added for Darbrook. The next meeting will be in February. He stated per LMPD, Ken Fleming's office and the Courier Journal, there were no criminal reports for the City. An arrest had been made in the Darbrook robbery. He stated an arrest had been made in the Kroger shooting. He had received an email about a street light on Westport Road. Council discussed traffic on Westport Road. Mike asked if we could get a no U-Turn sign for Ambridge. Mike stated he will notify the state if the issues at the Ambridge area.

City Hall Becky Ritz stated she will take the books out and sell them since there is no Book Club. Mike stated he got an out of town call regarding renting City Hall. Becky and Greg stated City Hall is for residents' use only.

Ordinance Review Greg Claypool stated that Matt had an ordinance regarding yard maintenance. Mike stated he wants an ordinance for foreclosed and/or vacant lots. Matt stated the old ordinance states grass no higher than 6 inches. The new one has 10 inches listed and this would pertain to all yards in the City. Matt reviewed the new ordinance with the Council. He stated the Metro ordinance is 8 inches. Matt suggested using 8 inches as the minimum. Mike stated the City would like the right to mow and bill the owner. Council agreed to the height of 8 inches and will have the first reading at the next meeting. George stated he wants residents cited for debris. Council discussed what debris consists of.

Doug discussed a shed ordinance and he discussed the obstruction part of the ordinance. He stated he feels this should be clearly defined. He stated it should have a maximum size and should be placed anywhere behind the rear line of the house. Becky asked how the front of the shed should look. It was suggested it be 11x11 and 8 feet high as the allowed dimensions. Becky asked what materials it could not be made of. Council discussed different options. Becky stated Orchid Hill does not allow sheds and this would need an amendment to the deed restrictions to change this. Becky suggested needing a permit, but no fee for a shed. Doug asked Council to read the current ordinance and make any changes and discuss this at the next meeting.

Fences and Permits Tom Nunn stated he had a fence permit request for 704 Stivers. He stated that Ryan Smith approached Council in November about a fence. He was told he needed to find out the setback before he put up his fence. He had put up a fence without a permit being issued. Doug said he was in violation of Metro. Mike will have a citation issued for no permit, then will discuss the compliance issue with Tom.

Streets and Signs Larry Lewis stated he had a bid from Kentucky Paving for the corners at Kinloch and Walser and the potholes on Green Meadow Court and Beechwood of \$2630.00. Larry made a motion to accept the bid from Kentucky Paving for \$2630.00. Greg asked what corners will be fixed. Larry stated all of them. Greg seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was passed. Greg stated a light on Kinloch was leaning. Larry stated 1 sidewalk in Orchid Hill needs to be fixed. This will be fixed when the weather is better.

Greg stated a house 2 doors down from him is a rental. There are 2 men and 6 cars in the driveway. There is parking in the street. Council discussed this.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana R. Elswick
City Clerk