

## MARCH 2023 WOODLAWN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Revised)

The Woodlawn City Council met on Monday, March 20, 2023. Present were: Mayor Mike Brown, Council Members: Melinda Breslin, Nancye Claypool, George Langford, Tom Nunn, Ed Purcell and Doug Watson. Also in attendance were: Charlie Veeneman, Pat Merrick and Attorney, Matt Carey.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a roll call of Council Members.

Mayor Mike Brown began the meeting by acknowledging George Langford and Melinda Breslin for attending Muffins with McCraney. He also thanked attorney, Matt Carey, for helping with the ordinance codification.

The Council reviewed the minutes for February 2023. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the Minutes and Nancye Claypool seconded the motion. All voted aye and the Minutes were accepted.

The Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report for February 2023. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the Report and Nancye Claypool seconded the motion. All voted aye and the Report was accepted.

Pat Merrick reported that she received an Open Record Request for information about Council wages and information. It was forwarded to Charlie Veeneman since he has that information.

**Resident's Comments:** Amy Cherrie of 4409 Kinloch Road asked what could be done about people coming through her yard to cut through to the church. She has tried to block the cut through with landscaping and other ways with no avail. The Council gave her some ideas as to what to do.

**Variance Request:** Chris Winters at 6407 Orchid Hill Place asked for a variance for a fence at his property, since it is a corner lot, and there is a sidewalk. The Council Members want to look at the property before voting.

**Old Business:** Two sanitation bids for a four-year contract were opened at the meeting.

Rumpke Sanitation:	23/24	\$30.00 per unit
	24/25	\$30.90 per unit
	25/26	\$31.83 per unit
	26/27	\$32.78 per unit
Eco Tech Sanitation:	23/24	\$17.24 per unit
	24/25	\$17.24 per unit
	25/26	\$18.27 per unit
	26/27	\$19.18 per unit

The current rate is \$17.65 per unit.

Mayor Mike Brown suggested the city go with Eco Tech. The Council discussed several items that had been brought up such as sneaky practices, co-mingling of recycle and trash, etc. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the bid from Eco Tech and Ed Purcell seconded the motion. The Council vote was Ed Purcell, Tom Nunn and Nancye Claypool "Aye" with George Langford, Melinda Breslin and Doug Watson "Nay". Mayor Mike Brown broke the tie with an "Aye" vote.

The Codification of ordinances has been an enormous undertaking and should be available by mid-June. The City will receive 10 hard copies and Mayor Mike Brown is working on the online process. Updating the ordinances will be ongoing.

Mayor Mike Brown discussed his City Official Academy meeting in January. He shared information with the Council and gave them several ideas he learned about.

**New Business:** Mayor Mike Brown asked the Council to review the Minutes of the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 meeting. There was a conversation about the Chief of Police pay raise. After reading the minutes, the consensus of the group was that the \$3,000 pay raise would be paid throughout the year and not a one-time payment.

The 2023-2024 budget was discussed. The Council was asked to prioritize having a Police Department with 3 being a low priority and 7 being a high priority. The Council gave their answers as such: 7, 5, 7, 5, 3, 7. City Treasurer, Charlie Veeneman, did a Fund Balance Projection through June 30, 2023 and spoke about options to improve finances for the City such as taxes, insurance premiums, etc. The City Council will need to make a decision about the Police Department as to keep our current department or to possibly outsource police protection or do away with the police department. Most small cities do not have their own police departments. The goal is to have the budget ready for the April Meeting.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Mike Brown attended Mayor Greenberg's Night Out at the YMCA. He met with Deputy Mayor James who put him in touch with people regarding grants for the city, he also made a contact with someone from MSD.

He went to the JCLC meeting on March 16, 2023. There are 37 new mayors in Jefferson County. Talked again with Deputy Mayor David James about the 911 Smart App, which will aid in the response from 911. He suggested that all members download this app. The city will be reimbursed for storm damage that has occurred in the last month.

He also gave an update on the Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer search. He will be meeting with potential candidates in the upcoming weeks.

## Council Focus

**Community Events/Block Watch:** Ed Purcell reported he will be working on the Fourth of July Parade. He would also like to have an open Block Watch Meeting.

**Let's Get Prepared:** George Langford reported that March is National Tsunami Awareness Month and reminded everyone to call 811 BUD (Before You Dig). He also reported about several downed trees from the recent storms, went to several meetings (Muffins with McCraney, Meet Your Legislators, and Pipe Meeting), called MSD for various reasons and responded to a resident's complaint about a barking dog.

**Fences and Building Permits:** Melinda Breslin reported she had no other permit requests this month other than the variance discussed earlier.

**New Moves/Rentals:** Doug Watson reported one sale at 905 Perryman Road on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two houses are for sale, one under contract. He is also checking on the new rentals list.

**Streets and Signs:** Tom Nunn check on the light at Westport Terrace. The streetlight at Westport Road and Ambridge has been fixed. He's trying to fix the broken street sign and is getting a quote for a new street sign and stop sign.

**Welcome Committee:** Nancye Claypool reported she will be changing out the flags at City Hall and people are still using the Little Library. She will also welcome the new resident at 905 Perryman Road when they move in.

**Final Discussion:** Doug Watson spoke about problems he had with Eco Tech. He just wanted to make Mike aware, the problems are correctable issues. Nancye Claypool asked about the vacant house on Ambridge and the storage unit building on Westport Road. No one has heard anything about either one.

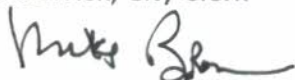
Mike Brown asked Matt Carey about a Mayor Pro Tem, in the event anything should happen to him. Matt said he will look into it.

Tom Nunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nancye Claypool seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Merrick, City Clerk



Mike Brown, Mayor