



Woodlawn Park City Council Meeting August 21, 2023

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on Monday, August 21, 2023. 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 Councilmembers. **Present:** Mayor Mike Brown; Councilmembers Melinda Breslin, Tom Nunn, Ed Purcell and Doug Watson; Charlie Veeneman, Jennifer Osborne, Chief Grady Throneberry, and Attorney Matt Carey. **Absent Excused:** Councilmembers Nancye Claypool and George Langford

Mayor Mike Brown began the meeting by thanking Councilmember Purcell for his help with permit approvals the past few weeks. Mayor Brown also read a thank you note from the family of Barbara Osborne.

The Council reviewed the minutes for the July 2023 meeting. Councilmember Nunn made a motion to accept the minutes and Councilmember Watson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were accepted.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to comments from residents.

Fan Waddle, 4300 Darbrook Road

Ms. Waddle voiced support of the changes to the short-term rental ordinance. She thanked the Council for their support.

Variance Request: None

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Veeneman distributed an updated financial sheet and reviewed July activities in detail. Mr. Veeneman stated that tax bills are being paid on time and consistent with previous years. There has been no activity yet with the municipal road fund. Mayor Brown stated that the Council will soon review a resolution regarding the road fund to allow us to apply for funds. There was no activity with the ARPA funds, but we do have \$15,400 budgeted, and it will be spent this year.

Mr. Veeneman said we are where we need to be financially at this time. Mayor Brown stated that he was waiting to see how the property taxes came in this year. Following Mr. Veeneman's report he feels like the city can go ahead and get the Orchid Hill Place entrance light replaced. Depending on the project and whether they must bore into the street, the project could cost \$2,000 – \$4,000. Councilmember Nunn made a motion to accept the report and Councilmember Breslin seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was accepted.

Police Report: Chief Throneberry reported a few solicitors and a house fire at 909 Perryman that resulted in minor damage but no injuries. Ten ordinance citations were issued, and all have been resolved. The computer has been installed in the car and he is waiting for the printer that

should arrive in the next few weeks. He is also waiting on two portable radios that will work with the new system that Metro Safe is implementing. It's an encrypted radio frequency so the public can't just listen. We must have them in use by January 1, 2024. The radios were gifted to the city and have been gently used. They generally run about \$4,500 each.

Committee Reports

Community Events – Councilmember Purcell did not have anything to report. Mayor Brown asked about the possibility of having a fall gathering, maybe an ice cream social, for residents. Mayor Brown recommended Ehrler's, with Councilmember Nunn mentioning Haywood's Dairy and Councilmember Purcell stating he had worked with Kona Ice in the past. Councilmember Purcell stated it could cost up to \$1,000. Mayor Brown recently met with the head of Walden School, and they might be willing to host a gathering on a Sunday afternoon. Councilmember Purcell thinks the events have been well attended. Councilmember Purcell asked if there was any concern about the city's liability in hosting events. Mr. Carey stated that we have liability coverage and should be fine to host an event as long as it is planned responsibly. Mayor Brown asked Councilmember Purcell to research options with a \$500 budget and report back at the September council meeting. Mayor Brown proposed the date of Sunday, October 22, the Sunday after the junk pick up. That would be right before Halloween, and it can be as big or little as we want.

Let's Get Prepared – Councilmember Langford sent notes to be read in his absence. Mayor Brown stated that Councilmember Langford attended the 8th Division's Coffee with a Cop on July 19 at the McDonald's located at 1954 Westport Road. He was unable to attend the 5th Division's event the day before. Areas of note:

- LMPD is approximately 400 officers short.
- EMS is short of technicians.
- Louisville fire is short firefighters.
- Anchorage fire department is making runs in Metro, even assisting in a fire in west Louisville.
- The 8th Division has 47 officers covering five beats.
- A recent study showed that LMPD should have 1,800 officers to be adequately staffed, which is much higher than the current number of officers.

Fence and Building Permits – Councilmember Purcell reported no new permits, though an application came in within the past few days. Mayor Brown stated that Councilmember Purcell has been filling in for Councilmember Breslin following the recent death of her father. He stated that Councilmember Purcell cannot continue to perform this role and asked for volunteers to assist. He stated that this is not a busy time for permit applications. Councilmember Watson offered to help, and Mayor Brown thanked him for his willingness. Councilmember Breslin will continue to have the

applications directed to her and then she will coordinate getting them to Councilmember Watson.

Residential Sales/Rentals – Councilmember Watson reported that two properties have closed since the last meeting, 6916 Ambridge Circle closed June 30 and 4326 Wingate closed on June 3. There are currently no active listings in the city. Mayor Brown stated that there is a possibility that 6936 Ambridge Circle is now a rental. We are not for sure, but it looks like a mother bought it and is letting the son stay there, perhaps, but it is listed as being owned by an LLC, which likely makes it a rental. We will look at sending them a rental license application.

Streets and Signs – Councilmember Nunn reported last month about an issue at 6908 Green Meadow Circle. They came out and made repairs, however it was not repaired correctly, and he is waiting for additional work to be completed. Mayor Brown asked about the stop signs at Beechwood Road. He asked Councilmember Nunn to go ahead and have that project completed before winter. Mayor Brown would like to consider utilizing ARPA funds for that project and will touch base with Councilmember Nunn next week regarding how to proceed.

Old Business

There was no old business to consider.

New Business:

Councilmember Nunn introduced Ordinance No. 4, Series 2023-2024 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3, Series 2018-2019, An Ordinance Relating to Short Term Rentals and Establishing Penalties for the Violation Thereof. The Clerk performed the first reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Brown stated that the agenda contains new business for a resolution pertaining to the Municipal Aid Fund. Mr. Carey would like to further review the resolution before the Council considers it for a vote. There is a specific paragraph he would like to research. Mr. Carey will review the resolution and Mayor Brown will call a special meeting within the next week for the Council to vote on the resolution.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brown obtained a city cell phone, 502.341.1004. He went with a company called First Net, which gives priorities to government numbers and discounts to government officials. This is a cell phone for the mayor, and the iPhone 13 cost the city 99 cents. The chief's cell phone was also upgraded for the same cost. Spectrum has an auto attendant feature that when someone calls the city hall number, the main line will give automated options for the calls to be forwarded to a person's cell phone. The fee is an additional \$15 per month. It does need a

dedicated phone line, so Mayor Brown decided to switch the city's fax number to a new line since the city only receives spam faxes. It does take a long time to set up, he placed the order for the line three weeks ago and it is still not installed.

The city missed a deadline last year for the liter abatement grant, so he will be applying for that by the November 1 deadline. Mayor Brown will work with Ms. Osborne on a perpetual calendar to ensure deadlines are not missed moving forward.

Junk Day is Saturday, October 21.

Mayor Brown met with District 7 Councilmember Paula McCraney recently. They shared each other's goals for the area. He thinks the city can make some valuable partnerships with her office, including a possible walking path in the area.

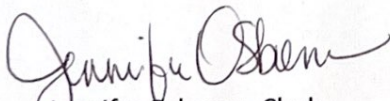
Mayor Brown will attend the Kentucky League of City's Stand Up for Cities Conference in September.

Mayor Brown met with Ms. Tyler, the Head of Walden School. He toured the school and met with their head of operations. They discussed the tree overgrowth along Westport Terrace and the need to clear both sides of the fence and clear the AT&T lines. Woodlawn Park has cleared out a portion that was in the street. Mayor Brown alerted Walden to the safety issues regarding the sinkhole on Walden's property. They were unaware of the problem and are now taking steps to fill in the sinkhole. Walden is also completing the tree work at a cost of \$1,660. They asked Woodlawn Park if they would be willing to cover \$500 of the expense and Mayor Brown agreed. That concluded Mayor Brown's report.

Councilmember Nunn asked about the city computers. Mayor Brown asked how the Council all received computers originally and Councilmember Watson stated he believes ARPA money was used so that council meetings could continue over Covid lockdown. Mayor Brown stated that the expectation is that the computers would be passed along to other council members as members leave.

Councilmember Nunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Purcell seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Osborne, Clerk



Mike Brown, Mayor