

## FEBRUARY 2023 WOODLAWN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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 thanking Ed Purcell and his wife Kristen for helping to stage the front room in City Hall. He also thanked Tom Nunn for changing the battery in the Crown Vic. He spoke about the grief of losing Chief Mike Koenig and why he was not working part-time. He read an email from Mike Koenig to the Council.

The Council reviewed the Minutes for January 2023. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the Minutes and Doug Watson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the Minutes were accepted.

The Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report for January 2023. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the Report and Ed Purcell seconded the motion. All voted aye and the Report was accepted. Charlie Veeneman was asked about the city having CD's. He will check into it. Melinda Breslin asked about the Clerk/Treasurer expense on the report and Charlie explained it to her.

Pat Merrick had nothing to report.

Mayor Mike Brown gave the Police report: City Citations: 0, City Warnings: 0, State Citations: 0, All Assists: 0, Police Backup: 0, Arrests: 0, Miscellaneous: 8. Gas \$108.88.

On February 2, 2023, Mike Koenig called Mayor Brown to tell him that he had accepted a position at another place of employment. He gave his 2 week notice. He will be paid his salary for 80 hours and his 2 weeks of vacation pay. The Mayor also noted that Woodlawn Park Police scored 87% on the Police Audit.

Mike Brown spoke about his time with KCL and what an impact it made on him. With help from them, he was able to come up with a job description for a new police chief. He went over the job summary, responsibilities and duties. He is hoping to fill the position as soon as possible. The posting will be up for 30 days. It is been posted on KSP, FOP and the League of Cities.

**Variance Request:** None

**Resident's Comments:** Kim Horn of 6865 Green Meadow Circle spoke about hearing gunshots near her house, but coming from Beechwood Village. On February 14<sup>th</sup> she called LMPD at 10:00 p.m after hearing 4 gunshots. LMPD arrived at 11:10 p.m. She spoke with several

neighbors to see if they heard anything. Richard Gottbrath of 6863 Green Meadow Circle, was in attendance, and also heard the shots and found a .45 caliber casing on the railroad tracks. Mike Brown said that he will call LMPD to investigate the matter further. Lyndon Police serves Beechwood Village and he will check with them also.

Brian Weinberg, of 908 Perryman asked for clarification on the Police Chief hiring. He was very upset that more wasn't done to retain Chief Koenig. He asked about future raises, safety equipment, trainings, etc. for the new hire. There was much discussion from the Mayor and the Council regarding this matter.

**Old Business:** The stop signs that were vandalized with graffiti were repaired.

Sanitation negotiations are going on with EcoTech. The city is trying to negotiate the price hike that was made when gasoline prices spiked in the fall.

Codification Update: The grant received for the codification does not cover putting them online. It will cost the city \$650.00 for the first year and \$450 per year after that. Mayor Brown wants to get the ordinances online as soon as possible.

**New Business:** Melinda Breslin introduced the City of Woodlawn Park Ordinance No. 2023-1, (Read by Clerk Pat Merrick) which will provide benefits for the Police Chief of 2 weeks vacation, 5 sick days, and 3 bereavement days. A roll call of votes were made with Melinda Breslin, Tom Nunn, Ed Purcell and Doug Watson voting "Aye". The new ordinance will be put in the Book of Ordinances.

The Sanitation bids are due by Friday March 17, 2023 and will be opened at the next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Matt Carey will put the notice in the paper.

The Mayor will get a new city owned cell phone upon approval of the budget for the new fiscal year.

The Police Chief resumes are due by Monday, March 20, 2023.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Mike Brown reported on the City Official Academy he attended in Lexington, KY last month. He will send the report out to Council Members.

The City website has been updated with pictures of all Council Members.

City Hall's main room has been reconfigured with the help of Ed Purcell and his wife Kristen and he also wants to paint and update the room.

The sinkhole at Westport Terrace and Stivers Road was filled in with dirt by MSD. It is back and MSD was called again and they said it was a Louisville Metro problem. 311 was called and they said it is a State Road. The problem will be further investigated.

The lights on the Orchid Hill sign had been hit in 6 different places by A T & T. It will cost approximately \$4,000 to repair. The city is going to try solar lights and see if that works.

The snow and freezing rain event on January 31<sup>st</sup> cost the city \$1,750 to salt the entire city.

### Council Focus

**Community Events/City Hall:** Ed Purcell had nothing new to report.

**Welcome Committee:** Nancye Claypool was absent.

**Let's Get Prepared:** George Langford was absent, but Mayor Brown gave his report. On 2/16, he met with CSX representative and showed him where the blockage was in the drainage ditch behind Stivers Road. It appears many residents drop yard waste in the ditch. On 2/16 he checked areas in the city and cleaned debris so water could flow out. February is National Canned Food Month, Winter Safety and Valentine's Day.

**Fences and Building Permits:** Melinda Breslin reported she had a request for a permit, but it will need a variance.

**New Moves/Rentals:** Doug Watson reported one house sold at 6811 Green Meadow Circle on February 16, 2023. There are 3 listings: 1 is pending and one is being auctioned.

**Streets and Signs:** Tom Nunn reported a street light at Darbrook and Beechwood has been repaired. The sidewalk repair has been started on Darbrook, but is not finished. The battery on the Crown Vic has been replaced.

Ed Purcell made a motion to remove Tom Nunn and Doug Watson as authorized signers on the Eclipse Bank account and replace them with Mayor Mike Brown and accountant Charlie Veeneman as authorized signers on the account. Tom Nunn seconded the motion. A roll call of Council Members was held and Ed Purcell, Melinda Breslin, Tom Nunn and Doug Watson voted "aye" and the motion was passed.

**Final Discussion:** Mayor Mike Brown presented **SWOT** (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) to the Council. It will be discussed at a later meeting.

Tom Nunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ed Purcell seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Merrick, City Clerk



Mike Brown, Mayor