

APRIL 2023 WOODLAWN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on Monday, April 17, 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 thanking Charlie Veeneman for his help with the budget. They worked for over 3 hours on Saturday. He also thanked Melinda Breslin for taking over the issuing of permits, jumping in with several this month.

The Council reviewed the minutes for March 2023. Doug Watson made a motion to approve the minutes and George Langford seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were accepted.

The Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report for March 2023. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ed Purcell seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was accepted. Mayor Mike Brown spoke to the Council about having enough money to fund our Police Department. Charlie Veeneman did a Cost Analysis of what it will take to fund the department. Mike talked to several people in the city and they all want to keep our Police Department, but the city needs to find ways to raise revenue. He talked about possible ways – insurance premium rates, dropping the tax discount or take something out of the budget. Doug Watson suggested they look at everything before making a decision and Tom Nunn suggested getting a projection of amounts.

Pat Merrick reported that she is stepping down as City Clerk. She will stay until a replacement can be found.

Resident's Comments: Matt McCreary of 807 Beechwood Road, is concerned with the amount of traffic and speeding taking place on his street. He is concerned about the children playing and people walking. He asked about possible speed bumps or a stop sign being installed.

Mary Ann Nunn of 6914 Ambridge Circle asked about the house on Ambridge Road. She would like to know if anything is being done. It is a condemned property and is an eyesore. Melinda Breslin said she has checked with Codes and Regulations with Metro and they come out and check on the property. Mayor Mike Brown said he will look into it and see if anything can be done to clean up the property.

Kim Horn of 6865 Green Meadow Circle also spoke about people speeding in the neighborhood and asked to revisit having speed humps installed. She also suggested grant writing to generate income for the city. Tom Nunn said he will look into the cost of speed humps.

Variance Request: The Council voted on the variance for Chris Winters at 6407 Orchid Hill Place to install a fence on his property. The Council Vote was: Melinda Breslin: Aye, Nancye Claypool: Aye, George Langford: Aye, Tom Nunn: Aye, Ed Purcell: Aye, Doug Watson: Aye. The vote was unanimous and the variance was approved.

Old Business: Mayor Mike Brown spoke about the drainage ditch at I-264 and Ambridge Circle. He wants it cleaned out and has given MSD and the State until April 28th to get it done. George Langford has looked into it and reported that the drainage grate is filled with mud.

The new sanitation contract has been signed with Eco Tech for another four years. There has been a few mishaps, but they have been taken care of.

New Business: Mayor Mike Brown presented the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget proposal. The last column is the "Proposed Budget". He has combined the Clerk and Treasurer position as the responsibilities are changing. The city has to be audited every other year (odd years). He went over each line item. There was much discussion regarding using ARPA funds for police resources. George Langford made a motion to include the ARPA prior year surplus up to the amount of \$23,419.32 to pay for all ARPA qualified expenses. Nancye Claypool seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye and the motion passed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mike Brown and Jim Reh met with a potential Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer. The candidate wanted 48 hours to consider and get back to the Mayor. Mike will make the appropriate background checks, etc. and get back with the Council.

Mike is hoping to get a quarterly Newsletter out soon, hoping for May.

The City-wide Yard Sale is Saturday, May 13th and Junk Pick-Up Day will be the following Saturday, May 20th.

Council Focus

Community Events/Block Watch: Ed Purcell is working on the Fourth of July Parade and would like to get the Block Watch going again. He also told Mike Brown he would be glad to help with the newsletter.

Welcoming Committee/City Hall: Nancye requested a key for the flag pole for raising and lowering it. The Little Library continues to be used. She is waiting for the resident's at 905 Perryman to move in so she can welcome them to the city. Mayor Mike Brown gave her a Welcome Packet she can use to greet new residents.

Let's Get Prepared: George Langford reported that April is Stress Awareness Month. On March 26th there were drainage issues on Kinloch. He called MSD. On April 12th he checked on a tree that had fallen on Stivers Road.

Fence and Building Permits: Melinda Breslin reported she has contacted MSD about the erosion on the Ambridge property. She issued the following permits:

Chris Watts at 6407 Orchid Hill Place (Fence with variance)

Brian Weinberg at 908 Perryman Road (Fence)

Nancy Lang at 6936 Ambridge Circle (Fence)

Ann Stuckenburg at 6934 Ambridge Circle (Fence)

Mary Hayman at 6405 Orchid Hill Place (Fence)

New Moves/Rentals: Doug Watson reported the property at 6400 Orchid Hill Place was auctioned on March 24th. There were 3 active properties for sale and 2 of them are under contract. He has no information on any AirB&B properties in the city.

Streets and Signs: Tom Nunn reported all the street lights are working. He fixed the stop sign at Ambridge Circle. He got a quote to replace the Street sign and ordered it.

Final Discussion: Melinda Breslin presented a new copy of the Application for Fence Form. Nancy Claypool asked if there was any information about the storage building on Westport Road. Nothing has been reported. George Langford asked the Mayor about paid members possibly attending Council Meetings. Ed Purcell asked if the locks and cameras have been reset from the previous administration.

Tom Nunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Doug Watson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Merrick, City Clerk



Mike Brown, Mayor