

**APRIL 2020 WOODLAWN PARK VIRUAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES (Revised)**

The Woodlawn Park City Council met virtually on Monday, April 20, 2020. Present were Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members: Mike Brown, Tom Nunn, Shannon Seidt, Doug Watson. Absent were Greg Claypool and George Langford. Also in attendance were Chief Mike Koenig, Gloria Curren, Pat Merrick and attorney Matt Carey.

Mayor Larry Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The online meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a roll call of the Council Members.

The Council reviewed the minutes for the February 17, 2020 Council Meeting. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the minutes, Doug Watson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Gloria Curren gave her Treasurer's Report for March and April, 2020. Mike Brown made a motion to accept her report and Shannon Seidt seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was approved.

Pat Merrick had one request for Open Records. After several months going back and forth, the request was finally able to be sent out. Gloria was able to send the information the man requested .

Chief Koenig sent his report to me for March 2020. His monthly report is the following: City Citations: 17, City Warnings: 11, State Citations: 1, All Assists: 1, Police Back-up: 0, Arrest: 0, Misc.: 5, Reports: 0, Gasoline: \$146.69, Gallons: 66.744.

He is working on lowering the speed limit on Westport Road. He has been advised it takes an Act of Congress to be successful. He has created a plan of execution and the following information is a part of that plan. There are 3 areas that State Highway looks at when they consider the speed of a roadway and they are classified in three areas better know a the 3 E's. They are **Engineering, E-Crash Data, and Enforcement.**

His presentation to the State Highway will be the following information related we to those areas:

**Engineering:**

He plans to show a map highlighting the curvature of the roadway in this section that encompasses a school with a cross walk, church, nursing home, large residential areas on both sides and 12 individual driveways that run off this section. His presentation will encompass his concern for the safety of first responders (FIRE, EMS, and POLICE) who respond to areas within the blind curves of this roadway that create additional safety concern.

**E-Crash:**

He has a map showing the last three years of crash data from the Westport Road and Hubbards Lane intersection to I-264. The data shows two fatalities within this same stretch, where he will further emphasize the concern for the general public traveling this roadway. In the next section he will evaluate the speeds of vehicles in this section and correlate that information back to this section, highlighting how side impact crashes of residents turning into and out of Woodlawn Park can be deadly at the speed shown on the citations written.

**Enforcement:**

Enforcement will allow everyone to see if the current speed is obeyed by those who travel the roadway, and if not, what is the average speed if not the speed limit. He has run radar on both Southbound and Northbound lanes of Westport Road and has been shocked at some of the speeds recorded. He has written numerous tickets so far for speeding in excess of 15 MPH and over the clearly posted 45 MPH limit. Some of the more alarming speeds recorded were 79 MPH, in which he was unable to catch up to the violator. Fortunately, he was able to stop a violator traveling at 76 MPH that admitted to racing another car in this section. Walden School has a school zone at certain times in the morning and afternoon and he has asked the Mayor to consider the possibility of doubling the fines if the speed limit of 35 MPH is disobeyed during these times. It's his understanding that Mayor Lewis is in the early stages of exploring what if any options are available to him and the City Council.

In conclusion, he is hopeful that through this data, the speed limit will be lowered from 45 MPH to 35 MPH from the intersection of Hubbards Lane to at least I-264, and possibly to Lyndon Lane, pending what State Highway determines is needed and/or qualifies. He thinks that by lowering the speed limit in this section will ultimately make it safer for the residents of Woodlawn Park citizens, the emergency responders and lastly, build awareness to the area.

Chief Koenig's April report: He was dispatched to the church on a black male wearing a black backpack who was shooting at the front of the church. He observed a subject meeting the description given by the dispatcher on Westport Road walking N/B on the east side of the roadway. He positioned his car in the turn lane and approached the subject on foot with his gun drawn. A Louisville Metro officer arrived simultaneously and they together detained the subject until it was clear he was indeed the subject in question.

A subsequent investigation was done and they learned the subject never had a gun but was kicking the front doors so hard it was causing the glass to shatter in several places. This noise is why the receptionist at the church described the noise as gun shots to the police dispatcher. The subject never gained entry to the church and was arrested for Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup>, and was also found to have a felony warrant for his arrest out of the State of Indiana.

He concluded his report by saying that his health is becoming increasingly more important due to the police experiencing a 150% increase in shootings citywide. Please continue to be a good neighbor and find creative ways to show compassion for your community during this time!

**Guests:** None

**Variance:** None

**Old Business:** The Mayor received a letter from Michelle Shaffner asking to move the Little Library in front of her house to the City Hall property. Larry asked if anyone wanted to take this on, but no one accepted. It will be talked about at another time.

**New Business:** None

## **Mayor's Report:**

A State of Emergency is in effect for Woodlawn Park because if we were to have any major expenses because of the virus, we would get reimbursed from FEMA or if we needed equipment, we would be able to get it.

House Bill 195 (Publication of Legal Notices) is going into law. We will need to submit information on bids, ordinances, etc. in a 6-line notice in the Courier Journal for 1 day with information to contact Woodlawn Park City Hall. It will also be posted on our Website for 1 year.

The Website is up and running. Building permits will be on there, also the Welfare Check form and hopefully some new pictures.

Waste Management/Ecotech Trash Industry is not accepting any loose trash. Everything must be bagged. They are still collecting yard waste, but may have to co-mingle trash and yard waste.

The owners of the vacant Ambridge Circle Property have finally been located. The owner of the mortgage has sent them a letter. The property is considered occupied. A contract is out for bid to cut the grass and weeds.

Reminder to Council Members: The filing deadline is still June 1, 2020. You can call for the latest requirements to file. Also: FILL OUT YOUR 2020 CENSUS FORM!

## **Council Focus:**

**City Hall:** Greg Claypool was absent.

**Infrastructure:** Tom Nunn stated that a street light was out at Walser and Green Meadow Circle. He called L G & E to report the outage.

**New Moves and Rentals:** Doug Watson said four properties were closed this month: 806 Beechwood, 803 Cattleya, 6709 Green Meadow Circle, and 4301 Darbrook. Two others are listed and under contract. No Air B & B activity.

**Fences and Building Permits:** Mike Brown has issued two permits, #143 to Tim Doyle at 816 Perryman to replace his rear and side fence, and #144 to Jim Stitzinger at 4303 Darbrook for a decorative fence.

**Drainage/Block Watch:** George Langford was absent, but sent his information to the Mayor. On March 17, he responded to construction debris in the detention basin behind Woodlawn Center, he found material that had been dumped by a Kroger remodeling project. During an April storm, he checked and cleared debris so water could flow. On April 17, he spoke with the Chief of Graymoor-Devondale regarding gun shots behind Green Meadow Circle along the CSX Railroad in Beechwood Village. They discussed a possible suspect in that neighborhood. On April 18, it appeared some residents on Green Meadow Circle between 6833 and 6839 cut limbs and left them on top of the storm water pipe that runs behind the neighborhood and the railroad.

**Community Activities:** Shannon Seidt had nothing to report but mentioned that we would not be having a Yard Sale this year and no Junk Pickup until maybe fall?

Shannon Seidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Doug Watson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Merrick  
City Clerk



Larry Lewis,  
Mayor