

SEPTEMBER 2021 WOODLAWN PARK VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Woodlawn Park City Council met virtually on Monday, September 20, 2021. Present were: Mayor Larry Lewis, Council Members: Mike Brown, Greg Claypool, George Langford, Tom Nunn, Ed Purcell, and Doug Watson. Also in attendance were Chief Mike Koenig, Gloria Curran, Pat Merrick and Attorney Matt Carey.

Mayor Larry Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a roll call of Council Members.

The Council reviewed the minutes for the August 2021 meeting. Tom Nunn made a motion to accept the minutes and Mike Brown seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were accepted.

Gloria Curran gave the Treasurer's Report for August 2021. Mike Brown made a motion to accept the report and Ed Purcell seconded the motion. All voted aye and the report was accepted.

Pat Merrick had nothing to report.

Chief Mike Koenig gave his report for August 2021. As promised, he reached out to the Branch Manager of Kentucky Department of Highways, located at 8310 Westport Road to present his findings to support the lowering of the speed limit on Westport Road from 45 to 35 MPH. The representative refused to meet him in-person to review his material that highlighted crash data involving several fatalities, accidents with bicycles, cars leaving the roadway striking houses, opposing traffic head-on, hitting carports, utility poles, and most recently flipping upside down. He also discussed the enforcement data and environment of the roadway covering the 3 pillars they consider when assessing speed limits.

State Highways Response by Email: We appreciate you providing all of the input and information about this section of Westport Road. The short answer is that changing of Posted Speed Limits has little to no effect on the speeds driven by motorists if there is no enforcement. Your data demonstrates that motorists are not obeying the posted speeds now, so changing it would only serve increase the speed differential by 10 mph over the legal limit that is posted. In the traffic world, posted speeds are calculated using the 85th percentile of the speeds being driven. It is a common understanding that motorists will drive at a speed that makes them feel comfortable driving and if you look at the speeds and focus on the 85th, it will give you an idea of the speed of the majority of the traffic.

With all of that said, my suggestion to you is the same suggestion we have made to others, not just in this location and that is to request more enforcement. Without enforcement, drivers will continue to go the speed they feel comfortable with until such time as someone forces them to obey the posted speeds.

My response to previous email response that to this date, has been ignored:

The 85th percentiles should not apply in a section of roadway where the environment creates an **S-turn** with blind curves that weave around a school crosswalk, long-term care facility, residential homes, driveways, and a church. I expressed that my concern for safety of those who commute through this section of roadway is grave! Not to mention the first responders who provide aid to those involved in these crashes. I provided an open invitation for any representative that was brave enough to sit in my front seat, while I run radar. My intended goal was for them to witness firsthand the dangers presented to law enforcement officers pulling out into traffic, having to accelerate fast enough (over 60 MPH in most cases) to chase down the speeder in this section of roadway.

In conclusion, I believe I have made a valid point to the fact that the 85th percentile does not apply to roads that present environmental dangers. Stay tuned...

Citations: 3, Warnings: 21, State Citations: 0, Assists: 17, Police Back-up: 0, Miscellaneous: 4, Reports: 0, Arrests: 0. Gasoline – Gallons: 68.322/Cost \$199.70. Miscellaneous Expenses: 0

Variance Requests: None

Resident's Comments: Kim Horn, 6875 Green Meadow Circle, asked about the auto shop at 702 Beechwood to see if it is being used in conjunction with non-conforming use. Mayor Larry Lewis suggested she contact 311 to file a complaint. The Council will look into it also. Council Member George Langford has looked into it and he suggested she get a case number. Tammy Raue asked about 700 Beechwood and the Mayor said he will give information in his report to the Council.

New Business: None

Mayor's Report

Discussed and voted on at the last meeting, the Council has drafted a letter signed by all to the Zoning Board members. The mayor read the letter for residents to hear.

The Mayor decided at the last minute to have the meeting online. City Hall is not conducive to social distancing. Hoping cases will be down before next month's meeting. He is going to try to get dividers or filtration for City Hall.

Ed Purcell mentioned getting costs for the City Newsletter. We will also be bringing back the monthly City Pride Award.

Council Focus

City Hall: Greg Claypool received authorization to get new flags for City Hall. He ordered one of each.

Infrastructure: Tom Nunn had nothing new to report. He will order the new Woodlawn Park Flags and change them out when the new ones arrive.

New Moves and Rentals: Doug Watson reported there were 5 closed sales, and 4 properties listed for sale with 3 under contract. The average sale prices were \$250,000.-\$300,000.

Fence and Building Permits: Mike Brown reported two permits for fences. #169 to Megan Knight on Green Meadow Circle and #170 to Vicky Greipel at 707 Beechwood Road.

Drainage and Block Watch: George Langford reported a resident called and asked him to clean the grate on Green Meadow Circle. There is a steel plate on the grate at Stivers and Ahland. The Brightside signs by the expressway have been changed back to their original sites.

Community Activities: Ed Purcell will be working on the Newsletter, City Pride Award and the Christmas Light Awards. He thanked everyone who attended the online meeting.

Doug Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Brown seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *10-18-2021*



Pat Merrick, City Clerk



Larry Lewis, Mayor