

JULY 2023 WOODLAWN PARK CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Woodlawn Park City Council met on Monday, July 17, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Mike Brown; Councilmembers Melinda Breslin, George Langford, Tom Nunn, Ed Purcell and Doug Watson; Charlie Veeneman, Pat Merrick, Chief Grady Throneberry, and Attorney Matt Carey. **Absent** Excused: Councilmember Nancye Claypool

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.

Mayor Mike Brown began the meeting thanking Councilmember Purcell for his help with the 4th of July Parade. Mayor Brown also thanked Pat Merrick for taking minutes for Jennifer Osborne. Mayor Brown then asked visitors to speak only during their allotted time.

The Council reviewed the Minutes for June 2023. Councilmember Purcell made a motion to accept the minutes and Councilmember Nunn seconded the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were accepted.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to comments from residents.

Elizabeth Shirwell, 6701 Green Meadow Court

Ms. Shirwell sent a video of a large fireworks display on July 3. It lasted for quite a long time. She had debris all over her property, including the roof and yard. She asked the Council about a possible resolution to outlaw large firework displays. Mayor Brown included the topic on the agenda later in the meeting.

Kim Horn, 6865 Green Meadow Circle

Ms. Horn stated that everything Ms. Shirwell said regarding the fireworks display was true. She asked about on street parking. Mayor Brown stated that it is Chief Throneberry's discretion whether he leaves a warning or not.

Fan Waddle, 4300 Darbrook Road

Ms. Waddle has addressed the Council three times regarding short-term rentals. She also sent an email to the Council. She is concerned about additional short-term rentals coming to the neighborhood once the VA hospital opens.

Variance Request: None

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Veeneman distributed an updated financial sheet. The Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report. 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 two solicitors without permits, two house watch requests, and five citations issued. The Ford has been repaired. Mayor Brown praised Chief Throneberry for his work.

Committee Reports

Community Events – Councilmember Purcell believes that being on the Council is a conflict of interest for Block Watch. Councilmember Purcell thanked everyone for their help with the 4th of July Parade and specifically to Councilmember Claypool for taking pictures.

Let's Get Prepared – Councilmember Langford is working on Emergency Preparedness.

Fences – Councilmember Breslin reported a fence permit was granted for 4249 Westport Terrace.

Residential Sales/Rentals – Councilmember Watson reported that 815 Perryman sold on July 2 and one other property is under contract.

Mayor Brown began a discussion on short term rentals. He discussed the fees and how changes were made in 2018. He distributed copies of Ordinance No. 3 Series 2018-2019. Several suburban cities do not allow short term rentals. The Council discussed options on how to proceed. Councilmember Nunn is opposed to short term rentals as Woodlawn Park is not a destination city. Councilmembers Langford and Purcell and Mayor Brown all voiced their opposition to short term rentals in Woodlawn Park. The Council as a whole is opposed to keeping the ordinances as written. Councilmember Langford suggested the Council re-write the ordinance. Mr. Carey suggested re-writing the ordinance instead of repealing it. Councilmember Langford made a motion to change the fee to \$250. Councilmember Nunn seconded the motion. It was also discussed that if the current short term rentals were compliant with Louisville Metro, they would be allowed to continue; however, no new short term rentals would be allowed. All Councilmembers voted aye and the motion was carried.

Streets and Signs - Councilmember Nunn reported the street light at Orchid Hill has been fixed. One streetlight on Ambridge needs to be repaired.

Old Business

Pat Merrick performed the second reading of Ordinance #3 series 2023 Ordinance Codification into the record. The Council voted: Ed Purcell "Aye", George Langford "Aye", Melinda Breslin "Aye", Doug Watson "Aye", Tom Nunn "Aye." All voted Aye and the Ordinance was passed..

New Business:

Mayor Brown introduced Resolution 2023-1, A resolution for application for and administration of Kentucky Office of Homeland Security projects. Councilmember Breslin read the resolution into the record. Councilmember Breslin made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Nunn seconded. All members present voted aye and the resolution passed.

Mayor Brown asked the Council what their views are regarding fireworks in Woodlawn Park for next year. Any violation would have to be witnessed by our Code Enforcement Officer in order to issue a fine. Councilmember Purcell asked Chief Throneberry if there was anything that could be done. Chief Throneberry stated unfortunately not but suggested promoting other venues that are hosting fireworks shows.

Mayor Brown stated that property taxes were mailed. There is no discount this year, which could affect cash flow if residents choose to not pay early anymore.

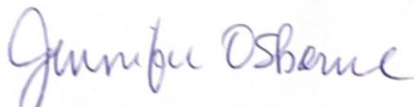
Mayor's Report

Mayor Brown is getting a city cell phone and would like to have all calls from City Hall roll over to that phone so he doesn't miss any calls.

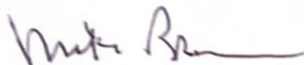
Mayor Brown met with FEMA on July 14 about the March storms. He had a conference call and then they came out on Friday, July 14. Three people came in person and three were on the phone. Woodlawn Park does not qualify for FEMA assistance because the threshold amount was not met.

Councilmember Nunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Purcell seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Osborne, Clerk



Mike Brown, Mayor