

**City of Lakeside Park**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting on 04/10/2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Markgraf called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Lakeside Park City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023 in the Lakeside Park City Building located at 9 Buttermilk Pike. Those in attendance were Mayor Markgraf, City Clerk Ms. Bruck, City Attorney Mr. Voss and Council Members present were Mr. Bernheimer, Mr. Gongola, Ms. Thaman, and Mr. Landwehr. Council members absent were Mr. Waite and Mr. Wolfer.

**AGENDA**

No changes or amendments were requested for the Agenda. Mr. Bernheimer made the **motion** to adopt the Agenda and Mr. Gongola seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; motion** carried.

**MINUTES**

Council received copies of the March 13, 2023 meeting minutes and with no additions or corrections, Ms. Thaman made the **motion** to adopt the minutes. Mr. Bernheimer seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; motion** carried.

**CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

No one present.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor advised he is working on the budget. He will be preparing and reviewing it with the finance committee. Once that is done, he'll be submitting it to all council members for review and will have the first reading of the budget ordinance next month. However, if council members would like to discuss the budget in a caucus meeting the Mayor will set that up.

Darlene Plummer from Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator office will be here at 9 Buttermilk Pike in Council Chambers tomorrow, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to explain the property valuation program. Assessments are done every 4 years and the City of Lakeside is due this year. This will be an informational session that discusses processes, discounts, and appeals regarding your new property assessment values. This will affect your city taxes as well as your county taxes, and you should receive those notices this week.

Mayor's Group meeting was at Ft Wright location last month. They heard from State Senator Chris McDaniel as well as State Representative Steven Doan on the updates from the Kentucky Legislative session. There will be a summary from Kentucky League of Cities on those updates and will be posted on KLC's website as soon as they become available. Most of the bills go into effect on June 29, 2023 unless it goes into effect sooner as an emergency. The next Mayor's Group meeting will be this Saturday at the Edgewood Senior Citizens Center.

Mayor asked Council Members and Staff to keep Saturday, May 20th, open as we are hosting the Mayor's meeting at 9:00 AM and breakfast is served at that meeting. Everyone is invited to come to see how valuable the Mayor's Group is and how the group works together to exchange ideas.

There is a Kenton County Spring Cleanup on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. You can take any unwanted items, this is subject to certain limitations but detailed information is available on our website on those exceptions.

Also, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> the City of Lakeside Park will be having its large item pick up by Best Way Disposal. Place your items at the curb on Friday night, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Best Way will come by to pick them up on Saturday.

#### **LEGAL**

Mr. Voss reported only 2 unpaid parcels had liens filed and the total delinquent property tax value was less than \$1,000.

We have been working with Duke-Energy representatives to obtain the updates for their Franchise Agreement to be renewed.

Mr. Voss also read the Executive Order No. 02-2023 to officially appointment of Jeanette Kemper as Deputy City Clerk affective February 14, 2023. Mr. Landwehr made the motion to adopt the minutes. Mr. Gongola seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken. **4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; motion** carried.

#### **CITY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

#### **FIRE/EMS:**

Assistant Chief Slusher had a short report for March. The Fire Department had 170 calls with 22 of them being for Lakeside Park. They hosted on the March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> a car seat technician classes which resulted in 7 additional personnel certified as car seat technicians.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Landwehr advised North Ashbrook project complete but still pending final clean up with just a few minor fixes. West Lakeside Resurfacing project pre-construction meeting was on March 29<sup>th</sup> and that project will start in July. At the last Public Works meeting, Public Works Director Steve talked about snow removal and that this year we were below normal. Also, at the meeting Steve said he received the dog waste disposal unit and dog fountain that will be installed in the public park in the next 4-6 weeks. Last to report, that Mr. Landwehr was advised the tree trimming project was completed.

#### **POLICE AUTHORITY:**

Mayor Markgraf reported for the Police Authority. Nothing out of the ordinary on the monthly activity report that was provided in the council packet. Also, received approved minutes February 27<sup>th</sup> and the proposed minutes that will be considered at next meeting. The department taught an "Active Threat" class at Thomas More University on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, on that date was the beginning of the Student Police Academy and it is part of the Criminal Justice curriculum that students do receive credit for attending the "Active Threat" class.

A proposed budget was received for the upcoming year and will be considered by the Board at the next meeting. There will be 2 items that will increase on that budget that includes payroll costs for raises and retention issues; and the second increase will be for the cost of new motor vehicles. As you know, the cost of a new motor vehicle has significantly increased and usually we try to replace 2 per year on a rotating basis.

Last, the department will utilize the Opioid settlement monies that we received as the City of Lakeside Park for remediation and education. Proposals will be coming soon. Additionally, RFP's have been sent out for the next budget year to equip all units that we have with defibrillators and per our goal planning session, our City will pay for half of the cost for the defibrillators and the City of Crestview Hills will pay for the other half.

Only other thing brought up, we did pass a Resolution re-instating the departments in participation in deferred compensation program offered by the Commonwealth. It does not cost our department anything but it is an investment opportunity tax free for our participating officers.

Meeting next Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM and all is welcome.

**PDS:**

Mayor advised there is a copy of the open violations and permits in council packet and if have questions can address those at later time.

**FINANCE:**

Mr. Gongola spoke about the city finances. He spoke about the City's monthly gross income and expenses which included a quarterly payment to Police Department. He also advised our Fiscal Year-To-Date budget had 11% increase in revenue due to an increase in occupational licenses plus penalty and interest income. However, there was also a 9% increase in expenses due to completion of road repair project payments.

**RECREATION:**

Ms. Thaman advised the Easter Egg Hunt that was postpone from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> was a success at the DCCH Children Homes and the weather was cooperative. Ms. Thaman thanked several of our sponsors who donated food, candy and toys for the event. She also thanked all the volunteers who either helped set up, work the event and clean up. (A full list can be found on our Facebook page.)

She advised the only upcoming events currently on the radar are Bingo in June and the Support-a-Troop event in May. (Details can be found [www.cityoflakesidepark.com](http://www.cityoflakesidepark.com) )

Mayor advised we are currently still looking for a Recreation Director and if anyone knows of anyone that would be interested, please submit resume' to [lspclerk@cityoflakesidepark.com](mailto:lspclerk@cityoflakesidepark.com)

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Ms. Thaman didn't have anything to report, but if anyone has any ideas or neighborhood ideas to discuss, please let us know.

Mayor spoke to Mr. Bernheimer about trying to get out the Newsletter by the end of this month. We have requested news articles from fire, police and if any council members would be interested in submitting an article let the Mayor know.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:27 p.m. Mr. Landwehr made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Thaman seconded the **motion**.  
Voice vote taken – **4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; motion** carried.



Paul Markgraf, Mayor



Teresa L. Bruck, City Clerk