

## City of Lakeside Park

### Minutes of Regular Meeting on 09/11/2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Markgraf called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Lakeside Park City Council at 6:58 P.M. on Monday, September 11, 2023 in the Lakeside Park City Building located at 9 Buttermilk Pike. Those in attendance were Mayor Markgraf, City Clerk Teresa Bruck, City Attorney Greg Voss and Council Members present were Chris Gongola, Dennis Landwehr, Mary Ann Thaman, Brian Waite, and Dave Wolfer. Council Member Tom Bernheimer was absent.

#### **AGENDA**

No changes or corrections to the September 11, 2023 Agenda. Mr. Waite made the **motion** to adopt the Agenda and Mr. Landwehr seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

#### **MINUTES**

No corrections or changes to the August 14, 2023 Minutes. Ms. Thaman made the **motion** to adopt the minutes for August 14, 2023. Mr. Gongola seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

#### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

No one present.

#### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor reported that the city is down to only 2 Sober Living residents' in the City. He stated the home on Mary Jane has closed and those residents have relocated to a Crestview Hills Sober Living location.

Our new website has launched. The old website was more than 15 years old and needed to be upgraded. Thanks to Mr. Landwehr for the new photographs for the website. Also, if anyone has any comments or suggestions for changes or corrections on the website, please let us know.

We have been experiencing IT problems at the City Building, so if you experience any issues, please be patient as we are changing our IT provider very shortly.

The Mayors meeting was August 19<sup>th</sup> and they discussed highway construction priorities. Several State Representatives were there to figure out how to work together with the area cities and counties of Northern Kentucky to resolve road issues since funding is limited. One of the top projects this year is to resurface Dixie Highway between Buttermilk and 275. That is one of the worst sections we have in Northern Kentucky.

With the assistance of Judge Executive, the Municipal Government League of Northern Kentucky (MGLNK) is being reinstated, and Dennis Landwehr has been appointed to this committee with his report to follow.

Z21 reviews continue as Cody Sheets & I met with the Board of Adjustment to get their concerns and input. Approval is needed by Z21 committee and PDS before a copy will be given to our council for their approval. We are hoping the zoning codes will be enacted prior to the end of this year.

Mayor advised 2 events being held at the DCCH Center for Children and Families Fairgrounds on Orphanage Road including Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 10pm there will be a family festival to celebrate DCCH 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving the children and families of Northern Kentucky; and Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM, will be their Hero's Night Festival. Come out with your family and enjoy these events.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Voss provided the second reading of Ordinance No. 04-2023 providing for the assessment of all real estate and personal property within the corporate limits of the City of Lakeside Park that are subject to taxation for city purposes by the use of the annual county assessment thereof by the property valuation administrator of Kenton County; and, levying an Ad Valorem tax thereon for the City purposes during the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2023, at the rate of \$ 0.255 dollars for each one hundred so assessed of real property and at the rate of \$1.510 dollars for each one hundred so assessed of personal property; and at the rate of \$.2769 dollars for each one hundred so assessed of motor vehicle and watercraft property providing for the payment and collection of such taxes and the penalties and interest thereon; and describing the purposes for which such taxes so collected shall be appropriated and used.

With no changes or corrections suggested, Mr. Gongola made a **motion** to adopt the Ordinance No. 04-2023 tax rates for fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. Wolfer seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

Mr. Voss then read Municipal Order No. 05-2023 accepting and approving the bid of Duke Energy Kentucky for a non-exclusive franchise with the City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky for transmission and distribution of electric and natural gas through and for consumption within the execute a franchise agreement with Duke Energy Kentucky.

Council had no changes or corrections, so Mr. Waite made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order No. 05-2023 franchise agreement with Duke-Energy Kentucky. Mr. Landwehr seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

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

Ms. Bruck advised that Karen from Rankin & Rankin started the City's audit process, and was in the office from August 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Nancy from Pontem has processed the updates to our tax system, and with the approval of the tax rates, we will get the updates finalized. We have DataMark on standby to print our bills and get them out by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor advised that the law has changed and we will be able to add outstanding code enforcement liens to the property tax bills.

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

Chief Slusser presented the report and said the month of August was pretty busy with 184 calls for service of which only 17 of those were in Lakeside Park. He advised that they had 7 car seat installations, 33 life safety inspections and 4 public education events. They had 5 recruits graduate from Northern Kentucky Fire Recruit Program, 1 recruit from Cincinnati State Fire program, 7 enrolled in the EMT program that will graduate in December, and 1 enrolled in Gateway Paramedic Program that will graduate this time next year. We have 2 high school interns for basic training. Last, after the aerial ladder truck has been out of service for 3 months, it is now back in service as of last Friday.

Chief Slusser invited everyone to come out for Hero's Night Out on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's a great time.

Mr. Waite stated the number of recruits seems encouraging, but asked if that is normal? Chief Slusser advised that we have had an increased interest thanks to recruitment coordinator, Jeff Groneck's efforts.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Ms. Thaman advised the committee met last Thursday, and they discussed that West Lakeside road work is done except for a few restorations. The crack seal program was awarded to Riegler, and the bid amount was reasonable that it will allow us to do all the streets listed on the bid as well as the alternate streets. Precision Concrete did do an evaluation of our sidewalks, and the report they provided will be reviewed by the committee and Marty from CT consultants. Our Public Works Director, Steve is working on brightening up the cross walks and stop bars as well as the yellow on the no parking curbs. He is also working on weeding and maintaining the park. Last, she advised that we are within the 60-day limit when it is acceptable to put political signs in yards. However, please remember not to place them in the right-of-way or within 15 feet of property line. Last, Steve has a Cost-Share Program with SD1 for Private Drainage issues, and if you need this, please contact him.

**POLICE AUTHORITY:**

Mr. Wolfer reported for the Police Authority. They met on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and a lot of good things happened this year. The Department conducted a level 3 Active Threat training for the Thomas More staff on July 25<sup>th</sup>. They completed installation and training of the AED units on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Despite Chief Shutte's desire not to celebrate, the staff did acknowledge his retirement on July 26<sup>th</sup> by presenting him with a plaque, memory book and gifts. Sgt. Goodman and Chief Degenhardt attended an FBI and AA National Conference in July. R.A.D. Course was August 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> that was well attended. Department of Transportation will be conducting diamond and groove work on 275 from Dixie to AA highway due to the Police Department's research and requests to increase skid friction for less hydroplaning and thus less accidents, and should be completed by December 31. The department was notified that Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills are listed as the 13<sup>th</sup> safest cities in Kentucky based on personal and property crime. The department was awarded a \$6000 Highway Safety Grant that will start in October. The Police Clerk, Melissa Sies was awarded the Master Municipal Clerk Award, and she is only 1 of 314 clerks in Kentucky that has this designation. She was also named a Paul Craig Athenian Fellow. Last, Sgt. Mike Paolucci has begun employment as a professor of criminal justice at Thomas More.

**PDS:**

Mr. Waite advised PDS did not meet this month, so there is no report available.

**FINANCE:**

Mr. Gongola reported slow month. He stopped by last week and reviewed the books that looked good and nothing much to report this month.

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEAGUE OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY (MGLNK):**

Mr. Landwehr stated the Municipal Government League of Northern Kentucky has been in hiatus since pre-Covid days. The executive committee group consists of councilmembers, Mayors, Judge Executives, and Commissioners in all three Counties of Northern Kentucky and extends as far as 8 Counties. Our first meeting in August we talked about maintaining a regional dialogue, and the Mayors group pretty much does the same thing. We discussed multiple subjects like getting more money from Frankfort for things like affordable work force housing, fire and police retention, health and homelessness, and how we can work as a group to keep city expenses down. Cross County Communications was the cornerstone for this first meeting and hopefully for all future meetings. He thanked the Mayor for appointing him to this group.

Mayor advised this group has more opportunity of bringing in many more ideas than the Mayors group does.

**RECREATION:**

Ms. Thaman said tomorrow is the Senior Bingo from 2 to 3:30 PM at Fort Mitchell City Building, and on Wednesday we will have our first Senior luncheon in some time. On that same Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> you will be able to pick up your mum orders. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> is the DCCH Hero Night. Sunday, Oct 22 is an Open House for all residents from 1 to 3 PM at the City Building. October 28<sup>th</sup> is Trunk-or-Treat at Immanuel Church from 4 to 5:30 PM. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the City's Halloween Trick-or-treating from 6 to 8 PM. Naomijoe is working on a lot of upcoming things in November and December, so look for those to be posted.

Mayor advised it is great to have recreation event commencing again, and thanks to the committee for their support in helping.

Mr. Wolfer stated he would like to give thanks to all the resident's that participated in the mum sales. We made more money then we did last year, and the proceeds go to help supports our troops.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mayor said we are in the process of compiling the Newsletter. It will have a recreation insert as well as an insert about our employees.

We will have 2 open houses that include one in conjunction with the senior luncheon and the other on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon.

Ms. Thaman said the website was done very well. Everything seemed more concise and easier to navigate. She encouraged everyone to take a look at it.

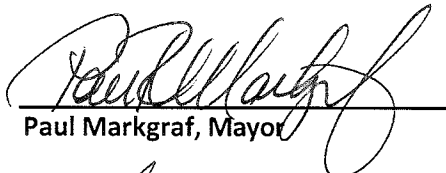
Mayor advised that a lot of the website work was done by Mrs. Bruck and Mrs. Kemper, and he thanked them for all of their help with the website.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:**

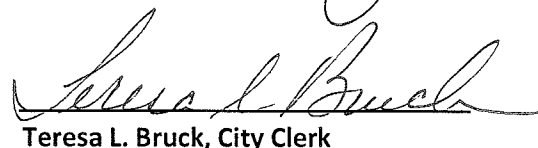
No comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:33 p.m. Ms. Thaman made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Wolfer seconded the **motion**. Voice vote taken – **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.



Paul Markgraf, Mayor



Teresa L. Bruck, City Clerk