

City of Lakeside Park
Minutes of Regular Meeting on 2/12/2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Markgraf called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Lakeside Park City Council at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 12, 2024, 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. The council members present were Tom Bernheimer, Dennis Landwehr, Mary Ann Thaman, and Brian Waite. Council members absent included Dave Wolfer and Chris Gongola.

AGENDA

There were no changes or corrections to the February 12, 2024, Agenda as presented. Mr. Bernheimer made the **motion** to adopt the Agenda and Ms. Thaman seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **4 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

MINUTES

No corrections, additions or deletions were requested for the January 8, 2024, minutes. Ms. Thaman made the **motion** to adopt the minutes. Mr. Landwehr seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **4 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

No one present.

MAYORS REPORT

The mayor first said the city office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day. If you have anything for the office, we do have a drop box on the front of the building, otherwise we would return to the office on Tuesday.

He advised that we will be considering several ordinances soon. One ordinance, which is also being considered by Crestview Hills, is a new sound ordinance.

We will also be reviewing our political sign ordinance for updates for size and designation of who will be allowed to place the signs.

The department of local government gave official notification that last year's cost of living was at 3.4%. The mayor advised he will be providing the city staff with that cost of living raise at the next payroll. Mayor also advised he would like to grant the same cost of living raise to the council, but the increase will be in the next Fiscal Year budget.

A couple of things of interest from the Mayor's Group. The City of Covington has been administering the section 8 voucher program but is now turning that project over to the housing authority. This will necessitate a new interlocal agreement that will need to be adopted by the cities.

House Bill 102 was introduced and designed for the purpose of eliminating regulatory barriers to housing and allowing more multifamily building etc. But the effect of this statute would take local control of the housing away from the cities.

Mayor's meeting is this coming Saturday, February 17, 2024.

Last, the mayor wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Voss provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 01-2024 repealing the Lakeside Park zoning ordinance, adopted as ordinance 02-1994, and all amendments thereto, and adopting a new zoning ordinance, which includes new text and a new official zoning map for the City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky.

Mayor advised the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission to approve consideration of this ordinance last Thursday night. Mayor thanked our representative Keith Logsdon for his help in this matter.

Mr. Voss then read the first reading for Ordinance No. 02-2024 electing to include the amount of any unpaid code enforcement liens recorded pursuant to KRS 65.8835 on any property tax bill that the city collects.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Bruck reported the city's delinquent property taxes at the end of December showed to be a little over \$12,000, but as of today the delinquent property taxes due are only a little over \$2,000. The property tax bills that are currently delinquent include 2 properties that were sold last year and 1 tangible payment. She sent a letter to the new owners advising them they may want to check with their title companies to see if the payments are still held in escrow from closing.

She is working on a new resident email system, and advised if anyone would like to be added to the email list or have news sent by postal service to please contact the office.

We re-established Twitter or now known as "X" account.

She indicated that we are now collecting the 4th quarter Insurance Premium Tax payments and have collected 96% of the expected premiums for the year, but we are 6% in total revenue down from last year. She attended a NKGFOA meeting last week, and the guest speaker was someone from the Department of Insurance (DEI) on the topic of Insurance Premium Tax payments. She was advised that City Clerks can get a login to the DEI to compare what we have received and what was reported to them for comparison of pending or missing payments.

FIRE/EMS:

Deputy Chief Jeff Hampton was not able to make the meeting, but the mayor provided his report. In the report, he showed 27 calls were within the City of Lakeside Park. The department had 4 car seat installations and several structure fires. If you have any specific questions, we can contact the fire department for more details.

PUBLICWORKS:

Ms. Thaman advised the Public Works committee met last Thursday. She said once again, West Lakeside Park restorations project is complete, but we still have funds set aside for better weather for the yard restorations.

The sidewalk projects are a work in progress and not yet ready for presentation.

Next upcoming street projects include street patching and crack sealing for this year.

Tree recycling was a great success this year, and the Public Works Director, Steve, is currently working on

tree trimming within the city.

She noted on East Lakeside there is a no parking 7-9 AM Monday through Friday, but one section was not well identified as there have been several citations issued, so a new sign was added to the area where no parking during that time is in effect.

She also asked for people to remember the speed limits as the streets are narrow and children at play.

Last, we had only 2 snow events this year.

Next meeting will be March 7th at 5pm.

Mr. Bernheimer expressed his joy that Steve was back at work, and everyone agreed.

POLICE AUTHORITY:

Mayor provided the Police Authority report. Mayor indicated the activity report, December approved minutes, along with the proposed January report were provided in the council packets.

We had 28.9% calls for Lakeside Park, and this is a normal percentage for our city.

At the January meeting we elected Mr. Bill Dorsey as the new chair along with members Dave Kramer and Ed Wise for Crestview Hills members. Along with Mayor Markgraf is now the Vice Chair and Mr. Waite will serve for the Lakeside Park members.

There were 3 active threat classes taught at Tri-State Gastroenterology.

Last several years, Thomas More University has offered a student police academy that is part of the Criminal Justice program. Sgt. Paolucci chairs that and has been instrumental in getting the student police academy part of the University's curriculum. The whole police department participates in this program as part of educating our students in the hopes some of the students will want a carrier in law enforcement.

At the last meeting, Officer Armstrong completed her field training and is patrolling on her own.

We did receive 2 new Dodge Chargers and they are being outfitted for service. There will be some patrol vehicles taken out of service and sold. The proceeds from the sales will be used to help outfit the new vehicles.

Police Authority did pass an amended budget re-allocating funds for the Officer Wellness program.

The next meeting has been moved to Monday, February 26th because of the President's Holiday on Monday, February 19th.

PDS:

Mr. Waite stated the reports from PDS were in the council's packets. PDS council only meets a handful of times a year and the next meeting is next Thursday down at the County Administration building.

FINANCE:

Mayor Markgraf read the financial report Mr. Wolfer provided:

Month of January 2024 Summary

- * The City collected \$150,900 in revenue for the month of January 2024 ... \$77K was real estate taxes, and \$42K was insurance premium fees. The bulk of the \$77K received in January was from check deposits made by residents & businesses before the 12/31/23 year end but as were not deposited by the city until a few days after the New Year.
- * The city incurred expenses for the month of January totaling \$150,700, of which \$90K was a quarterly payment for our Fire and EMS services to the City of Ft. Mitchell. The rest of the expenditure was for normal monthly operations to run the city.
- * Our net income for the month was \$137 ... a breakeven month where our revenue and our expenses nearly matched.
- * Mr. Wolfer reviewed all the expenses for the month ... everything seems properly recorded.
- * Mr. Wolfer reviewed all the bank reconciliations ... all balances agreed to the bank statements and the general ledger books.
- * On the "Profit vs. Loss Budget vs. Actual" report ... nothing of a material nature stands out as unusual or concerning.
- * Lastly, our Balance Sheet as of 1/31/24 shows our total in checking/savings of \$3,683,558.
- * The city did transfer \$500,000 from our general business account into another CD in order to get more interest income for the city.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEAGUE OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY (MGLNK):

Mr. Landwehr stated the group met last month and it was led by a commissioner from Campbell County. Topics of discussion included roads, retirement system, police academy, taxing EV (Electric Vehicles), jail funding and reimbursement.

Next meeting will be in April.

Mr. Landwehr clarified this is a networking group that provides their members with inciteful information and resources.

RECREATION:

Ms. Thaman had many things to report for recreation.

Last Wednesday, there was a CPR class at Fort Mitchell City Building and a handful of people were present. There will be a follow up with a First Aid class on Feb 21st from 6 to 9PM. For more information, please contact our recreation director, Naomijoe at 859-341-6670 Ext 105.

There will be a 6 week walk group starting March 5th. It will start here at the City Building on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 9am.

March 12th will be Senior Bingo at Fort Mitchell City Building from 2 to 3:30PM.

March 16th at 11am will be the Easter Egg Hunt at Ormsby Mitchell Park.

March 20th is a Milk Juggling seed sowing activity for kids ages 12 and under.

April 5th from 6 to 9PM is a Euchre Tournament here at the City Building.

April 14th there will be a play at 3PM at the Carnegie theatre in Covington.

April 17th there will be a senior expo.

Senior games start in May, and registration will be at the end of February. Additional information is coming.

May 2nd will be a finish of the Milk Jug project to replant the flowers in pots for Mother's Day.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mayor advised we plan to get the next Newsletter out the first week of March and will include the recreation insert.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:34 PM Mr. Waite made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Bernheimer seconded the **motion**.
Voice vote taken – **4 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.



Paul Markgraf, Mayor



Teresa L. Bruck, City Clerk