

City of Lakeside Park
Minutes of Regular Meeting on 3/11/2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Markgraf called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Lakeside Park City Council at 7:02 P.M. on Monday, March 11, 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, Chris Gongola, Mary Ann Thaman, Brian Waite and Dave Wolfer. Council member Dennis Landwehr was absent.

AGENDA

There were no changes or corrections to the March 11, 2024, Agenda as presented. Ms. Thaman made the **motion** to adopt the Agenda and Mr. Bernheimer seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

MINUTES

No corrections, additions or deletions were requested for the February 12, 2024, minutes. Mr. Waite made the **motion** to adopt the minutes. Mr. Bernheimer seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

No one present.

MAYORS REPORT

The mayor started off his report by saying that PDS is reviewing Medical Marijuana Ordinances as there have been Statutes that have passed. Each city will need to adopt an Ordinance stating what their allowance is for processing marijuana, if accepted. Lakeside Park does not have a commercial district in our city, so for that reason, we could adopt something that prohibited cultivating and sale of this product.

The mayor advised that he is reviewing the upcoming budget and asked the council to think about any budget issues they would like to discuss that would warrant a caucus meeting.

Our office will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, and return on Monday, April Fool's Day!

The Mayor's Meeting this month is at Fort Wright this coming Saturday morning.

Mayor Markgraf sent to the council emails that Mayor Dave Hatter of Fort Wright City, who also has a private business, deals with cybersecurity and has been providing helpful information. As Mayor Markgraf receives additional helpful articles on this subject, he will email the council.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Voss provided the second 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 zooming map for the City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky.

Mr. Waite made the **motion** to accept Ordinance 01-2024 and Mr. Wolfer seconded the **motion** to approve the ordinance.

In discussion of this Ordinance the Mayor suggested for the council to consider amending the size of the sign. Under the Zoning Ordinance, Article 11.05 regarding "Temporary Signs," No. 1 states the size currently is 12 Sq. Ft. and he suggested increasing it to allow 16 sq. ft.

Mr. Gongola made the **motion** to **amend** Z21 Ordinance 01-2024, section 11.05 to reflect the size increase to 16 Sq. Ft. Mr. Wolfer seconded the **motion** to **amend** Ordinance 01-2024. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried to amend the ordinance.

After further discussion on the amended Ordinance 01-2024, Mayor called a voice vote to adopt the **amended** Ordinance 01-2024. Voice vote was taken. **3 Ayes, 2 Nays; motion** carried to accept the **amended** Ordinance 01-2024.

Mr. Voss then read the second 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.

After some council discussion in this matter, Mr. Voss made comment that Elsmere has their code enforcement liens added to their tax bills and they have received several payments because not only does the homeowner get the lien information, but their bank escrow does as well.

With no comments or corrections from the council, Ms. Thaman made the **motion** to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2024. Mr. Bernheimer seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

Mr. Voss proceeded with the first reading of Ordinance No. 03-2024, reflecting the City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky, repealing Ordinance No. 06-1998 codified as sections 53.001 through 53.0099 of the City of Lakeside Park Code of Ordinances, relating to "Political Signs."

There was some discussion to clarify under federal rulings that you cannot prohibit political signs and this is the reason for repealing this old Ordinance.

Last, Mr. Voss read Resolution No. 2-2024 for the City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky to adopt the 2024 Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

With no comments or corrections from the council, Mr. Wolfer made the **motion** to adopt Resolution No. 02-2024. Mr. Waite seconded the **motion**. Voice note was taken. **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Bruck reported 2 remaining parcels were sent to City Attorney Greg Voss for processing. Out of those two, one property tax was paid last week leaving only one outstanding property payment past due for this year.

She also reported that the City's Heritage Bank CD came to maturity, and we were able to roll it over with Heritage to a new 6-month CD and gained a half percent on the interest rate.

FIRE/EMS:

Deputy Chief Jeff Hampton reported that the fire department had 152 runs for last month and only 18 of those were in the City of Lakeside Park. The department had 5 car seat installations and 1 Community CPR class. 1 Station Tour conducted for around 60 homeschool co-op's. Only 2 significant incidents last month

that included a building fire and bomb threat at Beechwood school.

Mr. Wolfer asked about the CPR class and Chief advised they do several a year and he can find the information on the Fort Mitchell website.

PUBLICWORKS:

Mr. Bernheimer reported the public works meeting began with review of the monthly status. 2023 Street project came in under budget. The sidewalk assessment comprehensive report is still under review, but the focus is on trip hazards. A couple of the trip issues are due to tree roots breaking up the sidewalk, and we are considering bringing in an arborist to mitigate those issues. The tentative schedule for July through September is the 2024 Spot Repair program that involves sections on Marlo Way, Evergreen, Marian, Carran and Farmington. This would be for repair and replacement of sections. Following that is the Joint and Crack Seal program on Colony South, Hudson, Cahill, Marian and Carran.

Mr. Wolfer commented that we used to allocate half a million a year for our streets and asked if there is nothing on the horizon that needs to be funded since the city is doing well.

Mayor advised that they have determined in conjunction with the 5-year plan they will be able to back off on major construction each year and just do spot repairs as the streets are in good shape and some streets may already be schedule for replacement within the next 5 year saving our residents money.

POLICE AUTHORITY:

Mr. Waite advised that the February activity report was included in the council packets. 35% of the calls were related to activity in Lakeside Park. Police Authority met on Feb 26th and those minutes were provided. A couple of things to highlight included the sell of 2 police cruisers. Under the continued professional development, Detective Brad Mullins was accepted into the new Kentucky Criminalistics Academy. At that Police Authority meeting, the Chief presented the 2023 Annual Report to the board, and Mr. Waite offered the floor to the chief for his report to council.

Chief Degenhardt provided his Annual Report presentation to the council and the report will be posted to the City's website.

Mayor suggested the council and staff do a tour of the Lakeside Park Crestview Hills Police Department and he will set that up with the Chief.

PDS:

Mr. Waite reported the PDS council met on February 22nd and meets twice a year. At this meeting, there was an election of officers and elections to the management board. We reviewed the financials and received an update on area development with a note about a possible upcoming housing shortage.

FINANCE:

Mr. Gongola reported he was in the office last week and reviewed financial reports. Everything was properly recorded and nothing out of the ordinary. We had typical expenses this month with a total income of \$103,000. The balance sheet showed a little over 4 million in checking and investment accounts.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEAGUE OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY (MGLNK):

No Report provided.

RECREATION:

Ms. Thaman reported we have more upcoming activities. To start off, we have a walking group started and it's not too late to sign up. The group meets here at the city building on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM. This 6-week program will go through April 11th.

Tomorrow will be Senior Bingo at Fort Mitchell from 2 to 3:30 PM.

March 16th is the Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with Fort Mitchell 11:00 AM at Ormsby Mitchell Park.

March 19th, we have Milk Juggling Seed Sowing activity for kids here at the city building at 6:30PM. Register on our website through the google doc link. A parent does need to be present with the child.

April 5th from 6 to 9PM is our Euchre Tournament here at the City Building. There is a google doc link sign up on the city website.

April 14th there will be a play at 3PM at the Carnegie theatre in Covington. We have 20 tickets available at a cost of \$10.00 each.

There will be a Senior Luncheon at Barleycorn's on April 16 starting at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP on the city's website.

On April 17th there will be a Senior Resource Seminar at Fort Mitchell City Building from 9 to 11:00 AM. This is a resource event about Medicare etc.

May 2nd will be the follow up for the Milk Jug project, but no time is listed yet.

Last, you can now sign up for the Kenton County Senior Games that will go on in May.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The mayor advised the quarterly newsletter was sent out and if anyone wants to sign up to get one, please contact our office 859-341-6670 or use the website to send us an email request.

Mayor also advised we are going back to listing recreation events on the Buttermilk side of the sign board and general city information on Dixie Highway side of the sign board.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Ms. Thaman added a comment that the Seniors Seminar being held at Fort Mitchell you will need to register by calling Joe in Recreation at 859-331-1212.

Mr. Waite commented that with the upcoming budget something to consider including in the budget is the cost to send out bulk newsletters each quarter or at least once a year, so that every household gets one. Other council members agreed. Mayor advised we have under 30 residents get a mailed copy and Ms. Bruck advised we have only 251 emails. Mayor said we should consider mailing out at least once a year.

Mayor also commented that we do currently send to the new residents of the city a welcome packet that provides the information about signing up for the newsletter.

Councilmembers said Happy Easter to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:59 PM Mr. Gongola made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Thaman seconded the **motion**.
Voice vote taken – **5 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.


Paul Markgraf, Mayor


Teresa L. Bruck, City Clerk