

City of Lakeside Park

Minutes of Regular Meeting on 12/09/2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Markgraf called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Lakeside Park City Council at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 11, 2024, in the Lakeside Park City Building located at 9 Buttermilk Pike. Those in attendance were Mayor Markgraf, City Clerk Teresa Bruck and City Attorney Greg Voss. The council members present were Chris Gongola, Dennis Landwehr, Mary Ann Thaman, Tom Bernheimer, Dave Wolfer and Brian Waite.

AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda; Mr. Waite made the **motion** to adopt the agenda, and Mr. Bernheimer seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **6 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion carried.**

NKADD presentation – “Strategic plan updates and organizational-wide rebranding” - Chris Korba, Director of Finance and Administration for NKADD (Northern KY Area Development District), introduced himself and reminded everyone what they do for cities and the community such as assist with grants, tax rate calculations, community development/planning, aging and disability services, meals on wheels for seniors, manage all the senior centers, workforce development, etc. He distributed their 2024 annual report.

MEETING MINUTES

No corrections, additions or deletions were requested for November 11, 2024, minutes. Mr. Gongola made the **motion** to adopt the minutes. Ms. Thaman seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **6 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion carried.**

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Jeff Schabell, 41 Arcadia Avenue, asked who paid for or where did the funds come from for the sidewalks on Applewood, North and South Ashbrook. Mayor Markgraf stated the ones that are there now were constructed with the streets approximately 30 years ago. Mr. Schabell asked if the sidewalks on the back end of Applewood are 30 years old; Mayor Markgraf said yes, at least the lower portion is. Mr. Schabell referred back to the September 9th council meeting where the mayor had stated that 20 years ago the city replaced the sidewalks on Arcadia; Mr. Schabell stated that he lived on Arcadia 20 years ago and the city did not replace them. Mayor Markgraf said he understood and stands corrected, he was advised by Mr. Dave Leonard, a lifelong resident of Arcadia who said the city didn't do that when Arcadia was reconstructed. Mr. Schabell asked if the sidewalks are parallel and/or abut the streets; Mayor Markgraf responded yes. Councilman Waite clarified that there is a difference between Arcadia and Applewood construction. He further stated when saying they abut on Applewood, it's the street then the roll curb and then onto the sidewalk. Then on Arcadia it's the street, a strip of grass and then the sidewalk. Mr. Schabell read ordinance #41.100 owner responsible for sidewalk repair. Mr. Schabell requests that the city council, mayor, city attorney and city engineer review how this money has been spent. Has it been spent equally, for example, the sidewalks on Applewood as opposed to the sidewalks that are being proposed to be paid by the residents where Applewood sidewalks were paid by the city. He asked that he be given a fair answer to his request.

Stephen Combs, 47 Colony South, thanked the mayor and city council for the Light Up Lakeside event. It was his first time attending and said it was a very good event, and it seemed like a hallmark movie. He had one suggestion and that was to add more sand to the luminary bags to keep them from falling over.

MAYORS REPORT

The mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and advised the office will be closed December 24th & 25th as well as January 1st.

Property taxes are due December 31st. After that a 10% penalty will be applied as well as interest. You can pay at the office, mail them in or pay online through our website by credit card.

Transit Authority of Northern KY is providing a free Christmas bus during the Christmas season. Routes will be random and not publicized; there will be no fare for those rides.

In the event of a snow emergency, we'll do our best to get the word out and will be contacting all the major media stations, posting it on our website, marquee, and our social media accounts.

The KY League of Cities will be hosting a "Newly Elected Officials Training Sessions". All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Bruck's daughter, Haley, took first place over the weekend in Louisville at the Special Olympics bowling tournament. Congratulations to Haley!

We had the Light Up Lakeside event last night. We had great weather, great attendance, and just a great night overall. He thanked the committee members who assisted, Ms. Thaman and her friend Jason, Mr. Gongola, Mr. Wolfer, volunteers Christina Noel Thorstensen, Haley Bruck and her friend Taylor. Our staff -- Steve our Public Works Director, Jeanette our assistant clerk and especially Mrs. Bruck our city clerk who was the glue that held all this together and planned it.

Following this meeting, we'll be having a swearing-in ceremony for the city council. State Senator Chris McDaniel is present to swear in five of the council members. State Representative and State Senator Elect Steve Rawlings is here to swear in Mrs. Schabell.

The mayor said he would like to get everyone together in January for a caucus meeting as a goal planning session and informally discuss things that will be done this upcoming year and the state of the city.

Last, he presented outgoing Councilmember Gongola with a gift and thanked him for his service to the city. Mr. Gongola thanked him and said he would volunteer anytime he's needed.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Voss read Municipal Order No. 06-2024 approval of payment of a year-end wage adjustment to each regular and part-time employee of the city as of December 1, 2024.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Thaman to adopt Municipal Order 06-2024, Mr. Landwehr seconded the **motion**. Mayor Markgraf asked for any discussion. Mr. Wolfer stated that Teresa, our city clerk, as mentioned before by the mayor, that our books have never been in better shape, she's moved money around to make better interest, she's also been our quasi-Recreation Director for the last 4-6 months. The hours she has put in for that have been a lot including last night's Light Up Lakeside event. She also helped when our public works director was out on medical leave. In appreciation for her efforts, he proposed changing the amount from \$100 to \$750. He then made a **motion** to amend Municipal Order No. 06-2024 compensating Mrs. Bruck \$750 instead of \$100; Mr. Gongola seconded the **motion**. Ms. Thaman stated that Teresa has spent a lot of time doing recreation along with everything else she does. Mr. Gongola stated that she always goes the extra mile in everything she does. No further discussion. Voice vote was taken. **6 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion** carried.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bruck advised we have collected 43% of our total property taxes due for this year. CoreLogic, collector of escrow payments, will be sending in their payments on December 16th so most of the remaining taxes will be collected then. She reiterated what the mayor said earlier that payments are due December 31st to avoid any penalty and interest.

Mrs. Bruck thanked Adam Koger, manager of Barleycorn's, for doing a wonderful job with the Light Up Lakeside event. Mayor Markgraf also thanked him and stated that Barleycorn's paid for all the carriage

rides. In the past, they split that cost with the city. In addition, he gave out \$5 gift cards (for Skyline, Dunkin & Barleycorn's) to the kids in attendance.

FIRE/EMS:

Asst. Chief Hampton said the number of runs (19) for the city declined for November. They held two public education events (fire drills) and 20 car seat installations, all their crew attended advanced EMS training at St. Elizabeth C Tech center off Mineola Pike. Mr. Wolfe asked about when the next CPR training will be held. Asst. Chief Hampton said their coordinator/instructor will set something up upon request.

Ms. Thaman thanked them for dropping off Santa at the Light Up Lakeside event.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No meeting was held; nothing to report.

POLICE AUTHORITY:

Mr. Waite said last month's minutes were included in the packets. Last month they had numerous training events; some included active shooter, hostile event, cannabis, and taser instructor. The chief attended the International Police Chief's conference. The department received a grant from the Attorney's General office that will cover the replacement of two ballistic vests. We have a new patrolman, Ethan Bowyers, who started on November 24th. He will attend the academy next year. Patrolman Chris Steward has left the department and has taken on the position of the Director of Safety for Thomas More. The board discussed a couple of personnel matters and policies. The mayor stated that Chief Degenhardt is not present this evening because he is covering shifts; he's a very hands on chief and he is out patrolling.

PDS:

Mr. Waite said PDS did not meet this month so no report available.

FINANCE:

Mr. Wolfer stated that in November, we received \$386,000 in total revenue from property taxes, payroll taxes, occupational license fees and insurance premium taxes. Expenses – we had our normal monthly expenses to run the city, totaling around \$50,000. For the month we had a net income of about \$335,000. He reviewed all the accounting reports; we've collected about 38% of our property taxes and hope to see 100% collection by the end of the year. Right now, in our checking and savings accounts, the city has over \$4.3 million and in January we'll talk about the uses of that.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEAGUE OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY (MGLNK):

Mr. Landwehr said there was no report.

RECREATION:

Ms. Thaman thanked a few more people for the Light Up Lakeside event, Rob Grimes and his kids for putting out the luminaries. She also thanked Santa for doing a great job. The home decorating winners were runners up Russ and Alice Walker, 55 W Lakeside and Jessica Wendt, 2660 Shaker Dr, 3rd place winner was Bridget Bickel, 11 Paul Hesser, 2nd place winner Andrew Holland of 104 Arcadia, and the winner was Jeff Lamb of 78 Arcadia. Thank you to everyone who participated; everyone did a great job. Tomorrow we'll be hosting the senior bingo 2-3:30 pm. Friday is the deadline to submit letters for Santa. Sunday the 15th is the Holly Jolly Days at the Behringer Crawford Museum, 1-5 pm. February 2nd will be the snow tubing event, 2-4 PM, at Perfect North Slopes; register on our website. We're looking to see if there would be any interest in the Seussical play at the Carnegie Theatre in Covington being held on February 15th, 3 PM, let us know if you'd like to attend.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The mayor advised the newsletter will be mailed out to every household either today or this week.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business reported.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business reported.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Mr. Gongola wanted to say thank you and it's been a great two years of him serving on council; it's been a fun experience and to call him if he's need for volunteering. Also, per his neighbors, during their next caucus meeting please consider spending money on leaf pickup.


ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55PM Mr. Gongola made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Landwehr seconded the **motion**. Voice vote taken – **6 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

The city council was sworn in after the adjournment of the meeting.


Paul Markgraf, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa L. Bruck, City Clerk

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0