

**City of Wellington
Minutes of Meeting
May 26, 2015**

The City of Wellington's Regular Commissioner Meeting took place in the Farmington Visitor's Center on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance: Mike Newton, Sara Sievert, Ellen Hauber, Suzie Arrow, Judy Kaleher, Lois Roby, Carrie Ritsert and Officer Ron Fey. Guests in attendance: Carol Petrites, John and Rena Yorkilous.

Motion to Approve Minutes of May 26, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting: Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

Updates from Officer Ron Fey

At the Council's request, Officer Fey increased his presence on Brighton and Montrose. He reported a school bus traffic citation, a complaint involving parking along Manchester Rd/Legion property and items stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

Updates from Carrie Ritsert, Attorney

As of this date, no zoning applications have been filed for the Legion property.

Updates from Sara Sievert, Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem

Landscaping – Kevin Wallitsch presented the preliminary plan/drawing for the Brighton/Lowell island landscape project. The \$11,423 estimate includes removal, preparation, labor and plant materials. Sara will get an estimate on concrete (for the sidewalk) and lighting, which are not included in the estimate. The Council once again discussed a resident's request to modify the island at Brighton/Kipling with curbing, but concluded that this is not a city priority for 2015/2016.

Sidewalk Improvements –The Council agreed to postpone improvements until the 2016 fiscal year, allowing time for an engineer to measure the sidewalk repairs and prepare specifications for bids.

MSD Issues – MSD has not responded to Sara's calls/emails about fulfilling their commitment to replace the trees and repair sinkhole/s at 2301 Manchester.

Tree Program – To date, 5 residents have requested trees for this fall. The cost for this city-sponsored initiative to restore Wellington's tree canopy is \$400/tree, including labor.

Road and Curb Repairs, Speed Hump Addition (adjacent to 2300 Brighton) – No updates at this time.

Updates from Judy Kaleher, Treasurer

Motion to Approve Financial Report for May – Sara Motion, Ellen 2nd. All in favor.

Lamp Post/Lighting Issues – The contractor is currently working on the lamp post at 2215 Manchester. The cut electrical lines for the light at Bardstown Rd/Manchester were repaired, and the light at Montrose /Manchester was replaced, both at a total cost of \$420. The Council agreed not to pursue reimbursement from TARC. In response to complaints about the lighting, Judy will get an estimate to switch to high-pressure sodium ballast that is not so bright.

Graffiti Removal - Judy will call 311 (Metro's single point communication system) regarding cleanup of graffiti on the crosswalk at Brighton/Bardstown Rd.

Community Event Planning and New Residents – Judy will ask Farmington about using their lot for a Wellington community event. She sent, and will continue to send, the Wellington welcome letter to new residents, including owners and renters.

Insurance Premium Tax Strategies – No updates at this time.

Mike will pick up and store the city-owned posts that are currently being stored in Rick Sims' garage.

Update from Ellen Hauber, Commissioner

Website – The welcome letter was added to the website and Council contact information/areas of responsibility have been updated. There were no bounce-backs from the recent Wellington Newsletter, so all email addresses appear to be current.

Little Free Library – Ellen presented the popular neighborhood program for consideration. The topic will remain on the agenda for future discussion.

Community Events –Ellen will work to prepare a timeline for the event.

Ethics Committee – Ellen will ask members to rotate attendance at the Council meetings, with each member coming once every four months.

Yard Sale – Ellen will research websites to advertise the Wellington Yard Sale, scheduled for September 12, from 8 a.m. – Noon.

Update from Sandra Moon, Commission (not available)

Overnight Parking – Carrie suggested changing the overnight parking ordinance by removing “continuous” and adding the phrase “for X minutes” between X time and X time. The Council will discuss this at the June meeting when Sandra is present.

Animal Control and Bardstown Rd rodents – Sandra is following up on the issue.

Next Door and FaceBook Communication – Mike will ask Sandra to reach out to Wellington residents who use *Next Door* (a forum that is open to the public) to request they register on the Wellington Facebook Page, which is available only to residents.

Update from Suzie Arrow, Commissioner

Signage/Permits – Estimates are not yet available for “No Parking Fire Lane” sign-backings or the “No Parking” sign for Resident Phelps. There were no permit requests this month.

Block Watch – Megan Rosen will work with co-captions to divide Block Watch duties, including developing a plan to promote the program.

Update from Mike Newton, Mayor

Motion to Approve Megan Rosen as Block Watch Coordinator – Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

Motion to Approve Paul Rosen, Sharon Milton and Whitney Conn as Ethics Committee Members – Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

American Legion – The developer has not presented the revised site plan and there is no new information from the Legion.

First Tax Ordinance Reading – The first tax rate ordinance reading was presented and discussed.

Motion to Approve First Tax Ordinance Reading– Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

First Budget Reading – The first budget reading was presented and discussed.

Motion to Approve First Budget Reading – Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

Revised Welcome Letter – Completed and added to website.

Water Company Liaison – Suzie agreed to serve as liaison between Wellington and the Louisville Water Company. When utility flags or other markings indicate an upcoming project, she will check the Kentucky 811 website and, as appropriate, coordinate with Sandra to inform residents via Mail Chimp/FaceBook.

Fence at Bardstown Rd/Manchester - Mike communicated concerns to property owner and the Council was satisfied with the owner and contractor's response that fence is in compliance with Metro ordinances.

Email/Phone Number Initiative - After posting notices door-to-door, 21 additional residents registered on Mail Chimp to receive Wellington communication via email. This brings resident participation to 75%. 48 households have not registered and a list was provided to Council members to help solicit resident participation.

Grant Update –\$2,000 has been received and \$2,000 is still expected. Mike will apply for 2015/16 grant in July.

Tree Payment from 2407 Manchester - \$200 still owed

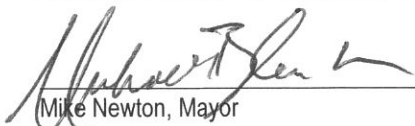
Election Forms – Mike will bring forms for Ellen and Suzie to complete to the June meeting.


Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss legal issues. Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

Motion to return to Open Session. Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

Ellen and Suzie will be absent at the June meeting due to vacation.

Motion to Adjourn – Ellen Motion, Sara 2nd. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.


Mike Newton, Mayor


Lois Roby, City Clerk