

City of Wellington Minutes of Meeting – June 23, 2015

The City of Wellington's Regular Commissioner Meeting took place in the Farmington Visitor's Center on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Mike Newton, Sara Sievert, Sandra Moon, Judy Kaleher, Lois Roby, Carrie Ritsert and Officer Ron Fey

MOTION: Minutes of May 26, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting: Sara motioned to approve with edits, Sandra 2nd. All in favor.

Updates from Officer Ron Fey

- Break in reported at 2200 Manchester.
- Postings on "Next Door" noted a suspicious, bright blue vehicle seen in the 2300 block of Manchester.
- Other Next Door postings included: strangers approaching residents for money, each with different stories of pressing personal needs.
- Additional complaints of people congregating at the Gardner Lane Shopping Center.
- Red car continuously parked on the street at 2205 Wendell.
- Two missing realtor signs from homes for sale at Brighton/Lowell and at Wadsworth/Lowell.
- Wellington residents should report suspicious vehicles, people or activities (574-7636 for non-emergencies).
- Mike asked Council members to continue urging residents to join Wellington's Facebook community and post information.

Updates from Carrie Ritsert, Attorney – No new information to report at this time.

Updates from Sara Sievert, Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem

Sidewalk Improvements – Sara engaged engineer Chris Crumpton to measure for sidewalk repairs and present the master plan including bid solicitation.

Landscaping/Maintenance – Sara expects to receive an estimate this week for concrete and electrical work for the Brighton/Lowell island landscape project.

MSD Issues – MSD replaced the trees and repaired the sinkholes at 2301 Manchester. Sara will call them about new concerns that have been reported to the Council, including drainage problems at 2913 Spencer.

Tree Program – Nine residents have requested free trees to be planted this fall. This program will not be offered after this year, so Sara will send residents one final invitation to participate. She will include the information and a photo of the trees.

Street and Curb Repairs, Speed Hump Addition – ADC Paving is to present Sara with both short- and long-term options for road repairs and maintenance. Commissioners will make their decisions with a two-year maintenance plan in mind.

Updates from Judy Kaleher, Treasurer

MOTION to Approve Financial Report for June – Sara motioned, Sandra 2nd. All in favor.

Lamp Post/Lighting Issues – The lamp post at 2215 Manchester was repaired. Commissioners agreed to the \$180 estimate to change the Bardstown/Manchester light to a high-pressure sodium ballast that is not as bright. Judy will get an estimate for replacing the outdated electrical box that controls Wellington street lights, investigate why the lights are coming on before dark and look for other alternatives to reduce energy costs. This will be part of the long-term strategic plan.

Income Premium Tax Strategies – Mike will talk with mayors of neighboring cities to see how they are promoting resident participation in the insurance premium tax program. City taxes are automatically included on all insurance premiums, but many residents do not realize that their taxes are being directed to Metro Louisville instead of the City of Wellington. Currently, insurance premium taxes make up 25% of Wellington's annual revenue. By redirecting their premium taxes to Wellington, residents can increase our city's revenue and potentially reduce their city taxes.

Graffiti Removal – Judy reported the Brighton/Bardstown Road crosswalk graffiti to Metro 311. She will attempt to remove the graffiti on her own.

Community Event Planning and New Residents – Sandra, Suzie and Ellen will meet to work on the Wellington community event.

Ellen Hauber, Commissioner – Not available

Update from Sandra Moon, Commissioner

Overnight Parking – The Council discussed the overnight parking ordinance and possibly removing “continuous” and adding the phrase “for 15 minutes” between X time and X time. Agreed to table this discussion.

Animal Control and Bardstown Rd Rodents – Sandra made phone calls regarding the problem and learned that the resident must make the report to Animal Control so that they can set up inspection times. She will notify the resident.

Next Door and Facebook Communication – Sandra will 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.

Sandra will send out a reminder email that Officer Fey is available for home inspections when residents are out of town.

Update from Suzie Arrow, Commissioner – Not available

Signage – The “No Parking Here to Corner” sign and post at 2303 Wendell is damaged as well as the stop sign at Manchester/Stratford. Suzie/Judy to work with Marty Hollenbach to fix these and install the new “No Parking Here to Corner” sign for Resident Phelps.

Update from Mike Newton, Mayor

American Legion – The Legion has a new commander. Mike has reached out to him but he has not responded.

MOTION for second reading of Tax Rate Ordinance – Motioned -Sara, Sandra 2nd. All in favor.

MOTION to adopt the Tax Rate Ordinance – Motioned - Sandra, Sara 2nd. All in favor.

MOTION for second reading of Budget Ordinance – Motioned-Sara, Sandra 2nd. All in favor.

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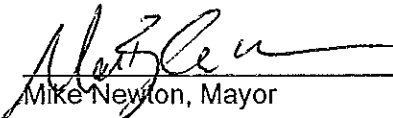
Fallen Trees/Branches – Residents can call MetroSafe at 574-7111 (option 5) to report downed trees/branches that are blocking Wellington streets. The fire department or other service personnel will respond as soon as possible. They will move debris to the homeowner’s yard or easement so that the street is passable. However, all other clean-up, debris disposal and tree maintenance is the homeowner’s responsibility.

Grant Update – \$2,000 has been received and \$2,000 is still expected. Mike will apply for 2015/16 grant in July. He also attended the Appropriations Committee meeting on June 2nd and will attend Metro training on June 24th.

Tree Payment from 2407 Manchester – \$200 still owed

Election Forms – Lois will coordinate with Ellen and Suzie to complete their election forms and return to Mike before the end of July.

MOTION to Adjourn – Motioned - Sandra, Sara 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.


Mike Newton, Mayor


Lois Roby, City Clerk