

## City of Wellington Minutes of Meeting

September 22, 2015

The City of Wellington's Regular Commissioner Meeting took place in Farmington Visitor's Center on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Present - Mike Newton, Sara Sievert, Sandra Moon, Ellen Hauber, Carrie Ritsert, Judy Kaleher, Lois Roby, Officer Ron Fey. Not Available - Suzie Arrow. Guests - Residents Carol Petritus, Debbie and Ian Patrick, Adam Thompson, Robert Bridges and Laura Erickson.

**MOTION to approve Minutes of August 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting** – Sandra motioned, Sara 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved.

**Updates from Officer Ron Fey** – The Council congratulated Officer Fey on his recent award from LMPD.

He reviewed the Crime/Complaint log for September, including: late-night congregation at the American Legion, tools taken from an unlocked vehicle, packages stolen from a front porch, parking on the street between Montrose and Manchester, off street parking in the easement (to discuss at next meeting). He also issued a citation to resident Alex Haverson and a third parking notice to 2210 Wadsworth. Additionally, Officer Fey noted that there had been reports of multiple car break-ins in the Strathmoor neighborhood.

**Brighton Residents addressed the Council** – Ian and Debbie Patrick reported that the root system of their tree was compromised during installation of new sidewalk in front of their Brighton Rd. home. Two arborists examined the tree and concluded that, as a result of the damage, the tree is now at risk of falling and should be removed. Residents from neighboring homes also voiced safety concerns. Bryant Stevenson, owner of sidewalk contractor ABBICO, refuted the claim, saying his company followed standard procedure and never damaged a tree. However, the company deviated from the contract, which specified that the Patrick's new sidewalk curve around the tree. Mike reminded the guests that ABBICO will level the soil and reseed around all the new sidewalks during the final stage of the project.

**MOTION to remove the Patrick's tree at the City's expense.** Ellen 1<sup>st</sup>, Sara 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved. Wellington will pay for tree removal and seek reimbursement from the contractor. Phelps Tree Service (lowest bidder at \$1975) will perform the work. Ellen will contact the Patrick's about the free tree program.

**Update from Sandra Moon, Commissioner**

**Facebook** – The Wellington Facebook page is restricted to Wellington residents only and a Council member will respond to all appropriate questions or comments posted here. However, the Council will not monitor the Next Door website or respond to postings on this site, as it is open to the public.

**Overnight Parking** – The Council discussed the proposed amendment to the parking ordinance, defining "continuous" as "two consecutive hours." The new ordinance will state that "it shall be unlawful for anyone to allow any vehicle to remain parked continuously for two consecutive hours from 12 p.m. to 6 a.m. on any of the public ways or streets of the city..." The Council agreed that no changes are needed in the Municipal Order, Procedure for Enforcement of Parking Ordinance. Ellen will update the parking violation forms and coordinate printing.

**MOTION for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the amended parking ordinance** - Sandra motioned, Sara 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved. Mike read the amended ordinance.

**MOTION to approve amended ordinance** – Ellen motioned. Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved.

Mike will make necessary edits to the Ordinance and forward to Judy to mail to all residents.

**Community Event Insurance** – Sandra concluded that no additional insurance needs to be purchased.

**Updates from Carrie Ritsert, Attorney** – Carrie will research regulations regarding trees planted between sidewalks and streets and parking pad restrictions.

**Updates from Ellen Hauber, Commissioner**

**Tree Program** – The City has reached its \$10,000 limit for the free tree program. Trees will be planted in November.

**Yard Sale** – The event was well received. A car parked in the fire lane was towed during the event.

**Wellington Newsletter** – Ellen will email the fall newsletter to residents this week. Judy will mail to those without computers.

**Community Event** – Sandra emailed residents a “Save the Date” notice for Sunday, October 18 from 4-7 p.m. at the Farmington Pavilion. This event is for Wellington residents only. Due to limited parking, guests will be asked to walk or ride bikes. Ellen, Sandra and Suzie will meet this week to finalize plans.

**Updates from Judy Kaleher, Treasurer**

**MOTION to Approve Financial Report for September 2015** – Ellen motioned, Sara 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved.

**Deficient Sidewalk Maintenance** – Most residents have complied, but it will be difficult to monitor the situation until sidewalk construction is complete.

**Lamp Posts** – A streetlight on Spencer have been flickering, so Judy will monitor. As part of the long-term plan, Judy will seek bids to replace the electrical box for streetlights.

**New Residents** – Judy sent welcome letters to 2211 and 2226 Wadsworth, and to 2417 and 2400 Manchester.

**Tax Bills** – All tax bills have been mailed. 18 people contested their assessments and four were adjusted. We do not owe KLC anything more for workers' compensation, and the new tax ordinance was sent to the Department of Revenue.

**Rental Permit Ordinance** – Letters will be mailed November 1.

**Updates from Sara Sievert, Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem**

**Landscaping/Maintenance** – The Brighton/Lowell island will be completed in three phases, landscape, lighting and sidewalks. The project will begin this fall and take approximately 4-6 weeks.

**Road Striping** – To date, only one contractor has submitted a bid.

**Updates from Suzie Arrow, Commissioner** – Not Available. In her absence, the Council discussed:

**Signage** – Judy checked with a former commissioner and learned that Wellington owns the “No parking during school hours” signs bordering Sullivan University.

**Block Watch** – Mike introduced resident Carol Petritus, a candidate for the Block Watch program.

**MOTION to appoint Carol Petritus as Block-Watch Co-Captain** – Ellen motioned, Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved.

**Update from Mike Newton, Mayor**

**Sidewalk Improvements** – Mike gave a recap of the sidewalk project and contract. The contractor mistakenly replaced two handicap ramps that were labeled for future replacement.

A Manchester resident asked the City to re-evaluate her sidewalk for replacement. Her request was denied as all funds have been allotted for this project.

**Sidewalk and Property Maintenance/Upkeep** – Lois will mail a third notice to 2201 Brighton regarding deficient property maintenance. If the owner does not comply within the specified time, or attend the next Council meeting to explain why he cannot, the City may initiate cleanup at the owner's expense.

Resident Phelps asked about ownership and maintenance of the Kipling Road creek area across from his home. This land is not within the City of Wellington, so we do not have that information. The Phelps indicated that they do not want a speed hump between their drive and the stop sign. The Council will keep this in mind, as they evaluate speed control options that best meet the safety needs of all residents.

**American Legion** – There is no news at this time.

**Grant Update** – Wellington has been approved for a \$2,000 development grant for the 2015-16 fiscal year, and it must be spent within 60 days of receipt. This will help fund the Brighton island landscaping project.

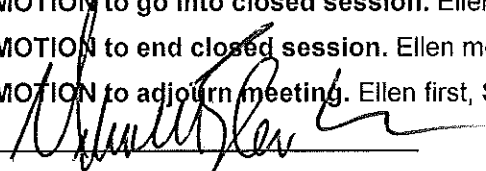
**Tree Payment** – 2407 Manchester paid \$100, and the remaining \$100 was waived to close out this matter.

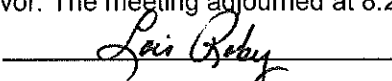
**Metro 311** - Mike recommended the Metro 311 app for making metro service requests and filing related complaints and concerns.

**MOTION to go into closed session.** Ellen motioned, Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved.

**MOTION to end closed session.** Ellen motioned, Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>. With all in favor, the motion was approved.

**MOTION to adjourn meeting.** Ellen first, Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

  
Mike Newton, Mayor

  
Lois Roby, City Clerk