

CITY OF JEFFERSONTOWN, KENTUCKY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Carol Pike called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The following Council members were present: Mark Blum, Vince Grisanti, Tim Hall, Pam Hickey, Allison Neal Head, Ron Powell, Trena Smith and Pam Ware were present. City Attorney, Fred Fischer and City Clerk, Bill Fox were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Police Chaplain Tom Dillard gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carol Pike called on Chief Rick Sanders. Chief introduced the departments two new Sergeants Matt Carmen and Mark Baden.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

Mayor Carol Pike called on Fire Chief Sean Dreisbach, Police Chief Rick Sanders and Public Works Director Jimmy Franconia to update the City Council on their department's response efforts to the wind storm on Friday, March 3.

MAYOR REMARKS

Fire Chief Sean Dreisbach reported that from 7:00 am on Friday to 7:00 am on Saturday the departments had 75 dispatched calls along with additional phone calls reporting and needing assistance with downed power lines, cars in ditches, car accidents etc. The department also responded to a fire of a historical home on the corner of Taylorsville Rd. and Hurstbourne Pkwy. The fire was heavily impacted by 79 mph winds.

Police Chief Rick Sanders reported that from 3:00 pm-12:00 am the station had over 300 phone calls with 73 of those being calls for service. He thanked Sgt. Brandon Gwynn and Major Brendan Mills for help putting up stop signs and moving trees from the road. He stated that he believed that emergency services handled their jobs "beautifully", but added overall we needed to improve on communicating with our residents.

Public Works Director Jimmy Franconia started by saying the departments day began with dealing with issues from heavy rains such as drains blocked by debris. From 3:40 pm to 10:00 pm he received 138 calls on his cell phone. He echoed Chief Sanders regarding the working relationships between his department and police and fire. That evening public works responded to 28 streets blocked with downed trees. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support for funding necessary equipment that helps his department do its job. Around mid-night he sent public works employees home with only three remaining, including him. As they were leaving, he received a call from police with another three downed trees. The three responded by going back out to deal with the downed trees.

On Saturday efforts continued with clean up. A call was received around 5:00 pm regarding leaking sprinkler at the Museum.

Monday, trucks were dispatched to collect down trees and debris from road sides out

of right-a-ways. The efforts continued by collecting 4ft. x 4 ft. bundles of limbs from residents that had placed them out for pick up by Rumpke. This will continue through Friday.

Through Tuesday evening, there are 38 trees to be removed around the city and the Veterans Park hillside has many trees down. They will continue efforts on city streets and residents are happy.

Councilmember Ron Powell mad a motion approve Senior Citizens Center budget for the purchase of a generator. Councilmember Paw Ware seconded the motion. **MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.** **GENERATOR**

Mayor Carol Pike welcomed Margaret Eberle of 4105 Chambers Way. Ms. Eberle addressed the Mayor and City Council about people in her neighborhood (Valley Park) not complying with leash laws. Next, she welcomed Brian Reynolds from the Jeffersontown Library. Mr. Reynolds updated the Mayor and City Council about loss of power during the wind storm and how they were able to still service residents. He also informed them that the Jeffersontown Library is one of the top 4 libraries in Louisville Metro. He also thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support. **GUESTS**

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Councilmember Ron Powell to approve the Minutes of the Council of February 21, 2023. Councilmember Pam Ware seconded the motion. **MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: 2/21/2023**

Councilmember Pam Ware made a motion to approve General Fund Warrant No. 1580, as distributed. Councilmember Ron Powell seconded the motion. **MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.** **GENERAL FUND WARRANT NO. 1580**

Councilmember Vince Grisanti made a motion to approve Road Maintenance Warrant No. 967, as distributed. Councilmember Mark Blum seconded the motion. **MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.** **ROAD MAINTENANCE WARRANT NO. 967**

Mayor Carol Pike welcomed Andrew Dunlap. He is a First Class Scout from St. Edward Church Boys Scout Troop 175. He informed the Mayor and City Council about their upcoming trips and their need for assistance funding the trips. **FUNDING REQUEST**

Councilmember Ron Powell – No Report **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Vince Grisanti – No Report

Councilmember Pam Hickey – No Report

Councilmember Pam Ware – Called for a Safety Committee meeting 5:00 PM on March 21. She also told Mayor Carol Pike she has done an amazing job since coming into office.

Councilmember Mark Blum – He “echod” Pam comments and added that Mayor Carol Pike doing a great job.

Councilmember Allison Neal Head – No Report

Councilmember Tim Hall – No Report


Councilmember Trena Smith – No Report

Mayor Carol Pike called on Community Development Director Matt Meunier to discuss a proposal from Taylor Siefker William to develop a Sponsorship Program for the Veteran's Park Amphitheater. **MAYORS REMARKS**


Mayor Carol Pike informed the City Council of the Baptist Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital groundbreaking ceremony located at 11800 Bluegrass Pkwy. on March 22 at 9:00 am

Mayor Carol Pike also report that she, along with Matt Meunier and Brian Abrams, recently toured Papa John's. She was informed by a representative of Papa John's of their plans to continue working out of the facility for at least the next five years.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Ron Powell made a motion to Adjourn. Councilmember Vince Grisanti seconded. **ADOURN MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**



Carol Pike
Mayor



Bill Fox
City Clerk/Treasurer