

City of West Buechel
Meeting Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
December 13, 2016

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order, welcomed all the guests, City Council, Police Officers, and the City Attorney, Casey McCall. Brenda Kay Moore led us in prayer and Police Chief Sharp led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUEST SPEAKS

Mr. Weaver, representing the Bashford Manor Baptist Church addressed the Council. Mr. Weaver expressed his concerns regarding several break-ins and vandalism which has taken place at his church recently. He asked for help on this matter. Mayor Richards advised he would contact Mr. Weaver to discuss lighting and security possibilities for the church. Chief Sharp advised that Detective Bledsoe is actively working on the case. Also, the third shift officers have been instructed to perform frequent building business checks at the church. He assured Mr. Weaver that the perpetrators will eventually be apprehended.

The Mayor asked the clerk to take roll call; Councilwoman Mosely - present; Councilman Mattingly -absent; Councilwoman Crawford - present; Councilwoman Bierbaum - present; Councilman Crawford - present; Councilman Clark - present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Sharp announced that Lt. Jim Sherrard has received the Governor's Award for his impaired driving enforcement. He then explained difficulties the department is experiencing with the 4 2011 Chevy Caprice vehicles of the department. He stated that there has been numerous manufacturer recalls on the vehicles. Also, 3 of the 4 vehicles now have extensive engine problems which will eventually require engine replacement. Due to the fact that the vehicles are approaching the end of their warranty period, he asked the Council to consider replacing the 4 vehicles.

Chief Sharp then presented the department's monthly report. Also, he reported that both K-9 units brought home several awards from the annual K-9 training competition conference.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mayor Richards asked if the Council had any questions and/or comments on the minutes from the last meeting on November November 8, 2016; there were none. Mayor Richards asked for a Motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bierbaum and seconded by Councilwoman Mosely - Minutes approved.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL

Mayor Richards asked for questions and/or discussions on the check register; there were none. Motion was made by Councilwoman Mosely to approve the check register and seconded by Councilwoman Bierbaum - check register approved.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE REVISING NET RECEIPTS TAX TO GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

Councilwoman Bierbaum and Councilwoman Mosely have co-sponsored an Ordinance to change the net receipts tax to a gross receipts tax. The City Clerk advised revisions have been made to the proposal on advice of the City Attorney. Mayor Richards called attention to the police vehicle repair issues discussed this evening. Further, he advised that the Police Department building is in need of a new roof, which could cost as much as \$50,000. Councilwoman Bierbaum made a Motion for a straw vote on the Ordinance. Councilwoman Mosely seconded the Motion. The Mayor asked the Clerk to take the vote. Councilwoman Mosely - yea; Councilman Mattingly - absent; Councilwoman Crawford - nay; Councilwoman Bierbaum - yea; Councilman Crawford - nay; Councilman Clark - nay. The vote is three to two in favor of the nays. Councilwoman made a Motion to withdraw the Ordinance - Ordinance withdrawn.

RESOLUTION FOR CITY ATTORNEY AUDIT

Councilman Clark introduced a Resolution for the City Attorney to conduct an audit of the City expenditures; he then read the entire Resolution. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue, as well as many other issues. Councilman Clark made a Motion to pass the Resolution at hand, Councilman Crawford seconded the Motion, and a roll call vote was taken. Councilwoman Mosely - nay; Councilman Mattingly - absent; Councilwoman Crawford - yea; Councilwoman Bierbaum - no; Councilman Crawford - yea; Councilman Clark - yea. The vote is three to two in favor of the yeas; Resolution passed.

MUNICIPAL ORDER TO HIRE COUNCIL EMPLOYEE

Councilman Clark introduced a Municipal Order allowing the Council to hire Tom Fox as a Council employee to be paid \$25.00 per hour. Councilman Clark read the Municipal Order. Councilman Clark made a Motion to pass the Municipal Order and Councilman Crawford seconded the Motion. City Attorney McCall advised that his opinion is that the Council can appoint persons to boards and committees but not an employee, employees need to be hired by Ordinance. Further, the Mayor made issue an Executive Order to quash this Municipal Order immediately. Therefore, Mayor Richards advised that based upon advice of council, this matter is concluded.

OPEN FLOOR FOR RESIDENTS AND GUESTS

Mke Bierbaum stated that surely the Council will be raising property taxes to cover all the costs they have proposed tonight. He stated that the Council needs to do their job and pass a budget.

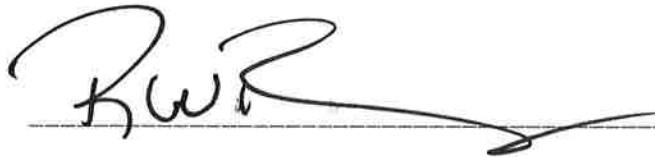
Mayor Richards introduced Joe Spencer and Brenda Kay Moore as newly elected members of the Council. He also thanked Councilwoman Bierbaum for her service, as her term is now ended.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Councilwoman Bierbaum made a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mosely; meeting adjourned.

11-10-2017

Date



MAYOR RICK RICHARDS

11/10/2017

Date



KIM RICHARDS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER