

City of West Buechel
City Council Minutes
Regular City Meeting
Council Chambers
November 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brenda Moore; Councilwoman Ashley Stewart; Councilwoman Brandie Wilson; Councilwoman Bonnie Manning; Councilman John Campbell; Councilwoman Danielle Wood; Councilwoman Evelyn Saldana; City Clerk, Debbie Batliner; City Attorney, David Clement; Liz Bierbaum, Community Development Director; Vivian Ridener, Ethics Board Chairwoman and Chief of Police, Jim Sherrard.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019 was made by Councilwoman Danielle Wood and second by Councilman John Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Community Development: The Community Center Director spoke of the Silver Citizen Luncheon and the new van. Councilman Campbell stated he would like for the cameras at the community center to be turned back on. Ms. Bierbaum stated that they were on. Councilwoman Saldana suggested that there be no smoking inside of the community center and that she would also like the financial records for the rentals broken down individually.

Police Department: Chief Sherrard reported that the Shop With A Cop program would be doing a roadside collection on November 22, 2019 and would be taking the children shopping on December 21, 2019.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Report was included in packet. Officer Rick Nelson was on vacation.

City Clerk Batliner:

Clerk Batliner reported to the Council that she has checks and balances in place for all jobs in city hall. She has a CPA that checks her work. Mayor Moore opens the mail, gives it to Clerk Batliner and she in turn distributes it accordingly to the front office for the deposit. Mayor Moore and a police officer takes the deposit to the bank and the mail to the post office.

Clerk Batliner also informed the council that there would have to be a budget amendment in January and requested that they look closely at the report in the packet that provide the tasks that have to be performed for the Community Center, Police Station and City Hall and to prioritize which were most pressing to get completed.

Clerk Batliner also reported to the council that there were some issues with omitted retirement funds starting in 2012 that were going to have to be corrected and that this could be very costly. She will keep everyone updated as information is available.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Moore made a recommendation to declare a 2011 F250 truck with a blade, salt bedliner and spreader and a 2009 F150 as surplus property. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnie Manning and second by Councilwoman Danielle Wood to declare both vehicles and attached equipment as surplus property. Vote was unanimous.

After discussion regarding a stop sign at Marvin Avenue and Old Shep., a motion was made by Councilwoman Ashley Stewart and second by Councilwoman Danielle Wood to remove the stop sign. Vote was two yes and four no. Motion dies for lack of majority vote.

Mayor Moore made a recommendation to appoint Virginia Marler to the Ethics Board to fill the vacant position left by John Hill's resignation. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnie Manning and second by Councilwoman Evelyn Saldana to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Virginia Marler to the Ethics Board. Vote was unanimous.

Attorney David Clement addressed the Christmas Dinner that has taken place in past years. According to Attorney Clement, using city funds to host a community wide Christmas Dinner is not using taxpayer funds wisely or legally and that this city is a very diverse group and it could be objectionable to some religions. He suggested that if the city would like to have a Christmas Party, that one of the members of the council or staff host it at their residence and leave the city's name out.

Liz Bierbaum stated that she was not having a Christmas party for the children but would be having a winter break lock in and would not be using city funds for gifts for the children.

Mayor Moore informed the council that MSD was waiting for funding to complete the drainage issue.

Samantha requested the Jeanie Arthur get more hours to work with the younger children at the community center.

Clerk Batliner informed everyone that Jen Care would have several volunteers here next Wednesday to assist with pick up, cleaning, working with children at the community center and anything else that the city could use assistance with. She also stated that they would be offering volunteer services in the future.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnie Manning and second by Councilwoman Ashley Stewart to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:40 PM. Vote unanimous.


Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST:


City Clerk, Debbie Batliner