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GEORGETOWN CITY COUNCIL

Builder: Most city residents cannot afford a house

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Some surprising statistics and several council members voicing some skepticism towards imposing impact fees on future developments highlighted a special Georgetown City Council meeting Wednesday.

More than three dozen developers, builders, and banking officials along with private citizens listened to Ben

Griffin of TischlerBise, the consulting firm hired by the city to study the potential of impact fees on future development. The meeting was held at the Scott County Public Library.

This was the third meeting between the council and consultants and the second involving “stakeholders” or developers and builders, Mayor Burney Jenkins calls developers and builders, “stakeholders” because they will be paying the impact fees.

The council is looking for additional revenue streams as the city continues to grow at a rapid pace. Since 2000, Georgetown has been among Kentucky’s fastest growing cities. TischlerBise looked at the projected costs of services such as fire, police, wastewater, and capital needs over the next 10 years in its study. The impact fees would be a one-time payment for growth-related infrastructure, typically collected with

In the know

Georgetown City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. Meetings are held on the third floor of the **Scott County Courthouse** at 6 p.m.

building permits.

The consultants stated impact fees are “common in communities approaching buildout,” although such fees are uncommon in Kentucky. Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Ser-

vices recently completed a study and progressive rate plan that will carry it forward for the next decade, so water needs were removed from the initial fee projections. The study also eliminated the wastewater equipment component reducing the projected fees.

As a result, the proposed impact fees for a residential three-bedroom apartment dropped from \$4,622 to \$3,500. The proposed fees for industrial con-

struction dropped to 61 cents per square foot with fees for a 50,000 square foot building about \$30,500. Proposed fees on construction of a 3,000 square foot home would be about \$2,816. For a development of 150 such homes the fees would be \$422,400.

Several developments and builders spoke and cautioned that imposing such impact fees would stifle growth in the city, but also make

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A printed image from a Wolfe Family reunion, believed to be from the early 1950s, family genealogist Tina Lilly said.

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Local family celebrates century of reunions

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A family with strong Georgetown roots recently celebrated their 100th reunion anniversary.

On Saturday, July 19, the Wolfe family gathered to celebrate the milestone, Ed Davis Learning Center Recreation Manager and Wolfe family genealogist Tina Lilly said.

“This year we had 61 (in attendance),” she said. “At this point, I think we’re five generations.”

Minutes are kept for each meeting, allowing the family to preserve its long history, Lilly said.

“When they started (taking minutes), that was in 1931, and within those first minutes, it said that the reunion had actually started in 1925,” Lilly said. “We still keep minutes every reunion.”

The family has gathered every year since 1925, except during World War II when the men of the family were gone, she said.

Record keeping allows the Wolfes to carry on reunion traditions, such as celebrating the oldest and youngest people in attendance, Lilly said.

“We give a door prize for both of those things,” she said. “Youngest child was Mary Ellen Cock-erham at four months old, and the oldest man



Wolfe family descendants at Party on the Square after their reunion to support Savannah Reeves, a family member performing that night.

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was Buddy Dawson at 88 years old.”

“One of the coolest things in the early minutes of the records that we have is that every year, it was a matter of whether or not they raised enough change

to be able to buy ice cream,” Lilly added. “This year, we raised enough money to buy ice cream for the reunion.”

When the Wolfes aren’t in the meeting session

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GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Grand jury indicts man for child sex pornography

By James Scogin and Jack Thomas
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A cyber tip and a one-year investigation led to the arrest of a Georgetown man on charges of possession of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor and distributing matter portraying sexual performance of a minor under 12 years of age, according to Georgetown Police Department (GPD) Lieutenant Lewis Crump.

James Tony Chaney Jr., 58, was indicted by a Scott County grand jury on July 10.

“We got a cyber tip on this,” Crump said. “We did an investigation. We also got some digital evidence as well.”

Chaney is indicted on one count of distribution of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor under 12 and three counts possession of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor under 12 for an incident that occurred on or about March 11,

2024, according to court documents.

Messages were recovered from the web chat platform Kik where Chaney was identified under the username: kp69gtown, court documents show. It is on this website Chaney allegedly engaged in discussions of performing sexual acts with victims as young as one year old, records state.

A search warrant was executed on Chaney’s home where four thumb drives, four SD cards, three USB

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Lewis Crump
GPD Lieutenant

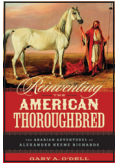
drives, an iPhone, a cell phone, a roll of film, an Apple laptop, an iPad, and iPad case were all seized, according to court documents.

Chaney’s bail was set at \$100,000.

GPD wants to remind people of internet safety, Crump said. Use “extreme caution” on web-based chat platforms. Crump encourages others to not respond to unknown or unrecognized messages.

“If it looks suspicious, it’s probably suspicious,” he said.

Coming up:
Gary O’Dell book signing
Saturday @ Ward Hall



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