

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting January 14, 2008

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at the Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR

Louis A. Phillips

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Eckerle

Faye Ellerkamp

Jim Ising

Mary Norris

Marianne Rademaker

Mike Skelton

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Foster Haunz, City Attorney

Bob Rosenbaum, Code

Enforcement/City Engineer

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer

VISITORS

Joyce Bridge

Kate Greer

Sam Gould

Alan Ware

Dick Kasting

Wendy Skelton

Laura Trachtenburg

Sgt. John Nissen

Lynn Renau

Marie Mattei

Kevin Triplett

Allison Pogue

Carl Prohaska

Mary Jo McDonald

Paul McDonald

MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Skelton and seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp, the minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rademaker to approve the financial reports as of December 31, 2007, seconded by Councilwoman Norris and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the December, 2007 payments totaling \$35,224.57. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp and passed. Mayor Phillips noted that two \$100,000 certificates of deposit were purchased during the month.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Mayor Phillips presented Mary Jo McDonald with a "Good Neighbor Award" from the City of Windy Hills for her talent and time spent in creating a logo for the City which is now part of the newsletter's masthead, as well as for her participation and help in our community clean-ups and with the newly formed Windy Hills Garden Club.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Sgt. John Nissen attended the meeting to answer questions and discuss a home intrusion on Merrified that occurred on January 5 at approximately 11:00 P.M. The homeowner's wife called 911 and it took 25 minutes for LMPD to respond. Graymoor/Devondale Police were not notified of the 911 call. Councilman Skelton asked Sgt. Nissen the best way to get in touch with Graymoor/Devondale Police. Sgt. Nissen replied it is best to call the on-duty cell phone number, 643-0691, and/or call 911 and ask for Graymoor/Devondale to be notified of the call. An e-mail will be sent to the city's distribution list regarding this information.

Sam Gould asked four questions regarding the Calvin playground equipment to be purchased by the City. They were:

What research was done to determine the need for a playground facility? Councilwoman Rademaker and Councilman Ising both replied that the playground had been used for many years by residents of the City but that the playground equipment, which is owned by the church, had deteriorated over the last several years.

How will notice of the availability of the playground equipment be given to Windy Hills residents? Chairman Ising replied that notice will be given in the quarterly newsletter and on the City's website. The church is considering putting a sign where the playground equipment will be placed.

Who will be physically responsible for the upkeep? The church will be responsible.

How is the City covered from the possibility of legal action against the City because of injury? City Attorney Haunz replied that the City has broadened its insurance coverage without cost and the church is changing its insurance as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget, Finance & Audit: Councilman Eckerle reported that income is on budget but expenses are going to be way off budget by the end of the next six months because of payments for increased hours for the Graymoor/Devondale Police. Prior action was taken by the City Council increasing police protection to 100 hours a month from 50 hours.

Councilwoman Norris made a motion to reduce police protection hours to 50 hours a month; Councilman Eckerle seconded the motion and the motion was open for discussion. Councilman Skelton would like to keep coverage at 100 hours for the time being. The motion failed with three ayes, three opposed and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote opposing the motion.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the Graymoor-Devondale police report for December. Seven speeding tickets were given.

Public Works: Councilman Ising reported that problems continue with rental homes. Documentation of such problems was given to City Engineer Rosenbaum for follow up. Councilman Ising received an anonymous letter about someone not maintaining their property. Mayor Phillips reported that the contents of a dumpster were emptied at the Cobb house on Hill Top. An abatement letter was sent to the owner of the property, and the City will remove the debris on 1-22-08 and put a lien on the property.

Sanitation & Waste: Councilwoman Ellerkamp received a complaint about trash not being picked up and gave them the number to call at Waste Management.

City Engineer/Code Enforcement: Flooding on Windy Way was discussed. A permit was not given for a bathroom addition on Windy Way and City Engineer Rosenbaum will check out with Metro IPL.

WHHAG Status Report: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Calvin Playground Equipment: The contract with Calvin Church has been signed and acknowledgement was received from Miracle Playground Equipment.
- Stone Wall Repair: The work has been completed.
- Dedication of Killiney Place: The second reading of Ordinance 08-01 was held "RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF KILLINEY PLACE OF EASTGATE AT BROWNSBORO ROAD TO ITS TERMINUS". Councilman Skelton made a motion accepting Ordinance 08-01, and Councilwoman Ellerkamp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote as follows:

John Eckerle -- Aye
Faye Ellerkamp -- Aye
Jim Ising -- Aye

Mary Norris - Aye
Marianne Rademaker - Aye
Mike Skelton - Aye

- Strategic Plan: Councilman Ising and Mayor Phillips met with Tad Long, Kentucky League of Cities regarding implementing a strategic plan for the City. Mr. Long will attend the next council meeting on February 11th and talk about starting a strategic plan.

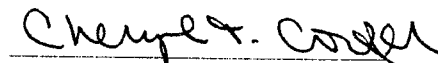
NEW BUSINESS

- A recommendation was made for the presentation of a Good Neighbor award. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion accepting the recommendation; Councilman Skelton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- A letter was received from a resident of Coach Gate asking that a sidewalk be built on Hubbards Lane. This issue has been discussed previously and the Mayor asked if there was any interest in reconsidering the issue. After discussion it was the consensus of the City Council that the project is too expensive to consider.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: City Attorney Haunz reported that a homeowner wants to put solar panels on the front of his house but that this issue is a building code matter, not a city council matter.

Upon motion by Councilwoman Rademaker and seconded by Councilwoman Norris, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.


Louis A. Phillips, Mayor


Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk