

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
August 11, 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

Kate Greer

Jim Ising

Marianne Rademaker

Mike Skelton

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Bob Rosenbaum, Code

Enforcement/City Engineer

Foster Haunz, City Attorney

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk/

Treasurer

VISITORS

Charlie Rademaker

Martha Davis

Maria Mattei

Lynn Renau

Wendy Skelton

Mary Jo McDonald

Joyce Brown

Madge Huecker

Laura Trachtenburg

Chief Grady Throneberry

John Jones

Virginia Jones

Suzanne Spencer

Nancy Tarrant

Beth Safley

Alan Ware

I.G. Spencer

Mayor Phillips thanked Councilman Ising and all those who helped with the “Community Listening Session” held on Saturday, August 9th. Approximately 75 residents attended the session.

MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Skelton and seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker, the minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to approve the financial reports as of July 31, 2008, seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the July, 2008 payments totaling \$62,132.37 and \$150,000 for the purchase of Certificates of Deposit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ising and approved unanimously.

GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE POLICE:

Mayor Phillips introduced Col. Grady Throneberry, the newly appointed Chief of Police of the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department. Col. Throneberry was formerly with the Jefferson County Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. He stated the ideal staffing level for the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department is 10 officers, and they currently have eight. The department is looking to hire young, retired former officers. Col. Throneberry opened the floor for questions, and Councilman Skelton questioned the use of radar on Ambridge for three hours and Rudy Lane only had a half hour of radar. Col. Throneberry replied that not all the information for the month of July was captured and that there will be a significant increase in coverage on Ambridge, Rudy and Foeburn. I.G. Spencer, a resident of Windsong Way, questioned police coverage in the Windsong area. Several residents have said they've never seen police patrolling the Windsong area. Chief Throneberry said the police are supposed to touch every street in the city every shift. Suzanne Spencer asked, when calling 911, is the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department automatically alerted. Col. Throneberry said the Graymoor-Devondale system is being upgraded.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

Martha Davis, a resident of Rudy Lane, thanked the City Council for hosting the "Community Listening Session" and thought it was very positive.

Madge Huecker, a resident of Chelsea Road, also complimented the "Listening Session", and asked the City Council what they plan to do as far as the proposed development at the end of Chelsea Road. Mayor Phillips responded that some things asked for in the petition are not within the City's purview. Ms. Heucker also proposed that the City of Windy Hills designate an amount of money per year for the planting of trees.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD:

The Good Neighbor Award was presented to Joyce Brown, honoring her for her service to the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget, Finance & Audit: No report. Tax bills are being prepared.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reported that the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department patrolled the city for 138 hours, but only charged the City for the requested 100 hours. Speeding on Rudy, Ambridge and Foeburn
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was discussed, and Councilman Skelton made a motion that the police use 20 hours of radar on Ambridge, Rudy and Foeburn; 10 hours on Rudy, five hours on Ambridge, and five hours on Foeburn. Councilman Eckerle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Rademaker will write a letter to Col. Throneberry stating the above with a copy to Mayor Phillips.

Public Works: Councilman Ising received one call about a top off a street light at Windhurst and Clerkenwell. He will try to replace himself.

Sanitation & Waste: No report.

City Engineer/Code Enforcement: Bob Rosenbaum distributed the Code Enforcement report for the month of July. The grass is too high at 1103 Clerkenwell which is vacant. Mayor Phillips will send a letter to the owners giving them 10 days' notice to have the grass cut. If there is no response from the owners, the City can then cut the grass and place a lien on the property.

WHHAG Status Report: Martha Davis has been working with the Homeowners Association at Bentwood Place. Two trees at the entrance will be removed and dogwood trees will be planted near the entrance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Strategic Plan-Listening Session Report: Councilman Ising reported that he has received many positive comments from citizens and some good ideas. The Kentucky League of Cities will prepare a synopsis of the meeting and when received, the information will be shared with the Council.
- Merrifield Road Entrance Plantings Update: Mayor Phillips reported that we have a price to install a white fence on both sides of Merrifield Road and Rudy Lane and one on the north side of Regency Lane. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to approve the installation at an amount less than \$1,000 and Councilman Skelton seconded; approved unanimously. Once the fencing is installed, trees and bushes will be planted.
- Hubbards Lane Sidewalk: A report from the engineers was given to the Council members and an engineering plan will be prepared by the end of the month.

- Street Paving-Windhurst Subdivision: The proposal will be divided into three bids – west, east and combination of 1 and 2 on Ambridge. City Attorney Haunz prepared the specifications which were distributed to the Council members. Bids will be

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opened on September 5th. Councilwoman Greer questioned advertising for bids on the City's website. City Attorney Haunz replied the City would have to adopt a model procurement act in order to advertise on the internet.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit FY 2007/2008: A motion was made by Councilman Skelton to hire Tom Clark, Certified Public Accountant, to conduct an audit of the City at a cost of \$3,600; the motion was seconded by Councilman Ising and unanimously approved.

- WHHAG Program, Recommended Changes: The recommended policy changes were distributed to the Council. Councilwoman Rademaker moved to accept the changes, Councilman Ising, seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. (Copy attached).
- MSD-Bud Schardein Decision: Mayor Phillips asked if the Council would like to invite Bud Schardein, Director of MSD, to one of our Council meetings. If we do, we should inform him what he should address. Councilwoman Rademaker stated she would be in contact with MSD regarding the sewer project on Regency Lane.
- New Subdivision on Henchey Property: Information on the proposed subdivision was given to the Council members.
- Other: Councilwoman Greer suggested that the City host a ice cream social in order to foster more community interaction. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion for the City to host an ice cream social to be held in September; Councilman Ising seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

It was suggested that the City put a request for e-mail addresses on the City's website.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

A motion was made by Councilman Rademaker, seconded by Councilwoman Greer for adjournment, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk