

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting March 10, 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

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

Martha Davis

Jenny George

Amy Brown

Wendy Skelton

Al Graves

Sarah Banta

Dick Kasting

Laura Trachtenberg

Sam Gould

Lynn Renau

Charlie Rademaker

George Herbig

MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Skelton and seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp, the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Councilman Skelton to approve the financial reports as of February 29, 2008, seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Ellerkamp moved to approve the February, 2008 payments totaling \$48,206.90. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and passed.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

Sam Gould asked if there is any law prohibiting taping City Council meetings for this meeting and for future meetings. City Attorney Foster Haunz replied that taping of meetings is legal as long as it doesn't disrupt the meeting in any way.

Mr. Gould then referred to the minutes of the January, 2008 meeting in reference to calling 911 and/or Graymoor/Devondale Police in the event of an emergency. This miscommunication between MetroSafe and Graymoor/Devondale Police has been rectified. When a resident calls 911, Graymoor/Devondale Police are also notified and

may respond to the emergency. Mr. Gould suggested this information should be displayed on the City's website.

Amy Brown reported that grading needs to be done at Indian Ridge and Brownsboro Road and that a car has been parked in the street at 4709 Kitty Hawk for the past 30 days. Graymoor/Devondale Police have not issued a warning or citation. At the same address another car has been parked the wrong way on the street without being cited. Two dogs also run loose at that residence. Councilwoman Rademaker will discuss the illegal parking with the police.

George Herbig who lives on Itworth Court questioned the status of the Westport Road widening and if current information about the widening could be put on the City's website. Mayor Phillips responded that the contract for the interchange will be let in June, 2008. Bob Rosenbaum will try to get more information regarding the project.

Jenny George of Indian Ridge reported that there are no drains on the street of Indian Ridge and that water builds up at the end of driveways. Bob Rosenbaum replied that this is the same problem that existed on Regency and that if enough people on Indian Ridge call MSD, MSD will hold a meeting with the residents. Councilwoman Rademaker said she will check on this with MSD.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PRESENTATION-TAD LONG, KLC

Tad Long, Director of Business Development, for the New Cities Institute which is a part of the Kentucky League of Cities, made a presentation on developing a strategic plan for the City of Windy Hills. His suggestions are as follows:

- ask residents to come together and talk about our community and what the future may hold.
- Consider what impact the surrounding areas have on our community. As we become more global, local community is more important.
- Hold an all-day planning retreat as well as "community conversations"
- Take all comments from residents, plan strategies on where we want to be and what can be done to improve, what do we value and want to continue, problems that may be addressed.

Mayor Phillips asked what the first step should be. The city should have a discussion on what is to come out of the process – how extensive do you want to engage residents and define the scope of the work. Look at a timetable. It takes at least three weeks to lay the groundwork. The New Cities Institute would facilitate a community gathering and craft strategies and priorities which would give the city a roadmap of where we want to be.

Implementation is important as well as commitment. Be prepared to respond to residents' visions. Kentucky League of Cities will work as a convenor.

Mayor Phillips asked if assembling the City Council for a retreat qualifies as a "special meeting"? Mr. Long will find out and let him know.

When the City defines what it wants, KLC will prepare a proposal with costs. It was suggested to decide on a date for a public meeting, notify residents, conduct the meeting and follow up with a survey distributed to all residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget, Finance & Audit: No report.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the Graymoor-Devondale police report for February. Six speeding tickets were issued as well as 3 warnings for improper parking. The police worked about 105 hours for the City and made a number of house checks, checked on businesses, patrolled the neighborhood and the Summit office buildings and monitored traffic, including radar checks. Residents need to continue to secure their cars as vandalism of unlocked cars on Antrim and Wicklow has continued.

Public Works: A light pole on Bonfire that was leaning is now repaired. The light pole at Two Springs and Rudy Lane is down and was called in to LG&E. The Two Springs Lane street sign was missing. Adding a street light on Two Springs Place is about to be finalized. Trees leaning over on Old Stone Lane have been removed.

Sanitation & Waste: Complaints have been taken care of.

City Engineer/Code Enforcement: The Code Enforcement report was distributed. Councilwoman Rademaker said that a sign on Regency is still in the front yard of a residence advertising gutters and Councilman Ising questioned if any action was taken regarding the rental house at 902 Ambridge. He asked Bob to pay close attention to rental houses that the property is being kept as it should.

WHHAG Status Report: Kate Greer announced that the Windy Hills Garden Club is hosting a workshop on correct pruning techniques on Saturday, March 15, 10:00 A.M. The workshop is free and open to the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Calvin Playground Equipment: The playground equipment has been installed, looks good and is being used. After some additional work in the area, a dedication will be scheduled.
- Merrified Road Entrance Plantings: Mr. Graves who owns a house at the intersection of Merrified and Rudy Lane asked about the status of the project. Mayor Phillips responded that most entrances in the city have plantings and that it would add to the beautification of the city. It was Mr. Graves' opinion that the project would be a waste of money, that the plantings would impede a driver's line of vision when turning onto Rudy Lane and that he is totally against the project. Councilwoman Ellerkamp stated she does not feel the project is needed and would cause safety problems. Councilwoman Rademaker suggested the project be tabled until we have all the facts regarding plantings on the right-of-way. Bob Rosenbaum find out if there are restrictions on planting on the right-of-way and will report back to the council at next month's meeting. Councilman Skelton suggested that residents on Merrified and Southview should be polled as to their opinion on entrance plantings. Bob Rosenbaum will also get a print from the water company by the next meeting of the Allen property.

NEW BUSINESS

- Good Neighbor Award: Councilman Skelton questioned presenting the award to a person who is not a resident of Windy Hills. Councilman Ising read from a document stating "no restrictions or qualifications on the award but leave to the discretion of the Council and Mayor." Councilman Ising made a motion to approve the nomination, Councilwoman Ellerkamp seconded. There were 2 votes in favor, 2 opposed and the Mayor abstained. The nomination will be put on the agenda for April's meeting.
- Senior Care Experts Donation: Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to donate \$2,000 to Senior Care Experts and \$2,000 to St. Matthews Ministries, Councilman Skelton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- KY Transportation Cabinet Co-op Program: It was decided not to participate.
- Rezoning of Best Western Motel property: A zoning hearing will be held on May 15th regarding the Fresh Market, a bank and a small shopping center.
- 2008 4th of July Celebration: A committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 10:00 A.M. at City Hall. Volunteers are needed as well as manual labor in setting up and taking down.

- Discussion was held on center striping on Ambridge. Councilman Skelton moved to paint a white stripe the down the middle of Ambridge, Councilman Ising seconded and the motion carried.
- Brightside Spring Clean Up is March 29th. Everyone is invited to participate and meet at the Brownsboro Shopping Center at 9:00 A.M.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report, however, Foster Haunz suggested the website add a tab which would list the dates of various events – the Spring clean-up, July 4th picnic, Garden Club workshop, etc.

Upon motion by Councilwoman Rademaker and seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk