

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
October 10, 2011

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at the Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 7:00 P.M. Sandy Moore, City Clerk called the meeting to order and took roll call.

**ROLL CALL:** The following were present:

<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	<u>OTHER CITY OFFICIALS</u>
Louis A. Phillips (Absent)	Cheryl Cooper Kate Greer Jim Ising Marianne Rademaker Mike Skelton Suzanne Spencer	Sandy Moore Foster Haunz Bob Rosenbaum

Mrs. Moore asked for a motion to appoint a Presiding Officer in the absence of the Mayor. Councilwoman Greer made a motion for Councilwoman Rademaker to be the Presiding Officer for the council meeting. Councilman Ising seconded the motion and passed with a unanimous vote. At that time, Councilwoman proceeded to the Mayor's seat.

**MINUTES:**

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 council meeting; seconded by Councilman Ising and approved unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

The financial reports for September, 2011 were moved for approval by Councilman Skelton, seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously.

Councilman Ising moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$29,255.87. Councilwoman Greer made a comment that the bill from Discount Signs should have been \$40 and will contact them regarding the error. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS:**

Councilwoman Rademaker presented John Clark with a Good Neighbor Award for his dedication and efforts in working with interested residents in identifying possible enhancements for the Windy Hills Green.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:** Tim Utley addressed the Council with several concerns. He stated his concern for declining trees along 4600, 4700, and 4800 blocks of Brownsboro Rd. He also asked if there are any regulations for the length of time a person can have a PODS storage container in their driveway. He knows of one that has been parked in their driveway

for over a year. He also has a concern over a large motor home that is parked in his neighbor's driveway and was there all of last winter, which can be seen from his backyard. Attorney Haunz stated that he was not aware of any regulations that would prohibit the motor home being parked in the driveway. Bob Rosenbaum will check on the PODS issue. Councilwoman Greer suggested an arborist check on the trees. It was also suggested that he call Metro Call at 3-1-1 for further help.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Budget, Finance & Audit: Councilman Ising reported that the bottom line is about the same as last year which is good since the City has had some large expenditures with the "Green".

Community Events/Newsletter: Councilwoman Greer reported that at the Friday work session it was suggested that a committee be formed to evaluate different community events. She stated that Councilman Skelton had suggested a Thanksgiving Day or New Years Day community Walk-the-Loop. Councilwoman Greer and a few others attended Indian Hills Oktoberfest and suggested the City have some of the same vendors at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and other events. Councilwoman Greer also stated that winter newsletter information is due by November 17, 2011.

Ombudswoman: No report.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker stated she had not received the police reports therefore she had no report. Councilwoman Greer noted that she has seen an increase of radar checks on Rudy Lane.

Public Works: Bob Rosenbaum reported that the "H" beam has been installed on the "Green".

Welcome/Health Fitness: Councilwoman Spencer reported that she will write an article for the winter newsletter to see if there is any interest in an evening strength training fitness class. She stated she would need 10-12 committed people to go forward with this class. She reviewed the attendance of past Health and Fitness programs and mentioned that there was some discussion of hosting periodic events in place of on-going events.

Windy Hills Green/City Beautification: Councilman Skelton commented that the "H" beam has been installed and ways of disguising it have been discussed, possibly with a "cross vine".

Code Enforcement: No report.

WHHAG Status Report: No report.

Community Caring Program: Martha Davis reported that their group has developed a “tag” line of “Building Community One Neighbor at a Time” and have also written a mission statement that will be included in the newsletters.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Signature Entrances: Councilman Skelton passed out pictures of the “in progress” carving of the Brownsboro Road Signature Entrance that Mara Smith had forwarded to him. He stated that the carving of that one entrance should be completed by next week. Councilman Ising stated that he and the Mayor had met with the property owners where the signature entrance will be placed at Ambridge and Westport Road and said the owners will not grant a permanent easement to the City but would sign a long term agreement for the sign only. Attorney Haunz stated that they could give the easement and still retain full ownership. He said he would discuss further with the Mayor.

Windy Hills Green: Councilman Skelton suggested that when the electrical is installed for the Signature Entrance at Rudy Lane and Brownsboro Road that there be a light installed to highlight the Norway Spruce tree during the holidays.

Street Paving in Windsong Subdivision: Councilwoman Spencer has received all the needed signatures on the Lease Agreements for the private roads which have been turned over to the City.

Block Watch Program: Councilwoman Rademaker reported that there has been some interest but not as much as she has hoped. She will work with Joyce Bridge on a flyer.

Hubbards Lane Sidewalk: Councilman Skelton stated that he had talked with Jennifer Osborne in Metro Councilman Ken Fleming’s office. Flynn Brothers has taken over the contract, but will not proceed with the work until the previous contractor has come back to clean up the work site. Once this has taken place, the work will be completed on a timely basis, possibly by the end of October.

Landscape at Two Springs Lane and Rudy Lane: Councilwoman Rademaker, Presiding Officer, stated that this item was discussed at the Friday work session and unless there was a motion to reimburse the Klein’s for the work they had done it would die for lack of a motion. The following points were made during further discussion: It would not be fair to reimburse them with tax payers’ money and not others for their landscaping; Others have requested their entrances be maintained or re-done by the City and have been denied. Councilwoman Spencer stated that she plans on talking to the Mayor to see if he would be willing to reimburse the Klein’s out of his discretionary funds and suggested that the Council develop a written policy regarding landscaping of public areas within the City.

Amended Budget for FY 2011/2012 – Second Reading: Attorney Haunz read the Amended Budget Ordinance into record. Councilwoman Greer made a motion to approve the Ordinance and was seconded by Councilman Skelton. The Ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of:

Councilwoman Cooper	Aye
Councilwoman Greer	Aye
Councilman Ising	Aye
Councilwoman Rademaker	Aye
Councilman Skelton	Aye
Councilwoman Spencer	Aye

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Surety Bond City Officials and Employees: Councilwoman Rademaker, Presiding Officer, stated that the current Surety Bond on the Mayor, Councilman Ising and Clerk Moore is currently \$100,000 each. Councilman Skelton asked Attorney Haunz if this amount is the same or close to other 5<sup>th</sup> class Cities. Attorney Haunz stated that technically we are double bonded on each check written because of the City's policy of each check requiring two signatures.

Report on Private Cemeteries in City: Councilwoman Greer stated that the committee visited 5 cemeteries, but found out one was in St. Matthews. In summary of the Friday work session discussion, she stated that there needs to be more research and/or interpretation of the City's rights and responsibilities. Attorney Haunz stated that the legal owners should be encouraged to maintain the property. Councilwoman Cooper stated that the issue was becoming too complicated and that the real issue is to decide if the City should replace the iron fence that was removed. Attorney Haunz stated the City could decide to replace it, but was not required to.

Fall Brightside Cleanup – Sat. Oct 22, 2011 9:00 am: Councilwoman Rademaker, Presiding Officer, stated the next Brightside Cleanup would take place on Saturday Oct. 22, 2011 at 9:00 am. There will be doughnuts and coffee, t-shirts, bags and gloves provided.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Westport Rd./Watterson Interchange, Thur., Oct. 13, 2011: Councilwoman Rademaker, Presiding Officer, stated there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 at 10:00 am. All are invited to attend.

Rudy Lane R-O-W Sign: Councilman Ising stated he would contact Eagle Sign to get an estimate of the cost to relocate and replace the pole of the existing sign.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Haunz had no report.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:**

Martha Davis asked when the wires will be connected to the "H" beam.

Kelsi Poteet stated that she had out of town overnight guests and called the Graymoor/Devondale Police Dept. to inform them so her guests would not be ticketed. She said when she called, the Police Dept. acted as if they did not know of this policy. Councilwoman Rademaker stated she would call the Police Chief to make sure his officers were aware of this policy. Ms. Poteet stated that her guests were not ticketed for overnight parking.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Cooper and the motion passed unanimously.

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Marianne Rademaker, Presiding Officer

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Sandy Moore, City Clerk