

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
April 12, 2010

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.

The Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Councilman John Eckerle, who died on April 2, 2010.

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

MAYOR

Louis A. Phillips

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Faye Ellerkamp (Absent)  
Kate Greer  
Jim Ising  
Marianne Rademaker  
Suzanne Spencer

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Sandy Moore  
Foster Haunz  
Bob Rosenbaum

**MINUTES:**

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

The financial reports for March, 2010 were moved for approval by Councilwoman Greer, seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the payment of bills (as corrected) totaling \$20,928.35. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ising and approved unanimously.

**RESIDENTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

Joyce Bridge – Blocking intersections

Martha Davis – Thanks to Windy Hills and overnight parking

**Joyce Bridge** asked the Council if there was anything that could be done to keep the intersections into Windy Hills at Brownsboro Road open during high traffic. The Mayor said the Brownsboro Road is a State Highway, but he would look into the issue to see what could be done.

**Martha Davis** thanked the City for the new “branding” banners on Brownsboro Road. She also expressed a concern about overnight parking on Ambridge.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Budget, Finance & Audit: The Mayor reported that he is working on the budget and should have it ready to present at the May Council meeting.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the report she had handed out to the Council. There were 12 parking citations and she reported on which streets these occurred. She reported there were 9 speeding tickets. She also reported other police activities: assisting motorist, burglar alarms, accidents, missing person, prowler, trouble at Brownsboro Center, and suspicious vehicles.

Public Works: Councilman Ising reported that he and the Mayor met with Ron Moore of Eagle Sign Company and conducted an extensive investigation of the signs in the City. Mr. Moore is preparing a detailed report on what needs to be done. This report and the investigation findings will be used to standardize the type of materials and signs used for the City in the future.

Sanitation: No report.

Code Enforcement: Bob Rosenbaum asked Councilwoman Rademaker to check with Graymoor-Devondale Police on a black Taurus at 4702 Kitty Hawk to see if it has been parking overnight. He also commented on how nice the yard at 2514 Windy Way looks after it has been re-landscaped – which happens to be Councilwoman Greer’s yard.

WHHAG Status Report: Councilwoman Greer reported that they had sold one tree through the tree program.

Community Caring Program: Martha Davis stated that there were two inserts/brochures included in the spring newsletter with vital information on emergency services and other helpful numbers and resources. She commented on what a nice job Chief Throneberry did on designing these brochures.

Health and Fitness Program – Jim Van Nort: Mr. Van Nort reported that he is considering naming the program “Fitness Expedition” with routes to be used for walking/exercise. He would like to kick the program off with an art/logo contest. The Mayor suggested he write an article to be included in the summer newsletter and to submit all of his ideas, in writing, to the Council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Strategic Planning: Jim Ising stated that the website has been updated and there are a few reports that have not been turned in. He will get with the people who need to update those reports.

Coach Gate Status: The Mayor reported that the Council has offered two options to Coach Gate; #1 Coach Gate will do the needed repairs and after the prescribed work has been satisfactorily completed the City accept responsibility, #2 Coach Gate will mill and pave the roads at the time of their choosing and the City will pay half after which the city will accept responsibility.

Branding and Identity: Councilman Ising reported that he is working with a committee to create a brochure highlighting the City. He hopes to have this brochure completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic so it can be handed out at that event.

Second Reading – Ord 10-01 To Repeal Ords 21, 22, & 23 Dated 1956: Councilwoman Rademaker expressed concern over repealing the Ordinance that contains guidelines for the City Engineer. She is in favor of repealing all of the outdated ordinances, but would like a new Ordinance with guidelines for the City Engineer and the City Clerk. Attorney Haunz stated that the City Engineer is an appointed position. He will write two new ordinances, one for the City Clerk/Treasurer and one for the City Engineer.

Councilman Ising suggested that position descriptions and standard operating procedures be written for both positions.

Attorney Haunz had the second reading of Ordinance 10-01 repealing Ordinances 21, 22 & 23, dated 1956. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to approve and was seconded by Councilwoman Spencer. The clerk had a roll call vote as follows:

Councilwoman Greer – Aye  
Councilwoman Rademaker – Aye  
Councilman Ising – Aye  
Councilwoman Spencer – Aye  
Councilwoman Ellerkamp – Absent

The Ordinance passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fill Vacancy On Council: Councilman Ising made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss and nominate an appointment for the City Council vacant position. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and passed. The Council recessed at 7:45 pm. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to reconvene the Council from Executive Session and was seconded by Councilwoman Greer, motion passed and the Council reconvened at 7:57 pm. Councilman Ising made a motion to appoint Mike Skelton to fill the vacant council position. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and passed. Attorney Haunz read into the record Municipal Order No. 10-01, appointing Mike Skelton to the Council. Following the reading of Municipal Order No. 10-01, Attorney Haunz swore Mr. Skelton into office.

Police Protection Rate Increase: The Mayor reported that Graymoor-Devondale Police Department will be raising their rates from \$36/hr to \$38/hr. Councilwoman Greer made a motion to accept this increase and was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed.

Brightside Request For Supplement: The Mayor reported that Brightside has asked for a donation and stated that the City has contributed \$500 so far this year. After discussion, Councilman Ising made a motion to contribute \$250 to the Windy Hills Garden Club seconded by Councilman Skelton. The motion passed.

Other: Councilwoman Greer reported that other surrounding Cities and Neighborhoods are having City/Neighborhood wide yard sales on May 22. She also reported that the Windy Hills Garden Club will have a plant sale on that day and requested money from the City to purchase signs for the event.

The Mayor announced that there will be a zoning/public hearing on April 19 at 8:30 am to discuss the proposed nursing home on Westport Road. He also reported there will be a Brightside function featuring Jon Carloftis, renowned garden designer, on May 23 and if anyone wanted further information to contact the city.

Councilman Ising reported that Calvin Presbyterian Church will be welcoming a new pastor. He is going to contact the new pastor and invite him to the City Council Meetings.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Haunz stated he had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Greer and the motion passed unanimously.

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Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

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Sandy Moore, City Clerk