

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 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.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR

Louis A. Phillips

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kate Greer
Jim Ising
Marianne Rademaker
Mike Skelton
Suzanne Spencer
Jim Van Nort

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Sandy Moore
Foster Haunz (absent)
Bob Rosenbaum

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The financial reports for July, 2010 were moved for approval by Councilman Skelton, seconded by Councilman Ising and approved unanimously.

Councilman Skelton moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$58,006.01. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Spencer and approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Norma Tandy – Addressed the proposed 2 story parking garage at Christ Methodist. She is concerned that the parking garage will de-value the homes in the area and is most concerned with it being built on top of a detention basin. She and Bob Rosenbaum, the City's Code Enforcement Officer met with the church's attorney and engineer to review the plans. Ms. Tandy discussed the problems she has now when there is heavy rain and is concerned this will only make the situation worse.

Lynn Renau – Discussed the weed situation at the vacant property on the corner of Rudy Lane and Hubbards Lane. She stated that she and others are experiencing an excess of weeds due to this situation. The Mayor stated he will look into the situation and see what can be done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget, Finance & Audit: No report.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the report she had handed out to the Council. She reported that the Graymoor-Devondale Police did 30 plus hours of radar checks, resulting in 4 speeding tickets on Rudy Lane and 13 on Ambridge Drive. There were 4 warnings given for night time parking, all on Windsong Way. One arrest was made for a suspended operator's license. The majority of its time was on traffic enforcement, but did trouble runs and regular patrols as well.

Public Works: Councilman Ising reported there is a sign down at Antrim and Brownsboro, Eagle Sign will repair or replace it. Banners will be placed at the corner of Hubbards Lane and Brownsboro Rd. which will be larger than the banners currently located throughout the City. It was also reported that the plantings at the end of Regency Lane have been damaged.

Sanitation: No report.

Code Enforcement: Bob Rosenbaum submitted his report for which there were no questions. He also stated the hole at Rudy Lane and Windsong has been taken care of and he is looking into the overgrown grass on Clerkenwell Ct.

WHHAG Status Report: Councilwoman Greer reported they have been contacted by someone on Windhurst who is interested in a tree, but wants to wait until the fall when the temperatures are cooler.

Community Caring Program: Martha Davis reported they will have information available at the Ice Cream Social. She also reported that there will be emergency preparedness information available at the Ice Cream Social.

Health and Fitness Program – Councilman Van Nort/ Councilwoman Spencer/Councilman Skelton: Councilman Van Nort reported he has requested approx. \$350 for his program to purchase the haversacks and to print the brochure. He estimates that 20 children will participate and the event will coincide with the Ice Cream Social on Oct. 3. Councilman Van Nort made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$350 for these expenses; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Spencer summarized the report she had previously handed out to the Council highlighting the “Cooking with Mary” classes, Exercise for Seniors, Gentle Yoga classes, and the Water Aerobics classes. She highlighted that the Strength and Resistance Class instructor will be offering an assessment seminar in October to help the participants determine their body mass, establish goals, and suggest ways to achieve them for fitness and ideal weight.

Cheryl Cooper reported on the Water Aerobics classes at Coach Gate pool. She stated the first class is free and is \$7 for each on after that. They will continue at Coach Gate as long as weather permits and if there is enough interest they may move the classes to the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center after the weather turns cool.

Councilman Skelton reported that the “Walk the Loop” t-shirts are in and 15 people have picked them up from the City office. He stated that he and his wife, Wendy had painted 5 of the 7 “half mile” markers on the sidewalks.

Independence Day Picnic and Parade – Councilwoman Greer: Councilwoman Greer reported that the committee held a post picnic meeting. She reported that they will need to purchase number stickers, as the ones that were used this year cannot be removed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Strategic Planning: Ambridge Drive Trees – Councilman Van Nort reviewed the sketch he had previously handed out making note of where the trees will be placed, where the residents have refused the tree program and where he has not heard from the resident(s) involved. He stated the trees will be planted in October and estimates the cost per tree will be \$300. After discussion on the upkeep and maintenance of the trees, Councilman Ising made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000 which was budgeted for this program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and passed unanimously.

City Brochure – Councilman Ising reported he has been working with Jeanne and Phillip Oliver on the new City Brochure. He thanked them for all of their help and expertise in developing the new brochure. He passed out to the Council members a proof of the brochure and stated there are currently 5 of the 6 historical homes featured in it. He stated the 6th home will be added as well as a statement that “The homes are private residences and should be treated as such”. Councilman Skelton made a motion to approve the brochure with the 6th home added and was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach Gate Status: The Mayor reported that Allan Weiss, President of Coach Gate Inc. has contacted him to discuss the options presented to them on March 31, 2010. A meeting has not been set up at this point.

City Officials & Staff Retreat: Councilman Ising reported that the retreat will not take place until after the election. He also stated and quoted that the retreat is not subject to the open meeting law as long as no City business is discussed or acted upon.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2009/2010 Audit: The Mayor reported that we have received the contract proposal from Tom Clark with for the 2009/2010 Audit. His fee of \$3,650 is the same as last year's. Councilman Skelton made a motion to approve Mr. Clark's contract and was seconded by Councilwoman Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

Children's Holiday Party: Councilwoman Greer stated that she and Jim Van Nort are co-chairs for this committee and have received many great suggestions. She announced that Joyce Bridge and Sandy Moore will also be on the committee. The proposed date for the event is December 11 from 2-4. They are planning games, a magician, a visit from Santa Claus and crafts. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to approve this Holiday Party and was seconded by Councilman Van Nort. The motion passed unanimously.

Dangerous Tree Audit Proposal: The Mayor reported that due to the severe weather the City has experienced in the past couple of years that some of the trees in the City need to be evaluated for safety purposes. This would benefit the homeowner as well as the City. It was suggested that homeowners call LG&E if they notice a tree that could endanger power lines. It was also suggested that the City could only audit the trees on the right-of-way unless the City had permission from the homeowner. After much discussion it was decided to publish an article/alert in the newsletter.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: The Mayor announced the Attorney Haunz was in the hospital and was expected to be discharged soon.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and the motion passed unanimously.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Sandy Moore, City Clerk