

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
February 8, 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

John Eckerle (absent)

Faye Ellerkamp

Kate Greer

Jim Ising

Marianne Rademaker

Suzanne Spencer

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Sandy Moore

Foster Haunz

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$17,492.91. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Allan Weiss – Coach Gate Roads

Lynn Renau – Records Management

Allan Weiss was speaking on behalf of Coach Gate, Royal Coach and Coach House. He stated that he has received many emails from residents of Coach Gate and they are feeling ignored and demeaned. He has not met with the residents since last month. They are very anxious to have a decision. He stated he feels he is about to lose control of 300 people.

Lynn Renau stated she is doing research regarding the long term preservation of her historic property. She expressed concerns with the City's records management.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget, Finance & Audit: No report.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the report she had handed out to the Council. There were 2 parking citations. She reported there were 6 speeding tickets and 3 warnings issued. She also reported that Brownsboro Hardware is the victim of theft by a white male in his 20's, 6'1", 170 lbs wearing white Nikes and a variety of ball caps.

Public Works: Councilman Ising reported there are very large holes at Westport Road and Ambridge. The Mayor has called the State office to report this. He also stated someone called him again concerning speeding on Ambridge.

Sanitation: No report.

Code Enforcement: Bob Rosenbaum reported there is very little going on at the current time.

WHHAG Status Report: Councilwoman Greer or Martha Davis had nothing to report.

Community Caring Program: Martha Davis reported that Christ Methodist Church will be hosting an Emergency Preparedness Seminar on Feb. 24 at 6:20 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Strategic Planning:

Advanced Notice to file for Public Office – The Mayor stated a notice of the filing deadline will be included in the Spring and Summer newsletters.

Community Phone Book – Councilman Ising stated he has talked with a few City Clerks from other small cities. Some of the concerns that were made are the privacy issues and the amount of time and expense to keep current. Since only two people of 300 responding were interested, the phone book will not be implemented.

Community Center and Pool – Councilwoman Greer stated she is going to pass out interest sheets at the 4th of July picnic to see what kind of interest there is in a Community Center. She would then check with Calvin Presbyterian Church to see if their facility would be available for use as a Community Center for some events. She also stated that there is no place for a Community pool.

Neighborhood Events – Councilwoman Greer mentioned the events the City currently sponsors and has the dates reserved for the 2010 events. She also addressed the Tree Program and stated that they are looking into putting trees between the sidewalks and street on Ambridge.

More Police Patrols/Safety – Councilwoman Rademaker reported that Graymoor-Devondale Police Department was hired to supplement the police protection that Metro government provides. She reported there is no urgent need for further action at this time, but once the Westport Road/Watterson Expressway exchange is open there may be a need to reevaluate the needs at that time.

Eliminate Bike Traffic/Bike Lanes – Councilwoman Rademaker reported that although bike traffic is difficult to deal with on Rudy Lane, it is legal. Rudy Lane is not wide enough to add a bike lane. She mentioned that everyone will have to be patient and think Safety First when dealing with the bike riders within the City limits.

Jim Ising stated that the website will be updated with all of these Strategic Planning reports.

Coach Gate Status: No change.

Signage Where City Streets Meet Metro Thruways: The Mayor read a statement regarding the amount of time that has been put into the controversy over the City being listed as “Incorporated” or “Established” on the signs. Councilman Ising made a motion to use the tag line of “City of Historic Homes” on the signage; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Redesign: Councilwoman Spencer reported on the website redesign research she has done. She presented to the Council a list of possible graphic artists and web designers and their fees. She spoke of branding and the importance of a logo, specific to the City of Windy Hills and the use of this on all correspondence.

After much discussion of the pro’s and con’s of redesigning our current website, it was decided to consider Councilwoman’s proposal at the March 8, 2010 City Council Meeting.

Health and Fitness Initiative: Councilwoman Spencer reported that she has contacted Jim Van Nort, a Windy Hills resident, to ask him if he would be interested in heading a health and fitness program (with Council and Mayor approval) for the City to include all ages. It was also been suggested to hold a contest to design a poster/logo for this initiative.

Sound Barrier West Side of I-264: The Mayor reported that Representative Scott Brinkman, a City resident, has written the Honorable Sannie Overly, chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation of the House Appropriations and Review Committee, to include the extension of the Sound Barrier in the Six-year Road Plan for the next biennial budget. The Mayor also wrote a letter the Mr. Overly with the same request.

Other: Councilwoman Spencer reported that the KY Filson Club is hosting a meeting at Oxmoor to discuss environmental issues. There were 4 sessions starting on Feb 1 (3 are remaining).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and the motion passed unanimously.

/s/ Louis A. Phillips
Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

/s/ Sandy Moore
Sandy Moore, City Clerk