

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 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 December 14, 2009 council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The financial reports for December, 2009 were moved for approval by Councilwoman Rademaker, seconded by Councilman Ising and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$70,127.58. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Allan Weiss – Coach Gate Roads

Lynn Renau – Windy Hills Status

Allan Weiss was speaking on behalf of Coach Gate, Royal Coach and Coach House. The residents of Coach Gate are asking the City to accept dedication of their roads as public roads, therefore having the City take over their road maintenance. Mr. Weiss reviewed the Mayor's letter to Coach Gate residents, stating it was mostly historical information. Mr. Weiss also stated the Private Property sign would come down if the City takes over the maintenance of the roads. He said that Metro Government regulations have nothing to do with Coach Gate. Mr. Weiss stated he had written a letter to City Attorney, Foster Haunz, requesting what legal

barriers need to be overcome, but has not received a response. He said a private company did an assessment of Coach Gate and reported the roads would not need to be top coated until 2013 and again in 2023 and estimated the cost to be \$40,000. The Mayor stated Flyn Bros. had estimated the work to be more extensive and would be at a cost of approx. \$72,500.

Councilman Ising stated he had done an informal poll of the Council and reported that they are not opposed to dedicating the roads but are concerned about the legal issues.

Arnie Freedman of Royal Coach stated that the most recent newsletter article regarding the Windy Hills says the new Hubbards Lane sidewalk will complete the loop (including Coach Gate). Mr. Freedman argued that proved that the roads are considered public roads.

Councilman Ising stated he had Coach Gate residents tell him they don't want people walking through their development.

Bob LaSalle asked that the Council and Coach Gate operate in a sense of good will.

Doug Summers remarked that there seems to be an undercurrent of resistance, but would like to work with the Council.

Councilwoman Rademaker stated the City has no problem with dedicating the streets, but wants it to be done legally. Councilwoman Greer agreed with this statement.

Mr. Weiss asked the Mayor to appoint a committee with an attorney present. The Mayor was in agreement to appointing a committee to further investigate the dedication of Coach Gate roads.

Lynn Renau addressed the Council regarding the proper wording of Windy Hills' status. She read from various documents and books stating the City was incorporated not established. She is requesting the new signage to reflect that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget, Finance & Audit: The Mayor reported there are very few property tax bills outstanding.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the report she had handed out to the Council. There were 7 parking citations and 2 warnings (7 on Windsong Way and Windsong Ct; 2 on Two Springs Ln. and Ambridge Dr.) She reported there were no speeding tickets issued. There was an injury accident on Regency Ln. and a break-in on Windsong Way. A car alarm went off in Coach Gate, a suspicious person was noted on Waterford, domestic trouble reported on Merrifield and three unspecified trouble on Two Springs.

Public Works: Councilman Ising reported there are ruts next to the new sidewalk on Hubbards Lane and may need patching.

Sanitation: Councilwoman Ellerkamp reported she received three calls and they were resolved.

Code Enforcement: Bob Rosenbaum reported there is not much going on at the current time. There are three houses that are planning additions.

WHHAG Status Report: Martha Davis had nothing to report.

Community Caring Program: Martha Davis reported there was an article by Joyce Brown in the last newsletter about being prepared for emergencies particularly power outages. She also stated an article would be included in each newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Strategic Planning: Councilwoman Spencer reported on the City branding. She would like to explore further branding/identity possibilities for the City, including logo embellished letterhead, business cards and an updated Windy Hills website. She is planning to bring prices and suggestions to the February Council meeting. Councilman Ising mentioned that the City had most recently decided on the Historic Homes brand and suggested that when a brand is decided on it should be used frequently and consistently. Councilwoman Spencer would like to consult with a graphic artist (not a City resident) to design our logo. It was suggested that a contest be held for selecting the logo. The clerk will check with the current web master to see how many hits the website receives.

Coach Gate Status: No change.

Signage Where City Streets Meet Metro Thruways: The Mayor reported that Eagle Sign is down until Monday, January 18. The work will be visible sometime in February.

Other: Councilwoman Rademaker stated she was disappointed in the lack of snow removal on her street and others. The Mayor stated that if the streets are passable with caution, then they were not treated.

NEW BUSINESS

Trilogy Health Services Proposed Facility: The Mayor reported the facility is proposed to be constructed on Westport Road across from Walden School. He attended the meeting held on Jan. 5 and stated another meeting will be held on Jan. 14 to discuss drainage issues. Both Walden and the new Trilogy Health facility will have detention basins.

Ethics Disclosure Statements: The Ethics Disclosure Statements are due January 31, 2010. All Council members and City employees are required to submit a statement.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Haunz stated the previous Ethics Statements could be resigned if no change. Martha Davis, the person responsible for the Statements, asked for new statements to be completed.

Attorney Haunz asked Councilwoman Rademaker for assistance with parking issues. Code Enforcer, Bob Rosenbaum, will check on the person parking in their yard.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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