

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2009

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
Faye Ellerkamp
Kate Greer
Jim Ising
Marianne Rademaker
Suzanne Spencer

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Cheryl Cooper
Foster Haunz
Bob Rosenbaum

VISITORS

Joyce Bridge	Mr. and Mrs. Jim VanNort & Family	Wendy Skelton
Charlie Rademaker	Lynn Renau	Martha Davis
Laura Trachtenberg	Alan Ware	Martha Ellson

Mayor Phillips wished everyone a Happy New Year, welcomed visitors to the meeting and introduced Suzanne Spencer, the newly elected council member replacing Mike Skelton.

MINUTES:

Councilman Eckerle made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Greer, and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The Council agreed that the explanation provided to the council regarding the November, 2008 financials, after a question was raised by Mike Skelton, was sufficient. Therefore, a motion was made by Councilwoman Rademaker, seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously to approve the November, 2008 financials. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion for approval of the December, 2008 financials, seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously. Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$53,233.43 and \$1,500 for the Hubbards Lane sidewalk project; seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

Joshua VanNort, a fourth grader, spoke about a letter he wrote to the Windy Hills City Council as part of a school project regarding speeders on Ambridge Drive. He asked to hear from the Council about what is being done to reduce speeding. Mayor Phillips responded the police are currently using radar on Ambridge and that he will ask Ken Fleming's office to place a Smart Cart on Ambridge so that the Council can get a statistical analysis of speeding on Ambridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget, Finance & Audit: Councilman Eckerle has reviewed the first six months of the budget for the fiscal year and notes no problems.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reported the Graymoor-Devondale Police worked 120 hours and billed for 100 hours. She will review the warnings for overnight parking for the last three months to determine if there are any repeat offenders. There was one burglary on Tottenham and a break-in on Regency.

Public Works: Councilman Ising fixed the stop sign on Rudy and Ambridge which was down.

Sanitation & Waste: No report.

City Engineer/Code Enforcement: The Code Enforcement report was distributed to the Council for their perusal and questions.

WHHAG Status Report: Councilwoman Greer reported two new calls were received regarding the tree program offered by the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Planning: Councilman Ising noted that the survey conducted by the New Cities Institute showed that 92% of residents thought the city is "on the right track". The number one priority for the city was Safety with Identity and Beautification as the number two priority. Councilman Ising suggested having a Saturday morning session to review the data gleaned from the survey to establish priorities. Mayor Phillips suggested having a facilitator run the meeting. Councilman Ising will inform the Council of the availability of Tad Long as facilitator and his fee. Councilman Ising also brought to the Council's attention an article in this month's KY League of Cities newsletter about Windy Hills, including a picture of the Edwards-Herr home.

Hubbards Lane Sidewalk: Mayor Phillips previously distributed a report on this project to the Council. He also reported that the consulting engineer is having problems with Metro Public Works concerning routing the sidewalk around telephone poles.

Westport-Watterson Expressway Update: Bob Rosenbaum reported that work has slowed because of the winter weather and that Foeburn Lane is not being reopened until the sewer pipe is in the ground and a temporary hard surface is put down.

NEW BUSINESS

Street & Stop Sign Repairs: Councilman Ising reported that 18 signs needed repair and four more have been identified that need work. Damage has occurred because the metal posts were mounted on wooden posts which have rotted. Signs will be placed in concrete whenever possible at an approximate total cost of \$2,200.

Ramp on Highfield Road: A six-month variance was given to the homeowner, and the City will write a letter to the homeowner wishing her a speedy recovery.

FEMA Reimbursement: All paperwork has been submitted, but it's unknown when the reimbursement will be received by the City.

Computer Equipment: A motion was made by Councilwoman Spencer to donate the surplus computer equipment to Youth Alive. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously.

Ambridge Entrance Lighting: A resident suggested the city place barricades with flashing lights be placed at Ambridge and Westport Road to increase visibility for motorists. However, the State says nothing can be placed in the State's right-of-way.

Plaques on Two Benches, Rudy Lane: The plaques recognizing Betty Walsh and Faye Ellerkamp placed on benches on Rudy Lane are damaged and illegible according to Councilwoman Rademaker and need to be replaced. Mayor Phillips said the City will order new ones.

Calvin Playground Marker: Martha Davis noted that a plaque was to be placed on the grounds of the Calvin playground equipment by the church and that it had not been done.

Standing Committees: Councilwoman Greer will chair the 4th of July event this year, and Councilwoman Spencer will take over from Councilman Ising the "Welcome to Windy Hills" program for new residents.

Attorney Report: No report

Upon motion of Councilwoman Rademaker, seconded by Councilwoman Greer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Cheryl Cooper