

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
March 14, 2011

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:

| <u>MAYOR</u> | <u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> | <u>OTHER CITY OFFICIALS</u> |
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| Louis A. Phillips | Cheryl Cooper | Sandy Moore |
| | Kate Greer | Foster Haunz |
| | Jim Ising | Bob Rosenbaum |
| | Marianne Rademaker | |
| | Mike Skelton | |
| | Suzanne Spencer | |

MINUTES:

Councilman Skelton moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Greer and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The financial reports for January, 2011 were moved for approval by Councilwoman Greer, seconded by Councilman Ising and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Spencer moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$40,646.40 plus \$2,787.50 from the Road Fund for snow removal. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Martha Davis: Requested a progress report on issues she addressed at the previous Council Meeting regarding: leftover debris from the Westport Rd. construction and cross walks. The Mayor stated that the City has been in touch with the State Dept. of Transportation and they are aware that it still needs attention. Ms. Davis also stated the street lights are out at the Windy Hills "Green" property.

Ward Wilson: Presented results of a meeting of a committee of interested people who were invited because they had expressed an interest to help on their returned surveys. Mr. Wilson referred to the report he handed out as well as the memos taken and summarized during the meeting. He pointed out the results showed that the category receiving the most points was "Developing a Master Plan" – 11 points. Included in that category is...competition to design and master plan the property; establish criteria on which to base a master plan; have a professional

landscape architect design an acceptable 5 yr master plan. Mr. Wilson stated the next step was to present a proposal to the Council.

John Clark: Followed up Mr. Wilson's presentation asking the Council to read the notes posted on the wall. He stated the Signature Entrance is an important factor when considering the design for the "Green". This is the purpose of a Master Plan. He also stated that he realizes that some would not like to develop the "Green" but sell the property to recoup the City investment.

Tish Moore: Expressed her concern over the tax question on the "Green" survey. She stated that she felt like the question was a threat. She also stated she was concerned that the Council would disregard the survey results and put whatever they wanted at the "Green" without regard to the citizens of Windy Hills. She stated that she understood the Council would be voting on the Signature Entrances during the meeting, but the Council was fast to explain to her that they would not. The designs previously presented to the Council were only for review and discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget, Finance & Audit: Councilman Ising had no report.

Community Events/Newsletter: Councilwoman Greer reported the newsletter has been mailed and delivered. She stated the next newsletter deadline is May 14th and stated the annual yard sale will be on May 21st. She also reminded everyone that the City will have a July 4th picnic.

Ombudswoman: Councilwoman Cooper had no report.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the report she had handed out to the Council stating that the Graymoor-Devondale Police did 12 plus hours of radar checks, resulting in 9 speeding tickets - on Ambridge, Rudy Lane, and Brownsboro Rd. There were four "Courtesy Notices"/warnings in lieu of speeding tickets, a red light violation, expired license tags, and an improper turn. She reported she has written a letter to Chief Thronberry to request an increase in radar time and asked for an explanation of the Courtesy Notices. She said she will invite Chief Thronberry to a future Council Meeting to explain the Courtesy Notices.

Public Works: The Mayor reported the street lights at Foeburn are up, but the street sign is down. Councilman Ising stated that in the 900 block of Ambridge the construction sign needs to be removed.

Welcome/Health Fitness: Councilwoman Spencer handed out and then reviewed the Health and Fitness Report. She pointed out the programs to "Shape Up for Spring and Summer in Windy Hills" including; April only deals to join existing yoga and exercise groups; Body mass

evaluation and blood pressure screening – mid-April; Healthy Cooking at Doll’s – May; Water Aerobics – June/July; two potential events – summer activity/activities for children and early evening fitness activity for working men and women. She also stated the sidewalk project will be completed soon and Mike Skelton is coordinating an opening event with Metro Councilman, Ken Fleming. She also reported the April plans will be emailed to notices and put in “paper” boxes of residents. She requested Clerk to email the Windy Hills logo to her.

Windy Hills Green/City Beautification: Councilman Skelton reported that the benches at the bus stops on Westport Road have been installed.

Code Enforcement: Bob Rosenbaum asked if there were any questions regarding his report. There were none but it was pointed out to him that there is a For Sale By Owner house sign at the corner of Rudy Ln. and Brownsboro Rd. He said he would take care of it.

WHHAG Status Report: Councilwoman Greer reported that she received a call from residents on Clerkenwell requesting trees on their property that backs up to the Watterson Expressway. Martha Davis reported that the trees on Ambridge have been checked. She also stated that the plantings at the berm at Two Springs and Rudy Ln. are dying and overgrown. The Mayor stated he will look into it.

Community Caring Program: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Strategic Planning:

Signature Entrance – The Mayor stated his personal opinion is that the Signature Entrance should be scaled to the location. Councilman Ising stated that they need to make sure the structures do not block the view of drivers. Councilman Skelton stated he did not care of the two wrought iron choices. He is going to meet with Mike Smiley to get a price to design other options. Councilwoman Cooper stated she doesn’t understand the rush and would like for the Council to take time to design. Councilwoman Spencer stated she would like other options. Councilman Ising stated the first step is to provide written comments and desires to the Mayor before going on to the next step. Councilman Skelton prefers stone. Resident, John Clark, stated that Mike Smiley could also present a long-range plan when presenting options for the Signature Entrances. Councilman Skelton asked the council what they wanted. Councilwoman Rademaker stated she would like the Signature Entrances in phase 1 and green space in phase 2 of which Councilman Ising agreed. Councilwoman Rademaker stated she believes John Clark’s committee is a group of like minded people and haven’t considered what the community as a whole desires.

Councilman Skelton made a motion to turn down the proposed signature entrance designs provided by Qk4 and was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion continued with the following points made:

- No rush
- Treat signature entrances as one entity or each of the three entrances separate.
- \$90,000 budget for signs and signature entrance

Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to proceed with plans for the signature entrances as part of branding and strategic planning then plan for the Green later. The motion was seconded by Councilman Skelton.

Discussion on the motion continued with the following comments:

- Circumstances different now than when originally decided on the two signature entrances at Westport Rd.
- There are almost 4 acres at the green and the signature entrances will only affect a small portion of the green space.
- A master plan is needed – fear of green space being done piece meal
- Councilman Skelton stated he is on the Beautification Committee and will move forward with other ideas for the signature entrances.

A vote was taken on the motion at hand and passed with a vote of 4 ayes and 2 nays.

Windy Hills Green Discussion - The following were comments made during this discussion:

- Elimination of guy wires –LG&E has been contacted
- Voted last meeting for no one to use the park because of fear of safety issues – why safety issues now with nothing on it and no safety issues after developed?
- Master plan needed – if no sidewalks or plans – no one will use it. People won't want to walk on the grass or get muddy.
- With allowing it to be used now, it would encourage people to use their creative imagination and if no one uses it, then maybe no one would use it after developed.
- Parking issues – Susie Walser stated parking would need to be made available at the Green, not depend on the shopping center for parking.
- Walking path with all natural plantings on either side – only maintain a small portion of either side of the walking path.
- Open space is subject to abuse – the park in Anchorage is a good example of how to prevent too much open space.
- According to the survey – most residents want a passive park – description was read
- Would like to keep as green space but add sidewalks on Rudy Lane across from the shopping center.
- Need to address the issue of crossing Rudy Ln.

- Would like a City paid design by a Landscape Architect
- Purchasing the property was easier than planning what to do with it.
- Non City officials, Grass Roots committee presented information on the then proposed Rudy Lane sidewalk and suggested the Green be handled in the same way.
- Design a concept and bring to the Council for approval
- Not everyone on the Council wants a park but all desire a signature entrance
- Original purpose for purchasing the property was for the City to have control over it – not to put a park on it.

City Council Work Sessions:

Attorney Haunz passed out the proposed City Council Work Sessions Ordinance. There were some changes made to clarify the time and date of each meeting. After these changes were made, Attorney Haunz read the first reading of Ordinance 11-01. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to accept this first reading and was seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Street Paving in Windsong Subdivision: The Mayor stated that bids will be obtained for Windsong Way and there will be separate bids as well as the needs assessed for the private roads in the Windsong Subdivision. Councilman Skelton made a motion to proceed with getting bids and was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Windy Hills Garbage Contract: The Mayor stated the garbage contract with Waste Management is expiring and he recommends seeking bids for the current services (2 collections per week including backdoor pickup and once a week yard waste pickup) and bids for once a week garbage collection including backdoor pickup and once a week yard waste pickup. Attorney Haunz will have a bid opening prior to the next Council Meeting. Council Skelton made a motion to get Garbage Contract bids from companies for the two scenarios. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and passed unanimously. Councilman Ising stated he would like the younger residents' (with families) needs considered when making a decision of going from a twice a week to once a week pickup.

Rental Property License Fee: The Mayor asked if there is any interest in instituting a license fee for rental property. Attorney Haunz stated there is some discussion in the Legislature regarding this issue. Councilwoman Rademaker is opposed to it due to the state of the economy and the need to rent. Attorney Haunz likes the idea of registering rental property with the City which will be explored.

Auto Decals: Councilman Ising reported that the Auto Decals are in and he had some available at the meeting for anyone interested. He also mentioned that as a response to the article in the most recent newsletter there have been requests made via calls and emails to the office for the decals.

Other: According to Metro Councilman Ken Fleming the Hubbards Lane sidewalks could be finished in as early as 4 weeks. The Mayor reported that he attended a New Year celebration at the Tibetan Monk Institute and stated it was very nice.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

- Joyce Bridge suggested once a week garbage collection during the cool months of the year and twice a week collection during the hot months of the year.
- Martha Davis asked Councilman Ising how the Grassroots sidewalk committee was funded and he replied that it was self-funded.
- Martha Davis urged the Council to make available universal recycling.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and the motion passed unanimously.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Sandy Moore, City Clerk