

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
May 10, 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

Faye Ellerkamp (Absent)

Kate Greer

Jim Ising

Marianne Rademaker

Mike Skelton

Suzanne Spencer

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Sandy Moore

Foster Haunz

Bob Rosenbaum

**MINUTES:**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

The financial reports for April, 2010 were moved for approval by Councilwoman Greer, seconded by Councilman Ising and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Spencer moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$53,005.87. The motion was seconded by Councilman Skelton and approved unanimously.

**RESIDENTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

**Joyce Bridge** – Requested that Windy Hills group emails be sent on subjects that have only received approval by the Council.

**Lynn Renau** – Reported that later this summer the John Marshall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will place a plaque on the Taylor-Herr house commemorating it as Revolutionary War veteran Colonel Richard Taylor's home.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Budget, Finance & Audit: See report in New Business.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the report she had handed out to the Council. There were 9 parking citations and she reported on which streets these occurred. She reported there were 4 speeding warnings and 7 speeding tickets written. She also reported other police activities: suspicious persons, disorderly conduct, two burglaries, a non-injury accident, and a need to assist EMS. She is going to contact Graymoor-Devondale Police Department to tell them to increase the radar time on Rudy Lane and Ambridge Dr. to 20 hours.

Public Works: Councilman Ising reported one street light out and that it has been reported to LG&E.

Sanitation: No report.

Code Enforcement: Bob Rosenbaum reported that he reported to the police a car parked the wrong way at 902 Ambridge. He also reported that the entrance fence and landscaping at Indian Ridge were repaired before Derby Day. The Council has requested that he check that building permits were received for projects that he approved. He was also asked to contact the owners of the property at the corner of Rudy and Brownsboro to keep their grass shorter than 7 inches. The Mayor will write Mr. Allen a letter informing him the resident volunteer will be unable to maintain the right-of-way and that he assign this area to the contractor who maintains the rest of the property.

WHHAG Status Report: Councilwoman Greer reported that they had sold one tree through the tree program.

Community Caring Program: Martha Davis had no report.

Health and Fitness Program – Jim Van Nort: Mr. Van Nort reported he is pursuing the children's activity and is tying into the historic homes (only on public property). He is making up a set of clues to lead to the historic homes in the City and should cover a mile or two. He is targeting this event to be on the same date as the Ice Cream Social. He also stated he does not have the time to devote to all of the items Councilwoman Spencer has suggested for the Health Initiative.

Councilwoman Spencer reviewed the report she had handed out to the Council. She reported that Cheryl Cooper, Mike Skelton and Matt Kemp have offered to assist her with this project. She stated the email posters were sent out on April 22, outlining possible activities. She also reported that there have been 28 people to express interest in the programs. It was also noted

that the City will check with our insurance providers to assure that the City has proper coverage.

Fill Vacancy On Council: Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to recess into Executive Session to discuss and nominate an appointment for the City Council vacant position created by the resignation of Councilwoman Faye Ellerkamp. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The Council went into executive session at 7:55 pm.

Councilwoman Spencer made a motion to reconvene the Council from Executive Session and was seconded by Councilwoman Greer, motion passed and the Council reconvened at 8:01 pm. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to appoint James Van Nort to fill the vacant council position. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greer and passed. Attorney Haunz read into the record Municipal Order No. 10-02, appointing James Van Nort to the Council. Following the reading of Municipal Order No. 10-02, Attorney Haunz swore Mr. Van Nort into office.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Strategic Planning: Jim Van Nort reported on the Ambridge Tree Program. There are 37 homes of which 26 have been contacted. Out of the 26, 19 will allow trees to be planted on their property and 7 said they would not allow the trees to be planted but are in favor of the program. Not every house will have a tree.

Coach Gate Status: No report.

Branding and Identity: No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

First Reading of FY 2010/2011 Budget: The Mayor reviewed the 2010/2011 Budget. He stated that the Municipal Insurance Premium Tax income has greatly increased due to new State requirements for Insurance Companies. Public Safety expenses will increase due to the hourly rate being rated to \$38.00. He also pointed out there is \$90,000 budgeted for Signature Entrances and \$10,000 for the Ambridge Tree Program (as well as the Resident Tree Program). He stated the budget is not set in stone, but only a plan. Attorney Haunz read into record the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-02 regarding the FY 2010/2011 Budget. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ord. No. 10-02 and was seconded by Councilman Ising. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance: Attorney Haunz read into record the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-03 regarding the Ad Valorem Tax to establish the property tax of &0.17 per

\$100 of the assessed value of property with a 30% discount if paid during October. Councilman Skelton made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ord. No. 10-03 and was seconded by Councilwoman Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance Establishing Position of City Clerk: Attorney Haunz read into record the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-04 establishing the Position of the City Clerk. Councilwoman Greer made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ord. No. 10-04 and was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance Establishing Position of City Treasurer: Attorney Haunz read into record the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-05 establishing the Position of the City Treasurer. Councilman Skelton made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ord. No. 10-05 and was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance Establishing Position of City Engineer: Attorney Haunz read into record the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-06 establishing the Position of the City Engineer. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ord. No. 10-06 and was seconded by Councilwoman Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

Westport Road/Watterson Xway Interchange Landscaping and Maintenance: Councilman Skelton made a motion to pay up to \$2,500 annually for Brightside to landscape and maintain the new Westport Road/Watterson Xway Interchange. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ising and passed unanimously.

Other: The Mayor stated we received a thank you note from the Garden Club to thank the Council for their donation. He also reported that the St. Matthews section of the Hubbards Lane sidewalk between the former Jehovah Witness property and Rudy Lane is almost complete.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Haunz stated he had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and the motion passed unanimously.

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Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

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Sandy Moore, City Clerk