

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 11, 2008

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

Jim Ising

Mary Norris

Marianne Rademaker

Mike Skelton

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Foster Haunz, City Attorney

Bob Rosenbaum, Code

Enforcement/City Engineer

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer

VISITORS

Joyce Bridge

Kate Greer

Martha Davis

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Wendy Skelton

Robert Nast

Dick Kasting

Laura Trachtenberg

Rachel Rademaker

Lynn Renau

Charlie Rademaker

MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Skelton and seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker, the minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rademaker to approve the financial reports as of January 31, 2008, seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the January, 2008 payments totaling \$44,155.11. The motion was seconded by Councilman Skelton and passed.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

Both Joyce Bridge and Lynn Renau spoke regarding the added coverage by the Graymoor-Devondale Police and asked that the additional police coverage continue. It was noted that speeding on Rudy Lane has diminished. Joyce Bridge reported that 8 cars on Wexford Place have been broken into without any damage to the cars. She will send a letter to all residents of Wexford Place asking them to lock their cars and not leave any valuables visible in their cars.

Mayor Phillips announced that because of inclement weather, Tad Long rescheduled his attendance at the meeting regarding the City's strategic plan until the March 10th meeting.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Mayor Phillips presented Kate Greer with a "Good Neighbor Award" for her work with the WHHAG program, for her participation in the Brightside Clean-Up in the Spring and Fall and for her spirit of volunteerism on behalf of the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget, Finance & Audit: No report.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the Graymoor-Devondale police report for January. Ten citations were given in January. The police are not giving citations for overnight parking, and Mayor Phillips will remind them to check on cars illegally parked overnight.

Public Works: A large tree was lost on Merrifield Road in a storm several weeks ago. Councilman Ising reported that a "No Parking" sign in front of Calvin was replaced by Metro Government. A sign was knocked down at Two Springs and Grassy Fork and the original sign was replaced. Adding a street light at Two Springs is being worked on by Councilman Ising and residents of Two Springs.

Sanitation & Waste: Councilwoman Ellerkamp received two complaints which were taken care of.

City Engineer/Code Enforcement: The problems with debris from a dumpster on Hill Top Road have been resolved. Councilwoman Norris reported that real estate signs are being torn up; some signs have been stolen, and realtors are complaining. Councilwoman Norris questioned the importance of the City providing directional signs. Councilman Ising questioned the status of a problem he had previously reported at 902 Ambridge where cars are parked on the grass, there is broken glass in the front yard and the tenants are habitually causing problems. Councilwoman Rademaker reported that MSD analyzed the problem with drainage work on Regency Lane and found the grading at Rudy Lane is graded in the wrong direction and MSD will re-grade as soon as the weather permits.

WHHAG Status Report: Martha Davis reported there have been 42 calls about the program, 29 trees have been planted and that notes will be sent to residents who have recently lost trees asking them if they would like to take part in the tree plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Calvin Playground Equipment: The shipping papers for the equipment have been received and installation will begin when the weather and ground are conducive for work.
- Home Intrusion, Merrifield Road: Mayor Phillips received a telephone call from Lt. Col. Robison, LMPD, who said that a complete report will be forthcoming from Mayor Abramson. A memo from Mayor Phillips was sent to all Council members detailing his phone conversation with Lt. Col. Robison.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Phillips spoke about landscaping the entrance to Merrifield Road. Since he thought it would be attractive to have a signature fence and plantings at that entrance similar to other street entrances in the City, he asked WHHAG members to present a landscaping plan. Martha Davis and Kate Greer presented pictures of the intersection and sketches of recommended plantings. The sketches showed a right angle fence, lirope in front of the fence, cross vine that would cover the fence and behind the fence would be a serviceberry tree, all native plants to Kentucky. Councilwoman Ellerkamp said that the homeowners on Merrifield are opposed to the landscaping project. Mayor Phillips asked Kate and Martha to show the sketches to the homeowners and to invite them to our next Council meeting. This project will be put on the agenda for discussion at the March meeting of the Council.
- July 4th Celebration: Councilman Ising reported that the first meeting of the committee will be held on February 14th at City Hall. Anyone interested in helping with the picnic is invited to attend. There is a need for more people to volunteer, especially in setting up and taking down tables and chairs.
- Kentucky League of Cities: KLC will host a reception on February 19th from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. to meet State legislators at the Frankfort Convention Center. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mayor Phillips.

- Special Announcement: Lynn Renau will receive an award of merit from the Kentucky Historical Society for the publication of her book “So Close from Home”. The award dinner will be held in Frankfort on March 1st and anyone wishing to attend should call Cheryl Cooper at City Hall for reservations.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: No report.

Upon motion by Councilwoman Rademaker and seconded by Councilwoman Norris, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk