

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
July 14, 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
Marianne Rademaker
Mike Skelton

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Foster Haunz, City Attorney
Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk

VISITORS

Kate Greer

Martha Davis

Wendy Skelton

Elise Fulkerson

Lynn Renau

Charlie Rademaker

Suzanne Spencer

I.G. Spencer

Alan Ware

Rachel Roth

Mary Jo McDonald

Maria Mattei

MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Skelton and seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker, the minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously. On motion of Councilwoman Ellerkamp and seconded by Councilman Skelton, the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting, at which there was not a quorum, were approved unanimously. On motion of Councilwoman Rademaker and seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp, the minutes of the June 14, 2008 special meeting, adopting tax and budget ordinances, were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Skelton made a motion to approve the financial reports as of May 31, 2008, seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously. Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to approve the financial reports as of June 30, 2008 showing a surplus of \$42,595.77 for the fiscal year, seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp, and approved unanimously.

Councilman Skelton moved to approve the May, 2008 payments totaling \$40,351.80 in addition to the purchase of \$251,519.22 in Certificates of Deposit, seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker and approved unanimously. Councilwoman Rademaker

moved to approve the June, 2008 payments totaling \$33,755.40, seconded by Councilman Eckerle and approved unanimously. Councilman Ising remarked that the City ended up the fiscal year with a surplus and that we earned \$50,000 in interest in our investments. Councilman Ising thanked Councilman Eckerle for his diligence and careful planning in obtaining the best interest rates on the City's investments.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

Elisa Fulkerson, a resident of Regency Lane, read a letter from four residents of Rudy and Regency Lanes regarding the MSD/Windy Hills ditch project which is adjacent to their properties. Erosion is a problem and the residents met with representatives from MSD and a representative of Metro Councilman Ken Fleming's office on July 10th. The residents wanted the Council to be aware of their problem and their meeting with MSD representatives. Mayor Phillips asked that if future meetings take place to notify the City. Mayor Phillips said he will continue to check MSD's progress.

Suzanne Spencer, a resident of Windsong, then spoke about the entrance to Windsong which was put in by homebuilders in the 1980's. The entrance needs maintenance and residents of Windsong are concerned about its appearance. Portions of Windsong are in the City of St. Matthews and the City of Windy Hills. The entrance to Windsong is in St. Matthews, thereby preventing Windy Hills from maintaining it. In addition Windy Hills does not maintain signature entrances. All city boundaries were frozen as the result of City/County merger. It was suggested that the concerned residents work with their neighborhood association.

Lynn Renau, a resident of Waterford Road, is pleased with the effective patrolling of Graymoor-Devondale Police and has noticed speeding has lessened on Rudy Lane.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget, Finance & Audit: Councilman Eckerle had no report, but said he was happy with the City's finances for the 07/08 fiscal year.

Police Protection & Public Safety: Councilwoman Rademaker reviewed the Graymoor-Devondale police report for 98.4 hours of patrolling in June. A representative from Graymoor-Devondale Police will attend the August meeting to respond to questions regarding their use of radar at various locations.

Public Works: No report.

Sanitation & Waste: No report.

City Engineer/Code Enforcement: The code enforcement report for June, 2008 was distributed to the Council.

WHHAG Status Report: Kate Greer reported that at the 4th of July picnic two people signed up who are interested in the tree program and that the homeowners association of Bentwood Place are interested in planting shade trees at their entrance. Once the Westport Road interchange is completed, residents will be encouraged to plant trees along the sound barrier to reduce the noise of traffic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Vacancy on City Council: A motion was made by Councilman Ising to move into executive session to discuss the filling of a vacancy on the council. Councilwoman Rademaker seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. A motion was made by Councilman Ising and seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker to move back into open session. The motion was approved unanimously. A motion was made by Councilwoman Rademaker, seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp to approve Municipal Order 08-02 appointing Kate Greer to the City Council. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

John Eckerle	Aye
Faye Ellerkamp	Aye
Jim Ising	Aye
Marianne Rademaker	Aye
Mike Skelton	Nay

The motion carried.

- 4th of July Celebration Results: Councilman Ising thanked all the volunteers who helped make the picnic and parade a great success despite the rain. Photos may be viewed on the City's website. A post-evaluation meeting will be scheduled for next week.
- Strategic Plan Report Update – A “Listening Session” will be held on Saturday, August 9th from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon and a mailing will be sent to all residents of Windy Hills inviting them to attend. Volunteers are needed to greet people, etc.
- Merrifield Road Entrance Plantings Update: A new fence has to be installed before planting can begin.

- Hubbards Lane Sidewalk: The surveying is complete and St. Matthews will extend the sidewalk to Rudy Lane. An easement is needed at the property at 411 North Hubbards Lane.
- Contract: A contract was awarded to Lawrence and Associates for 12 handicap ramps in Windhurst. The City was able to piggyback on the Metro contract.
- Governor's Local Issues Conference: This conference will be held at the Galt House on August 4-6th, and reservations must be made before July 25th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Street Paving for 2008: Paving information has been distributed to the council and the proposed paving in Windhurst is broken down into two sections – the eastside of Ambridge and the Westside of Ambridge. We will ask for bids separately. City Attorney Haunz noted that other small cities piggyback on the Metro contract with Flynn Bros.
- Good Neighbor Award: A motion was made by Councilwoman Rademaker and seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp to accept the recommendation of the “Good Neighbor” Award.
- Children Playing Signs-Foeburn Lane: No action was taken.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

Upon motion by Councilwoman Rademaker and seconded by Councilwoman Ellerkamp, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Louis A. Phillips, Mayor

Cheryl Cooper, City Clerk