

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
October 11, 2021

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at the Sojourn Community Church, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR

Helen Davis

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bruce Blue

Kate Greer

Marcia Myers

Marianne Rademaker

Suzanne Spencer

Laura Trachtenberg

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Attorney Clay Barkley

Steve Teaford

MINUTES

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, Council meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPOTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS

The financial reports for September 2021 were moved for approval by Councilman Blue and seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Trachtenberg moved to approve the September bills, totaling \$69,748.58. It was seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Martha Davis, a Rudy Lane resident, reported that there were holes in the blacktop along the sidewalk at 2411 Rudy. Councilman Blue said he would stop by and talk to the owner about repairing the holes. She also reported that some of the ADA bricks are loose at Old Farm and Chelsea. Councilman Blue said he would report it to the proper authorities. She suggested that Windy Hills' renters should get the Welcome Packet as do new owners as they need to be familiar with the ordinances. Mayor Davis can give Councilwoman Spencer the names and addresses of renters.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Police Report: We paid for 96 hours of Police support but received 102 hours.

There was radar monitoring on multiple locations on Rudy and Ambridge. There was targeted enforcement on Regency and Ambridge resulting in 5 tickets on Regency and a warning on Ambridge.

There was a break-in at the hardware store to which the police responded. They stepped up additional patrols at the store. There was an "other" event - "18 year old male was sent non-nude photos through a dating app that requires being 18 years old. He later received messages from a male that stated he was her father and she was 16; he stated that he was going to contact the police." The officer, "Advised male to get off dating app and date like normal, and that he would not have any legal issues if he did not know the female was underage, since you must be 18 to use the app." The police also reported that there were 3 different reports of "suspicious" people who were not "suspicious".

Since our former auditors are no longer engaged in this type of accounting work, we have been seeking new auditors. I believe that we have found a firm and I am waiting for them to send us a letter of engagement. The cost will be in the \$8,000 - \$10,000 range which is considerably more than we had paid in the past, but I also had received quotes of \$15 - \$20,000 from other firms.

MSD update from Tony Marconi regarding the Rudy Lane Culvert Replacement – They publicly bid this project on 9/13 but did not receive any bids when it closed on 9/28. They have started the process of negotiating with 2 contractors directly per their procurement regulations and should have a contractor on board by

October 15th. Their goal is to start work around November 1st. Once a contractor and traffic plan are in place, Joe Exely will be in touch with me. They also want to set up another meeting to discuss our drainage issues.

Finally, update on the ARPA funds and reporting. I spent countless hours getting the proper documentation and submitting it to the Treasury portal so I could file our ARPA reports. The first one is due by October 31, 2021. We have had 3 grant requests submitted. We will be reviewing those requests and asking for financial documents to support the request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilwoman Rademaker reported that tax revenue was arriving at a good pace. But several residents paid the full amount (which is due after October 31) and will have to be reimbursed.

Code Enforcement: Steve Teaford reported that the Rental Units and Vacant Houses reports were completed. He is still working on the Nuisance Report. In the latter report one problem has been resolved and two are pending.

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Newsletter/Tree Board: Councilwoman Greer reported that two declining crabapples on Ambridge will have to be replaced after she notifies residents. The support stakes on 5 of the trees on the Green have been removed. Mayor Davis has located an Appalachian Redbud to replace the one cut down on the Green. I am still searching for someone to paint the entrance fences on Chelsea, Indian Ridge and Windy Way.

Newsletter—Councilwoman Myers announced that the newsletters will be digital for the rest of 2021. The deadlines for information to include in them are October 13, November 10, and December 15. She needs the email list of addresses from the City Clerk. She asked the rest of the Council to submit ideas for issues. The next paper copy will be in January 2022.

Community Caring/Health & Fitness/Welcome to Windy Hills- Councilwoman Spencer announced that there were 3 new resident families in September. She asked the Council to notify her if they see new residents moving into the City. She

located 25 street signs that need replacing and gave each Council member a copy of the list. There was discussion about the Holiday Decorations.

Public Works—Councilman Blue reported that the East Gate sign is being rebuilt by Eagle Sign. It will have a new pole, making it harder vandalize, and reflective tape. He hopes that the city could replace a few signs each year. There is a problem with over brush on Brookview. A letter will be sent to the homeowner telling him that it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the property. He is working with MSD about the vegetation and culvert at the Bridge on Rudy. The damage at Copperfield has been repaired but the contractor is waiting to make sure it is stable before blacktopping it. He has received no complaints about garbage, recycling, or yard waste pickups.

Ordinances/Community Standards—Councilwoman Trachtenberg reported that the food truck program has ended for the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Councilman Blue reported that after the City advertised for bids for snow removal and received none, he found that the competitive bid system was not practical and that we should move to competitive negotiations. He asked that a motion be made to do so. Councilwoman Rademaker made the motion that “the City of Windy Hills will enter into competitive negotiations for a snow removal contract for 2021-2022.” The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Myers. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS Councilwoman Greer made the motion that “The City of Windy Hills intends to use its American Rescue Plan: Local Distal Recovery Funds for investments in 1. Storm water projects which will have a positive water quality benefit and/or water conservation and efficiency; 2. Public parks, plazas, and other outdoor recreation improvements, which are tools to healthier living, especially for seniors and children; and 3. Assistance, in the form of grants, to small businesses and non-profits to mitigate the financial hardship from the public health emergency.” Seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Greer announced that there would be a free-shredding event Saturday, October 16 from 9:00-Noon at the U of L campus on Shelbyville Road.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Barkley reported that he is working with Steve Teaford on nuisance properties and is working on open records issues.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: New resident Jim Hill at 529 Hubbards Lane questioned the City tax discount. He was amazed at the generous discount but was delighted. Mayor Davis explained that it had been a long-time practice to give a 30-40% discount. Since the city has had good surpluses for the last two years, we granted the extra discount. However, there is no guarantee that this will be the amount every year.

Councilwoman Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. It was seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Helen M. Davis, Mayor

Kate K. Greer, Councilwoman