

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
September 13, 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 M. Davis

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bruce Blue  
Kate Greer  
Marcia Myers  
Marianne Rademaker  
Suzanne Spencer  
Laura Trachtenberg

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Lisa Kraft  
Attorney Clay Barkley  
Steve Teaford

**MINUTES:**

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

The financial reports for August 2021 were moved for approval by Councilman Blue, seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Myers moved to approve the August bills, totaling \$47,653.41, and was seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Follow Up to our MSD meeting as reported in August: Tony Marconi, from MSD, updated me on a couple of outstanding issues:

1 – Windsong Way at Rudy Lane headwall – MSD contacted the City of St. Matthews about the headwall issue. Since Rudy Lane is a Metro thru road, they are not responsible for the drainage within the Rudy Lane right-of-way. MSD is contacting Metro Public Works about the issue.

2 – Rudy Lane at Muddy Fork creek crossing – The corrugated metal pipe under the roadway is in need of replacement with an anticipated cost up to \$100,000 to repair. MSD is in the process

of bidding this work out. This work will no doubt cause some traffic disruptions along Rudy Lane. They will keep us updated.

We will have another follow up meeting with MSD in October.

I represented the City at the 2021 Governor's Local Issues Conference which was held August 25 – 27, 2021 at the Galt House. I attended sessions dealing with the Covid Relief funds, "Ask the Attorneys" and DLG grants. The "Ask the Attorneys" and the "ARPA Do's and Don'ts" were the most informative. The attorneys spent a lot of time discussing the Open Meetings and Records laws. I was amazed at how many of the cities were not complying with those laws. (text, email, and informal meetings)

The DLG attorneys also stressed that they would recommend not rushing to spend the ARPA funds. Final guidelines are supposed to be issued in October and there is the possibility of additional infrastructure funds in the bill that was passed by the Senate and is now in the House. I did ask if we could spend the funds for a "permanent", permeable surface on the Green and additional parking on the Green.

American Rescue Act update: We have received no applications for ARPA funds. The deadline for Brownsboro Center Retail businesses to apply is September 30, 2021.

The Courier-Journal wrote an article about the American Rescue Act funds that discussed the small Metro cities, the funds that the cities received, and our plans to expend the funds.

Kate and I met with LG&E reps about the trees on Westport Road. She will update you in her report.

Update on 726 Indian Ridge – House is for sale.

On Thursday September 9th, Mike Skelton, Kate Greer, Tom Davis, and I met with the state contracted appraisers about the State acquiring right-of-way on The Green. The appraisers have a deadline to complete the appraisal by the end of the year. Debbie Smith, one of the appraisers hired by the State, notified me that she had shared our concerns and questions with the local Kentucky Department of Transportation office.

Police Report: There were 115 hours of Police support and we paid for 96 hours. The police made multiple checks at the Brownsboro Shopping Center and Sojourn Church. Painters at 6007 Windsong Ct dumped paint into the creek on Rudy Lane. There was a "rowdy", drunk couple at an event at the Brownsboro Shopping Center. The police were called but the staff called an Uber and they ended up leaving without incident.

There was an indecent exposure on Greenbriar Road. There was a domestic disturbance at Rudy and Foeburn Way. A male pushed a female out of a vehicle. There was battery but the

female refused medical help. Her mother came and the police released her to her mother's care. They were not WH residents.

Graymoor-Devondale and Metro police responded to a "suspicious" package containing a white substance at a house on Killiney Place. Metro police took over the investigation. There was one house on house watch. The radar resulted in no citations or warnings. Five parking citations were issued. I will send out follow up letters next week since the fines have not been paid.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance/Ordinances: Councilwoman Rademaker reported the Mayor is still researching Auditors for the City.

Code Enforcement: Steve Teaford reported he has 2 rentals to resolve with fines. One property was declared a nuisance in the Windhurst Neighborhood and given 30 days to make changes.

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Newsletter/Tree Board - Councilwoman Greer:  
Councilwoman Greer reported "I met with Aaron Beams on Wednesday, September 1 to discuss maintenance. They were cutting the grass on the Green by Thursday. I believe we should have him spray the Green for Army Worms.

The Appalachian Red Bud dedicated to Mary Ott was cut down. Aaron is going to locate a replacement.

The entrance fences at Windy Way, Chelsea, and the back east side of Indian Ridge need painting. I may call Diego.

On Thursday, September 2, Mayor Davis, Caroline Westphall, and I met with Rick Grismer and Grayson Shiprik, who owns Earthbound Nursery. We discussed the current plantings. We decided to keep the viburnums and junipers and two of the arborvitae. The dogwood and crabapples are being removed. We may use some of the redbud. Rick is sending Caroline map of the area. She is going to make recommendations. The nursery is also going to try to remedy the plantings around the tower. All the new trees will have water bags. Grayson would like to be a fourth source of trees for the WHHAG promotion. "

Newsletter - Councilwoman Myers: Councilwoman Myers reported four print editions of our Windy Hills newsletter have been published and mailed to all residents in 2021 (in January, March, June, and September.) The latest edition was mailed on Thursday, September 2nd and, despite warnings of weeklong postal delays, was delivered to most Windy Hills homes on Saturday, September 4th.

For the June and September issues, we have employed Kyle Shook, a design student at KCTC, to do the layout for us and his work has been very satisfactory. While he has completed his study program, he will continue to be available to us in the future to provide a consistent quality look to the publication.

For the remainder of 2021 our communications will be digital as The Windy Hills Breeze. Please have your news to me by noon on Wednesday, October 13th.

Any ordinances or other legal documents can be included in the January 2022 print edition.

Thanks to our editorial team – Kate Greer and Mayor Helen Davis along with each of you who provide news items.

Community Caring/Health & Fitness/Welcome to Windy Hills – Councilwoman Spencer:

Councilwoman Spencer reported the following:

- Welcome to Windy Hills - We had 5 new residents in August.

Public Works – Councilman Blue: Councilman Blue reported:

- A can with paint was placed in the recycling bin.  
I have asked Lisa for the owners' information. Also, I asked Marcia to put a note in the next bulletin that paint cannot go into the recycling. The can had liquid paint and it spilled onto the roadway.
- I am contacting MSD concerning the over brush on the walkway over the creek.
- I am contacting Hall Contracting about when the Copperfield project will be completed.
- Since I have been out, I need to know if anything has been done to further the repair to the Windsong area, with payment from the government received funds.
- We need to place in the paper a RFP for snow removal.  
The Farmer's Almanac has said we are in for a bad winter.
- The road repair on Rudy Lane over the creek has not been completed. It had a steel plate over the repair. This is the second time this same area has been damaged by sinking, and I cannot get an answer.

Ordinances/Community Standards - Councilwoman Trachtenberg: Councilwoman Trachtenberg reported the Labor Day food truck was cancelled at the last minute. The food truck for October will be BBQ.

City Clerk – Lisa Kraft: The Clerk reported all property tax bills will be mailed out next week.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Spencer made the motion to allow residents to purchase a plaque for the Green without paying for the existing tree. The motion died for lack of a second.

**ATTORNEYS COMMENTS:** No Report

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:** Resident Addison Sandefur wanted to comment about not receiving an ordinance violation on Foeburn.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Councilman Blue and the motion passed unanimously.

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Helen M Davis, Mayor

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Lisa Kraft, City Clerk