

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
December 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

Metro Councilwoman
Paula McCraney

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

Councilwoman Trachtenberg moved to approve the November bills, totaling \$68,806.85, and was seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: A resident, Brianna Levering of 703 Indian Ridge Road, requested speed bumps to slow down speeders on Indian Ridge. There was discussion by the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Police Report: We paid for 96 hours of Police support.

There was radar monitoring on multiple locations on Rudy and Ambridge with no tickets or warnings. There were 5 parking citations, 2 of which have been paid. I will be following up on the unpaid citations next week. There was an unauthorized individual at 618 Rudy Lane rummaging through cars and taking property. A report was filed.

Another MSD update regarding the Rudy Lane Culvert Replacement. The work started on November 8 and finished in two weeks instead of the allotted month. The road and culvert look much better.

We had a resident who was concerned that residents were using their recycling cans for garbage. She suggested that the City buy everyone a garbage can. I crafted a response about the cost of purchase, replacements when damaged or taken when residents move, etc. I also suggested that we need to do more education and put the info in our newsletter.

I have dealt with and I am continuing to deal with a few resident' concerns. A couple of residents on Regency were VERY unhappy about Sojourn removing bush honeysuckle on its property that abutted Regency Lane. I explained that Sojourn, like any property owner within Windy Hills, has the right to remove shrubs, trees, etc. Sojourn has planted a new border with the intent of having a "living, green wall" between their property and the street. Kate was also involved in the discussions and may have more information in her report.

A resident on Indian Ridge called Lisa to complain about speeding on her street. She had complained previously and I responded by asking Graymoor-Devondale police to step up enforcement. There was targeted enforcement during the early summer and they reported no excessive speeding.

I emailed Grady to move the speed detection sign from Foeburn Lane to Indian Ridge but their truck broke down and the sign is still on Foeburn. I did check our records and found that the sign was placed at the corner of Indian Ridge and Kitty Hawk for several weeks during the summer of 2020.

Another Indian Ridge resident called and left a message about a neighbor's light being too bright. I called her back and left a message suggesting that she speak to the neighbor who might be unaware of the impact. I also told her that she could file a light pollution complaint through 311.

I completed and filed our City Officials Update 2022 form with the Department of Local Government. I will file the UFIR form after the audit is completed and I have all of the necessary information.

I went to the visitation for the Herbigs and expressed the City's condolences. Sue Spencer also was at the visitation. I represented Windy Hills at the Louisville Forum meeting on Wednesday December 9. I also attended the VA Hospital meeting Saturday morning. I was surprised to find out that I was a speaker.

There will be monthly VA meetings starting in January. To quote the email, "These meetings are open to Councilwoman McCraney and these select mayors whose cities are near the construction site. The meetings will occur on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m.

beginning on January 19, 2022. During these meetings, USACE will be providing an overview of the current happenings at the construction site while VA personnel will be available to address inquiries related to end-of-project issues that relate to healthcare services provided at the new medical center." I will keep you apprised.

I attended a Zoom meeting today with the JCLC Mayors to discuss our response to the disaster in Western Kentucky.

I want to thank everyone who attended the JCLC dinner. I received several positive comments about Windy Hills being well represented. I think everyone enjoyed the opportunity to hear Heather French Henry and socialize with other city officials. Additionally, the JCLC Board was very appreciative of our donation of a gift card from the Gasthaus Restaurant.

To end on an "upbeat" note, I want to thank Sue and her committee for the Holiday decorations. It always brightens our residents' holidays to see our city decorated. I also want to thank Julie Mitchell and her family for helping Kate, Tom, and me decorate the Rudy/Brownsboro entrance.

The Glow on the Green was a BIG success thanks to the team efforts of Bruce Blue, Laura Trachtenberg, and Marcia Myers and led by Kate Greer. I received SO many compliments from the families who attended. The children loved their "goodie" bags and I thank Kate and Marcia for putting that together. I know that Kate will have a more detailed report and I do not want to steal her thunder. Thank you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Ordinances: Councilwoman Rademaker reported the city received a nice thank you from the Louisville Orchestra for ARPA funds from Windy Hills.

Code Enforcement: Steve Teaford reported 2 new rental properties, 1 new vacant property, and working on 3 nuisance properties.

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Newsletter/Tree Board - Councilwoman Greer:
Councilwoman Greer reported LG&E has replaced the trees on Westport Road. The trees removed on Ambridge will be replaced soon.

Glow on the Green went really well. The goodie bags for the kids were a big hit, as was the accordion player.

Working on the application for next year's Tree City with Helen.

Newsletter - Councilwoman Myers: Councilwoman Myers reported The Windy Hills Breeze was sent to all subscribed residents and friends on Thursday, November 11th. It included information about the Glow on the Green event, the construction on Rudy Lane, and the Waste Schedule including the alternating Monday Yard Waste winter schedule which began in December. Eleven of the e-mail addresses proved to be no longer working and were unsubscribed. 53.7% of those sent were opened. Mailchimp provides a report of open activity by e-mail address.

To most effectively communicate with residents, we need to increase the number of subscriber households and to increase the interest in reading our communications. I suggest a strategy that includes:

- Inviting subscription within the 1st 6 weeks of residency in the community,
- Encouraging subscription at all of our events
- Using Next Door posts to draw residents to the newsletter and our website
- Possibly offering occasional incentives (coupons or drawings) in our newsletter to increase reading

The deadline for our December/Holiday issue of The Breeze is Wednesday, December 15th at noon. This issue will include our usual snowy Green scene and photos from this year's very successful Glow Event. The waste schedule will include all of the dates for yard waste pickup through February (also sent out by Lisa).

The January issue will be a print issue mailed to all residents. These issues are our best opportunity to reach residents, so be thinking about what you need/want to communicate. Good news stories are very welcome. The deadline for that issue will be Wednesday January 12th at noon.

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

Councilwoman Spencer reported the following:

- Welcome to Windy Hills - We had 4 new residents in November.
- Caring Community – there has been a request for replacement of the Aging in Place Pamphlet.
- Outlets at the Westport Road signature entrance need to be replaced.
- Info about the permeable surface for the walkway on the Green.

Public Works – Councilman Blue: Councilman Blue reported:

- The street repair on Rudy Lane was accomplished two weeks early.
- The branches were cut on the walking path bridge during the Rudy Lane street repair.

- We were asked to provide cans for garbage removal. We do not provide cans for waste removal. One reason is we have back door pick up service twice a week for garbage removal.
- A special JCLC board meeting will be held today (Monday) to discuss how to help tornado victims. I will be on call.
- I received a message from Martha Davis concerning handicap sidewalk problems
- The tree lighting on the Green was a success.

Ordinances/Community Standards - Councilwoman Trachtenberg: Councilwoman Trachtenberg no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Myers made a motion to ask EcoTech to add an additional day of yard waste pick up, not to exceed \$1,900.00. Councilwoman Trachtenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Metro Councilwoman Paula McCraney attended tonight's Windy Hills Council meeting and the Mayor asked her to speak. Councilwoman McCraney spoke to the Council about obtaining VA infrastructure monies pegged for our area. She suggested residents sign up for her weekly newsletter to stay informed about the goings on with the VA construction.

The Councilwoman was asked if she could help with the synchronization of the lights on Brownsboro Road. The traffic is only going to get worse with the construction and building of the VA Hospital.

ATTORNEYS COMMENTS: Attorney Clay Barkley reported working on Ordinance enforcement and property tax enforcement.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

Ralph Williams asked the Council if there was anything to be done with the eyesore on Hubbards Lane surrounding the Metro Public Works entrance. The Mayor explained that she and Mayor ProTem Rademaker had talked to Metro officials with no results. She suggested Councilwoman McCraney may be able to get something done from her office.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg and the motion passed unanimously.

Helen M Davis, Mayor

Lisa Kraft, City Clerk