

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
January 10, 2022

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 December 13, 2021 Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

Councilwoman Trachtenberg moved to approve the December bills, totaling \$53,177.96 and was seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** We are still working on collecting the outstanding 2021 property taxes. I have finally finished all of the 2020 taxes. I have filed liens and contacted the other two outstanding debtors.

**Police Report:**

January report: There were 99 hours of police activity during December. There was one house on house watch. Items were taken at night from an unlocked car in an attached garage with open door on Bentwood Place. There was radar on Ambridge Drive with no tickets and warnings. I finally got a copy of the police report regarding the new trees on Westport road. This leads me to the update.

Thanks to Marcia, we found out info about the car that had an accident and took out 3 of the newly planted trees. I called our police multiple times and yesterday finally received a copy of the accident report. After an hour on hold and talking to a claims adjuster, I was finally able to file an accident report to recover the City's loss. I also contacted Rick Grismer from LG&E to see how he wanted to handle this. I left a message that we could find and replant the trees or go through LG&E. I want to make this as painless as possible for his company.

An update on Indian Ridge speeding. After our last council meeting, I contacted our Police Chief about the mobile speed detector. He informed me that Councilwoman McCraney contacted him after our meeting and requested the machine be placed on Brownsboro Road. We were pushed back in the queue. Some of you are probably aware that the detector was destroyed on Wednesday so it will be a while before it is deployed on Indian Ridge.

I completed and filed our City Official update. I will file the UFIR after the audit.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance/Ordinances: Councilwoman Rademaker reported we may need to file for an extension for our annual audit.

Code Enforcement: Steve Teaford reported he has two nuisance properties he is still working on should be resolved by the end of January.

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Newsletter/Tree Board - Councilwoman Greer:  
Councilwoman Greer reported: EcoTech has given us three new trees for attending the KLC dinner. The trees are slated to replace the damaged trees on Westport Road.

Rudy the Bear is rotting at the base and we are discussing several options on how to fix the problem.

Our big Christmas tree on the Green was fertilized last year and will be fertilized again this year. The lights will be removed off the entrances soon.

Windy Hills was awarded Tree City status again this year.

Newsletter - Councilwoman Myers: Councilwoman Myers reported the December issue of The Windy Hills Breeze was sent on Thursday, December 16th to our subscribers. According to Mail Chimp report - 99% were successfully delivered, 60% were opened.

The Breeze is very effective with photos which are seen in color and can be enlarged and enjoyed fully and it allows for easy links to videos and websites. We have been sharing some videos created and offered by Dr. Bryan Carter (U of L Professor of Pediatrics and member of The Moon Dogs Band). Lisa Kraft has taken those video links and put them on the City of Windy

Hills website (under the “Residents” tab to be enjoyed. They now include Fall Morning in Windy Hills, The Windy Hills Christmas Tree, and the 2009 Ice Storm in Windy Hills.

We were preparing to publish our 1st quarter print newsletter next week, but since the audit of the 2020-2021 fiscal year is not ready yet, we will postpone a print edition until February. A key purpose of the print editions is to distribute to all residents by mail those documents which are required to be so distributed such as annual financials and new ordinances.

We will publish a Breeze next week (deadline 1/12) and at the same time, be accumulating articles best suited for the print edition in February (deadline 2/16). Now in February we will have the Annual Code Enforcement Update, the annual financials and audit report, and a feature on changes in businesses at the Brownsboro Center.

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

Councilwoman Spencer reported the following:

- Welcome to Windy Hills - We had 7 new property transfers in December.
- Request for a replacement “Aging In Place” manual.
- 8 women are interested in a walking group. Will ask that another notice be placed in the upcoming Breeze.
- Holiday decorations were picked up in a timely manner and stored at Adam Vogelsang’s facility.

Public Works – Councilman Blue: Councilman Blue reported:

- biggest issue is snow removal/pre-treating roads/contractor’s ability to perform contract
- Breeze discussion
- 2 light poles on the Green leaning
- sign at Eastgate and Ambridge ready
- sign hanging at Brookview and Rudy
- working on finding a co-contractor to repair sidewalks and handicap crossing areas
- working on bid to construct handicap code sidewalks in all non sidewalk areas
- reported problem across from 1205 Ambridge

City Clerk – Lisa Kraft: Lisa reported there are 24 residents that have not paid their property taxes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Myers made a motion, “I move that all future in person meetings of the Windy Hills Council (both “Caucus” and “Council meetings) be held in a large

classroom or other spacious meeting room which allows for social distancing as needed and for space for all participants and observers who may wish to attend”.

There was a roll call vote:

Blue – No

Greer - Abstain

Myers - Yes

Rademaker - Abstain

Spencer - Yes

Trachtenberg – Abstain

The motion did not pass.

Councilwoman Trachtenberg made a motion that during any infectious emergency requiring social distancing in-person meetings of the WH city council be held in a large meeting room which will allow such distancing; seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Trachtenberg made a motion to spend \$5,000 in legal fees on the Brownsboro Road LLC project; seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Greer made a motion to accept a resolution to Honor Kentucky Humanities for 50 Years of Service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky; seconded by Councilwoman Myers. The motion passed unanimously. A complete copy of the resolution is attached.

**ATTORNEYS COMMENTS:** Attorney Clay Barkley reported he is working with Steve Teaford on two nuisance properties and also working with Mayor Davis on the Brownsboro Road project.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:** Mike Skelton, a resident, said he met with the Mayor and appraisers on the Green, on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and wanted to know if there was any new information.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.; seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg and the motion passed unanimously.

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Helen M Davis, Mayor

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Lisa Kraft, City Clerk