

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 14, 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

Attorney David Spenard
Steve Teaford

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Council; seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS

The financial reports for January, 2022 were moved for approval by Councilman Blue and seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Trachtenberg moved to approve the January bills, totaling \$42,828.67 and was seconded by Councilwoman Myers. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilwoman Myers and Attorney Clay Barkley, with 10 other people, attended the February 8, 2022 Neighborhood Zoom Meeting on Brownsboro Development. The issue concerns changing zoning to allow for higher density.

Councilwoman Greer suggested that Windy Hills host a meeting, inviting other nearby cities to join, inviting all candidates running in the May Primary, eligible for offices serving these cities,

to come and briefly explain their platforms. The forum will be followed by questions. Mayor Davis is going to present the idea at the League of Cities Zoom meeting. This would benefit the candidates and the voters. Councilwoman Trachtenberg will chair this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance - Councilwoman Rademaker reported that the City's bookkeeping is now being handled by the accounting firm of Charles Veeneman. The company will generate all of the financial reports for the City.

Arrangements have been made for our annual audit. An extension was granted until December 31. The Mayor plans to have it completed before the new fiscal year (July 1).

The ARPA committee will meet February 15 at Councilwoman Rademaker's house. Other members are Councilman Blue and Councilwoman Myers. Suggestions will be made as how to spend the money from the federal government. Final decision will be up to the Council.

Code Enforcement: Steve Teaford reported that the 4 nuisance properties have been resolved. A lien may be placed on one of them. He is currently working on vacant properties and delinquent rentals.

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Newsletter/Tree Board – Councilwoman Greer reported that the three destroyed trees on Westport Road had been replaced by Ecotech. The new trees are native Serviceberries.

Tony Nold (Plant Kingdom) has ordered 12 trees to replace the ones removed on Ambridge, originally planted by the City. The Tree Board is paying for this.

Newsletter – Councilwoman Myers reported that 699 residents received the January 13 *Breeze*. 99% were delivered and 59% opened.

She sent out 3 time-critical announcement e-mails this month.

We will send out a printed newsletter this month. The deadline for information is Noon, Wednesday, February 16. Residents should receive them around February 26.

The next *Breeze* deadline is Noon, March 16.

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

 Welcome to Windy Hills - 7 property transfers in January.

 A 3 women committee is planning to refurbish *Aging in Place in Windy Hills*.

13 women hope to form a walking group. A planning meeting will be held on February 27. She asked that this be in the *Breeze*.

A Yoga group may be started through Silver Sneakers. There was one before Covid.

Public Works – Councilman Blue reported:

Ambridge street sign was replaced.

Two Springs' sign is missing.

Foeburn pot-holes have been repaired.

He had very few snow removal complaints. He hopes to make future removal more efficient.

He plans to revise the bid for next year's snow removal.

He plans to refurbish the path between Sojourn and Regency.

He is investigating materials to use on the Green walking path. Material must be porous for the environment and to avoid increased drainage costs. Windy Hills is waiting to see how much land we will lose on Rudy and Brownsboro Road to get measurements.

Ordinances/Community Standards - Councilwoman Trachtenberg announced that she was working with Steve Teaford on ordinances.

She is working on the political forum.

Mayor Davis stated that if there were no objections, the Council would change the order of the agenda and take Comments/Questions to the Council as a Whole. Hearing no objections, the Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak.

Resident Alan Ware, 003 Westgate Place, talked about snow removal. Praised Councilman Blue for returning his call. He was concerned about the ARPA donation to the Louisville Orchestra. Mayor Davis explained the process. She assured him that the City will have \$500,000 available to spend until 2024.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Helen Davis read Section 31.36 of the Windy Hills, Kentucky Code of Ordinances which addresses the city clerk, a nonelective city office of Windy Hills.

"Section 31.36(8) provides, in pertinent part, that: "The City Clerk shall be appointed by the City Council at the January meeting of even numbered years for a term of two years, expiring on December 31 of odd numbered years, or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

On December 31, 2021, the term of the city clerk expired. Pursuant to Kentucky law: All meetings of a quorum of the members of any public agency at which any public business is discussed or at which any action is taken by the agency, shall be public meetings, open to the public at all times.

Kentucky law includes an exception for, among other things, the following:

KRS 61.810(1)(f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret.”

Mayor Davis then stated, “On December 31, 2021, the term of the city clerk expired. Is there a motion that the council go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss the appointment of a city clerk?” Marianne Rademaker made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Davis announced that the audience must depart as the Council was going into Executive Session at 8:03 PM.

The General meeting reconvened at 8:13 PM. Councilwoman Greer made the motion that the current clerk be reappointed. There was no second. The motion died.

Councilwoman Greer made the motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. It was seconded by Councilman Blue.

Helen Davis, Mayor

Kate Greer. Councilwoman

