

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
March 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

Louise Auslander (temporary clerk)

Attorney Clay Barkley

Steve Teaford

**MINUTES:**

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

Councilwoman Trachtenberg moved to approve the December bills, totaling \$39,797.91 and was seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

**A resident, Mr. Ware on Westgate Pl. expressed concern that the rescue funds were not being used for the residents of Windy Hills. Councilwoman Rademaker assured him that the residents are a priority.**

**Former Windy Hills Mayor, Mr. Ising, informed the Council that he and Julia will be moving to Masonic Homes. Great memories of Windy Hills.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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Police Report: There were 94 hours of Police support reported during February. Most of the time was spent on one house on House Watch. There were only 2 hours of traffic monitoring.

The Mayor is still working on collecting the outstanding 2021 property taxes. She sent letters to the outstanding accounts and talked to several of the homeowners. Five delinquent tax payments have been received. Liens will be filed in March for non-payment. The Federal Reserve has updated the First Financial account of Pledged holdings that back up the Windy Hills accounts.

The Mayor attended the February Zoom meeting with the VA Hospital representatives and the Mayors of Crossgate and Graymoor-Devondale. Not a whole lot of new information.

She and her husband attended the JCLC February meeting held at Independence Bank. The Mayor of Versailles spoke about collaboration and KLC.

She had a couple of follow-up discussions with the Coach Gate representatives and the City Attorney about the Brownsboro Development. The project currently is still in the review stage.

The Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Teaford, is retiring in August. Steve vetted a couple of candidates and he and the Mayor interviewed his recommended replacement. Don Ryan accepted the position and will start August 1, 2022.

The City Clerk, Lisa Kraft, submitted her verbal resignation on February 15, 2022 and followed up with a formal email resignation letter. Thus the City has been operating without a clerk for several weeks. The Mayor thanked the council members, Kate Greer, Laura Trachtenberg, and Marianne Rademaker, who helped answer the phones. She also thanked Councilman Blue, who helped out in early February.

The Mayor, Marcia Myers, Steve Teaford, and Marianne Rademaker interviewed a candidate for the City Clerk position. Based on her glowing references and excellent job experience, she was offered the position and accepted. Christine Haner will begin working on March 21, 2022.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance/Ordinances: Councilwoman Rademaker reported on the ARPA Fund Disbursement Proposal

Bench for Old Farm – an amount not to exceed \$2,000

Haywood Dairy – four missed events, \$1,600

Moondog Band – two missed events, \$800

Total – no more than \$4,400

Code Enforcement: Steve Teaford reported

He reviewed Code Enforcements

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Newsletter/Tree Board - Councilwoman Greer:

The person in charge of Shakespeare in the Park called and is very excited about the Sunday, May 22, 2022 event on the Green. Helen and I will be meeting with him/her soon.

Aaron was contacted by me to prune all the common areas as soon as possible.

Call from a Coach Gate resident who would like to buy a 3<sup>rd</sup> tree under the Tree program

Newsletter - Councilwoman Myers: Councilwoman Myers reported

A print edition of our newsletter was published and mailed to homes arriving February 24<sup>th</sup>, but in processing the newsletter it was discovered that our Windy Hills businesses and churches were not included. Between now and the next mailing, we will work to create an all inclusive mailing list for our "Residents and Friends". I personally delivered copies of this edition to most of the businesses in the Brownsboro Center and the edition received good comments. Residents enjoy the community news. I appreciate all the leads given to me and the work of Kate Greer and Suzanne Spencer to gather information. Please keep it coming!

To increase the reach of our digital communications, I need the help of all my Council colleagues to ask residents for their e-mail address. When you have contact with a neighbor, please ask if they would share an e-mail address so that we can keep them "in the know". **This month Mayor Davis gets the gold star as she gathered and forwarded quite a good batch.** It is best that new e-mail addresses go to the office at [info@cityofwindyhills.com](mailto:info@cityofwindyhills.com), but during this interim period, I am glad to take them and will see that they get into the mail database.

March is a month for a digital newsletter – The Windy Hills Breeze. If you have any announcements, photos or news the **deadline is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

**In case of a lost pet** – Kate Greer can send an alert to all residents. Another very effective way to get a pet home is to post a photo of the pet on **Nextdoor.com**, limited to Windy Hills and Coach Gate neighborhoods (Next Door designation). Windy Hills neighbors respond quickly and the pup or kitty gets home without the involvement of the City.

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

Councilwoman Spencer reported the following: **Welcome to Windy Hills**, always meeting and greeting New Residents relaying the info of two real estate transfers.

**Caring Community**, we have a committee of three women who will be discussing refurbishment of Aging In Place in Windy Hills.

**Health and Fitness**, Twelve people (including 3 men) attended a soup supper on Sunday, February 27 for a discussion of the types of walks (local or community at large) we are most interested in starting with. Three women met to walk Rudy Lane past two historic houses. Both Gretchen and John Clark met us at the door to discuss their home and garden. We also had permission to walk up to the Franklin and Jill Jelsma home at the end of their private drive. Neither of them were home, but were glad for us to look at their façade and garden. We will ask that a third notice be placed in the upcoming **Breeze**.

Thanks to Marsha's **Newsletter** article, two new participants from Windy Hills joined the YOGA group which has begun to meet at Broadway Baptist Church (Tues. & Thurs. morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10: am. I will ask Marcia to include a YOGA group notice in the upcoming **BREEZE**. The instructor has been teaching YOGA for many years and is certified in advanced methods. We are fortunate to have her expertise so close to us.

Public Works – Councilman Blue: Councilman Blue reported:

Public works reported that the Eastgate and Rudy Lane street signs had been replaced with a breakaway pole and two new signs, but the Eastgate sign has been broken 3 times within a week of replacement.

The snow removal crew was on alert Saturday night March 12, 2022 due to the predicted ice storm, but ultimately they were not needed.

I am working with Councilwomen Myers and Rademaker on ARPA distribution matters.

Receiving a list from Mr. Teaford on new **no parking** signs where needed.

Exploring the possibility of purchasing a solar panel speed zone sign

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Indian Ridge resident concerns

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ATTORNEYS COMMENTS:** Attorney Clay Barkley reported he is working with Mayor Davis on the Brownsboro Road project.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:**

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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Christine Haner, City Clerk