

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
August 8, 2022

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at Sojourn Community Church East, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Helen 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 - Absent

**OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

Christine Haner, Clerk

Attorney Timothy Mayer

Steve Teaford, Code Enforcement

**MINUTES:**

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Councilman Blue moved to approve the June and July 2022 Financial Reports; seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the July bills, totaling \$53,005.75 and was seconded by Councilman Blue. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Spencer asked a question pertaining to the nature of two different checks written during July, both of which were answered by Mayor Davis.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

**Mr. Allan Ware** of Westgate Place took a moment to speak about ARPA funds. He requested his personal report be added into the minutes and is as follows:

"My Name is Allan Ware. My home is 1003 Westgate Place, in the ASHBROOK section of WINDY HILLS. The City of Windy Hills received \$500,000 + in ARPA Funds. The ARPA Committee is Councilwoman Rademaker, Councilman Blue, and Councilwoman Myers. Councilwoman Rademaker assured me Windy Hills residents are a priority when allocating rescue funds.

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Windy Hills records show checks written or authorized totaling \$45,949 +. None of these funds went to households or businesses physically located in Windy Hills. The NLC website has a detailed report on ARPA. Listed under "What are eligible uses for funding" is the following question and answer:

Q: "Can my city decrease taxes after receiving these funds?"

A: "The rule that would prohibit tax decreases is a restriction only on states. The local government section of the bill contains no prohibition on lowering taxes."

So, to benefit the households of Windy Hills directly, my hope is the ARPA committee will determine and suggest lowering the Windy Hills Property Tax, maintaining the discount for early payment."

**Mr. Jim Ising**, former Mayor of the City of Windy Hills, was next to speak. While Mr. and Mrs. Ising no longer reside in Windy Hills, he thanked Mayor Davis and all the Council members for their continued work and dedication to the City.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Police Report: The Police were much more active in July. The police conducted radar patrols but issued no tickets. Based on residents' complaints, the Mayor requested that the police step up overnight parking enforcement. Nine parking citations were issued, three of which have been paid. The City Clerk will be sending follow up letters for non-payment.

As you all know, the police have merged and are now operating as Lyndon Police. The Mayor will be meeting with Chief Grady Throneberry for him to explain the changes.

The Mayor attended the Kentucky Department of Transportation meeting about new US 42 Interchange. Several hundred residents from multiple cities were in attendance, much more than was anticipated to attend.

The Mayor and the City Attorneys represented the City at the Brownsboro Road Development Planning and Zoning Hearing. The City withdrew its opposition because the developer, per the City's request, reduced the proposed development's density by two units and will build a 6-foot privacy fence as requested by the Coach Gate representatives.

The Windy Hills 70<sup>th</sup> Incorporation Celebration will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2022 from 4-6PM. There will be cake and ice cream on The Green. Councilwoman Trachtenberg will be heading up this event.

The Mayor thanked Steve Teaford for his many years of service as the Code Enforcement Officer for the City and plans to introduce the new Code Enforcement Officer, Don Ryan, in the future.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance and ARPA Committee: **Councilwoman Rademaker** reported:

In July we received income from the Municipal Insurance Premium tax. It is typically received the month after the end of each calendar quarter. It is a nice sum that our City puts to good use.

There is nothing new to report regarding the use of ARPA funds.

Trees and maintenance on The Green is in progress.

Code Enforcement: **Steve Teaford** reported :

The City has 49 rental homes and 4 vacant homes as of the July report.

This was Mr. Teaford's last meeting as Code Enforcement Officer. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their cooperation. Mr. Teaford has left suggested updates to Ordinances with the City Attorneys and has left his remaining notes with Mr. Don Ryan, our new Code Enforcement Officer can pick up where Mr. Teaford left off.

Councilwoman Spencer will be provided a list of rental home addresses to send a welcome package and City information to renters.

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

**GREEN**

Sav-A-Tree is getting ready to do a massive landscape project on The Green. This includes pruning, fertilizing, and clearing the fence in the back. They will be coordinating their work with Brownsboro Lawn Care. The City will pay the bill in advance since there is a 2% discount for prepaid invoices.

The signature white fence entrances have been repaired, power washed, and painted.

We welcome back Brownsboro Lawn Care. Their first days involved picking up nine large garbage bags of debris and ¼ dump truck of sticks and limbs.

**TREE BOARD**

Mr. Scott Breeland is the new Chairperson of the Tree Board. The new Board will meet at his house on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM. Two things on the agenda include planning for the

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Arbor Day event in early October and the proposed yearly plan for the Board. We will have a Zoom option for the meeting for those who feel vulnerable to the new wave of COVID.

Newsletter/Parade & Picnic - Councilwoman Myers (in her words):

**NEWSLETTER REPORT – AUGUST**

The July edition of the Windy Hills Breeze was sent on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 70% of recipients opened it. This is very good. The number of subscribers continues to grow slowly. Reminders about the Food Truck were also sent and posted on Next Door.

**Upcoming Issues** –“ While we had planned to put out an August print edition, it now seems wise to have a digital edition for August where we will announce plans for a simple 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary/birthday party for Windy Hills and allow for a fall print edition in September to include announcements about rescheduled Arbor Day, audit report, candidate information, and more. For that September issue, I’ll be sending all of our Council candidates a template for the allowed brief informational statement allowed. (You are free to mail or handout your own campaign literature at your own expense if you wish to say more.) “

**August deadline – Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**September deadline – Wednesday, September 14th**

**Social Media** - City Communications have included a website and a quarterly print newsletter along with Reach Alerts and occasional city e-mails. In 2019 The Windy Hills Breeze was initiated. While some cities have Facebook pages, it has seemed unwise for Windy Hills to do so. Posting to and monitoring posts by others is a very time-consuming task. Social media raises other challenging issues of rules and control and creates an opportunity for misinformation and negativity. It seems more reasonable for the City to focus on keeping the website current and sharing information in a timely way through our newsletters. Interaction among residents is good and can occur on Next Door or Facebook without the City having a role. The Council must continue to encourage Council meeting attendance and feedback from residents.

There are currently 2 Facebook pages “City of Windy Hills”. One is listed as a business, uses an image of Adolph Hitler, and the contact information is ours. It is not ours. In mid-July a resident initiated a new Facebook group City of Windy Hills and invited residents to join. It is a private group, open only to those who request admission. It uses a photo of our signature entrance and would appear to be run by the city, though it is not. From a communications perspective, both of these are problematic as residents may communicate there, feeling they have communicated with the city when they have not. Information shared there can be taken as

official when it is not. This is a matter of concern that should be addressed. Facebook groups which do not use the city name but invite residents and friends to share in news and discussion should be encouraged and could be utilized by city officials from time to time to share announcements.

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

Councilwoman Spencer reported the following:

**Welcome to Windy Hills:** There were six new residents in July. The garbage instructions and directory page of the Welcome Packet has been updated for new residents to receive.

**Caring Community:** There has been interest in some new benches, one in particular as a memorial.

**Health and Fitness:** No report.

**Plaques on The Green:** Faye Ellercamp's plaque was installed.

The plaque under the dead Wisley Witchazel, gift of Summit Office Park, was removed. It can be placed under a Wisley Witchazel tree on the Brownsboro side of the Signature Entrance. The plaque is currently in Councilwoman Spencer's garage.

The Vogelsang commemorative Hornbeam looks to be in the path of demolition. Councilwoman Spencer suggests another Hornbeam be planted farther in on The Green to be maturing while we wait for construction to start.

Councilwoman Spencer made contact with Mr. Keith Downs, project manager, regarding the timing of the demolition to widen roads at Brownsboro and Rudy Lane to help confirm the proper timing of any work on The Green walkway.

I have received inquiries asking about commemorative benches. I have left return messages for 2 women approximately two weeks ago but have not received a reply. I think these are the inquiries Kate had.

Public Works – Councilman Blue reported:

LG&E has a light out on Copperfield Road. LG&E said it may take up to seven days to repair.

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An accident at the NE corner of Waterford Place caused the sign and pole to be destroyed. The sign pieces have been picked up and an estimate will be provided by our sign company to assess the cost of replacing it.

Councilwoman Greer is getting an arborist to research any decay of the tree(s) overhanging on Ambridge Drive and Rudy Lane.

Councilman Blue twice tried to contact the City Engineer about the specifications for the code to repair sidewalks in Windy Hills. With no communication, Councilman Blue will also search out contact with others for potential repairs.

The water fountain purchase has been turned over the City Engineer since he is doing all the bidding, work, and design of The Green.

While we had a few issues with non-pick-up of waste by EcoTech, it appears everything was ultimately remedied.

One damaged sewer grate on Windsong Way was repaired by the City of St. Matthews.

Councilman Blue has observed several potholes and large cracks in the middle of several streets in Windy Hills. There is a question as to whether or not these repairs are included in the Paving bid package. The Engineer will need to evaluate the situation.

Councilman Blue was not involved in the project of ice and snow removal discussions and the bidding process. He is requesting more details and states that someone will need to be responsible for the task of keeping track of time, products used, and following up that the work has been completed in a satisfactory nature.

Councilman Blue handed out to the Council a photo of the street from the east on Rudy to the west on Two Springs Lane. One cannot see around the curve with cars parked on the north side. He requests a "No Parking" sign, traffic mirror, or similar sign to prevent the likelihood of a vehicle accident around that blind curve.

The AT&T sign left some time ago by the crew working was moved to the grass by Councilman Blue and AT&T was notified to pick it up.

**Food Truck – Councilwoman Trachtenberg reported:**

Councilwoman Trachtenberg was absent. Mayor Davis stated there was a miscommunication and the Made in Brazil food truck was unavailable on 8/1. For September there will not be a food truck. It is likely Made in Brazil will be available for October.

City Clerk – Christine Haner reported:

Incoming phone calls for the month included conversations about trash. Some residents are upset with trash collected once per week, rather than twice. Some were late to this information. There were a few instances of non-pick-up of trash, recycling, or yard waste. Ultimately, those were corrected with time and patience. Residents are encouraged to contact EcoTech themselves but chronic issues can be reported to City Hall.

The Clerk takes these opportunities to make sure the City has current contact information for residents, sign up folks for digital communications so they are better informed, and direct everyone to the City website where accurate information can be obtained. More often than not, residents are not reading communications from Windy Hills.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business remained for this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilwoman Blue** made a motion to adopt the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Windy Hills and Lyndon Police. This was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The Agreement is for 96 hours of Police Support per month at a rate of \$58/hour.

A Roll Call Vote was held:

Councilman Blue: Yes  
Councilwoman Greer: Yes  
Councilwoman Myers: Yes  
Councilwoman Rademaker: Yes  
Councilwoman Spencer: Yes  
Councilwoman Trachtenberg: Absent

**Thus, the Council voted to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Lyndon Police.**

While not on the Agenda, **Councilwoman Spencer** opened a new discussion

An inquiry comes about a bench from the family of the couple who was tragically killed in an automobile accident at Ambridge and Westport Road. The family has chosen the same Olmsted bench which we have used on the Windy Hills Green. Since American Rescue Pack Funds were used to purchase a bench at Old Farm we should, in fairness, also use them for the bench which the family wishes to place at the Clerkenwell/Windhurst intersection. The Olmsted bench was priced at \$1,400.00 in 2021, which included assembly and shipping. The family will pay for the

\_\_\_\_\_ commemorative plaque and the installation charges. The Old Farm bench cost \$1,100.00- Installation additional-I believe.

**Additional Facts**

The deceased couple lived in the Windhurst section of Windy Hills and raised their family in the house off Ambridge where they resided at the time of the accident and their deaths.

One daughter, a nurse, has lived on Windsong Court for approx. 5 years.

Another daughter is buying the parents house off Ambridge and will live there when the sale is completed.

**ATTORNEYS COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Tim Mayer stated he is primarily working on proposed Ordinance changes for the City as suggested by Steve Teaford and the Council.

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

**Mayor Davis** recognized a special guest in attendance. **Metro Council District 7 Councilwoman, Paula McRaney**, wished to visit and share some news.

Golf balls and other debris have been damaging the expensive building materials and the VA construction site. We were asked to pass around the information to prevent this type of action.

Three mayors have been invited to accompany Councilwoman McRaney to an in-person tour of the VA Construction site to learn more about the project. Mayor Davis has been invited as a guest of Councilwoman McRaney.

The Hubbards Lane Recycling Center location has been given full funding for a beautification project. Cheers and clapping accompanied this good news.

**Councilman Blue** thanked Mr. Steve Teaford for his years of service, commended a good job, and stated he was a pleasure to work with.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.; seconded by Councilman Blue and the motion passed unanimously.



Helen Davis, Mayor



Christine Haner, City Clerk



**City of Windy Hills**  
**Check Detail**  
 July 2022

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Amount
<b>1002 1st Financial Checking 9860</b>					
07/05/2022	Check	1857	Eco-Tech LLC	Sanitation and Recycling	21,611.70
07/05/2022	Check	1858	LG&E	Collective Acct 3000-0001-1712	3,495.36
07/05/2022	Check	1859	City Barbeque	Catering Balance from 7/2 Picnic	2,147.78
07/06/2022	Check	1860	Greenway Landscape Services	Mowing \$775 each for 5 weeks	3,875.00
				Stick and Branch Removal/debris removal 6/23	150.00
07/06/2022	Check	1861	LAL Computers LLC	June Website Updates and Support	55.00
07/06/2022	Check	1862	Marcia C. Myers	Prizes for Children's Parade on 7/2	90.00
07/06/2022	Check	1863	Martha Davis	Craft Supplies for 7/2 Picnic	7.92
07/06/2022	Check	1864	Haywood Dairy	Ice Cream for July 2nd Picnic & Parade Event	500.00
07/06/2022	Check	1865	The Moondogs Band	Music/Entertainment for July 2nd Parade & Picnic	400.00
07/06/2022	Check	1866	Sojourn Community Church (East)	Facility Rental & Doug Maurer Services for 7/2 Parade & Picnic	300.00
07/06/2022	Check	1867	Steve Teaford	Mileage Reimbursement	64.35
07/07/2022	Check	1868	Charles J. Veeneman, CPA	Monthly Accounting Services - June	772.00
07/07/2022	Check	1869	Helen Davis	Reimb-Banner to Promote City Event purchased from COSTCO	63.59
07/07/2022	Check	1870	Services	Workers' Comp Inv W5583-2-22-21481-00	919.28
				Property Inv P5583-2022-22513-00	524.64
				Liability Inv L5583-2022-22512-00	5,392.43
07/08/2022	Check	1871	Joyce Bridge	Reimb for Paper Plates for Picnic	41.32
07/12/2022	Check	1873	LOCALIQ Courier-Journal Media	Milling & Paving Legal Ad for Bid Collection	313.63
				Landscaping Legal Ad for Bid Collection	300.60
07/12/2022	Check	1872	VOIDED CHECK	VOIDED CHECK	0.00
07/12/2022	Check	1875	Bob Ray Company, Inc	Clean up storm damaged trees and haul away of debris	1,496.00
07/12/2022	Check	1874	VOIDED CHECK	VOIDED CHECK	0.00
07/14/2022	Check	1876	Greenway Landscape Services	6/17 Bed Maintenance, Weeding from spec list	475.00
07/15/2022	Check	1877	Strobo Barkley PLLC	5/10-7/11 Legal Activities	5,532.75

07/18/2022	Expense	ACH White Pages	Annual subscription	29.99
07/20/2022	Check	1878 Summit Executive Suites	Office Rent #113, #115 postage due to rate change	1,034.16 1.00
07/22/2022	Check	1879 Steve Teaford	Mileage Reimbursement	54.38
07/25/2022	Check	1880 Greenway Landscape Services	INV#21305492 May Bed Maintenance, Weeding	475.00
07/26/2022	Expense	Paycor, Inc	Steve Teaford Salary Steve & Christine total tax Christine Monthly	683.24 1,282.37 829.26
07/29/2022	Expense	SVC Service Charge		3.00
<b>1020-01 Road Fund - 1st Financial 9662</b>				
07/26/2022	Check	1021 B Sign Group, Inc	Repair Leaning Sign/Post at Indian Ridge & Brownsboro Rd.	85.00
				<u><u>53,005.75</u></u>