

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
October 10, 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

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Christine Haner, Clerk
Attorney Timothy Mayer
Don Ryan, Code Enforcement

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 Council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the September 2022 Financial Reports; seconded by Councilwoman Trachtenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the September bills, totaling \$78,966.12 and was seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Police Report: There were 96 hours of Police support. The police issued 3 parking citations. There was one loud party and the police conducted radar patrol resulting in no tickets.

726 Indian Ridge has been sold. \$4,000 in negotiated fees was received by the City. Once the check cleared, a Lien Release was granted. The new homeowners have been busy with cleanup and renovation plans. The neighbors have been welcoming and encouraging to the new homeowners.

A Certificate of Deposit was renewed at Independence Bank for 12 months at a rate of 3%. The City appreciated the efforts of Independence Bank to make the rate competitive with other area banks.

The City has spent \$1K+ in attorney's fees trying to address a private Windy Hills Facebook page. The administrator of the page has not complied with the requests from our attorney.

The Arbor Day celebration on Sunday, October 9th was a success. Councilwoman Greer and the Tree Board had a wonderful program at the Public Works site on Hubbards Lane. A special thank you goes to Paula McCraney for all her work on behalf of our City. Windy Hills and Metro will be creating a plan to move forward on improvements at the facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The ARPA committee meeting for October was canceled as there were no applications or proposals submitted for review. The regular meeting of the ARPA committee will be held monthly on the Wednesday before the monthly Caucus meetings at 11AM at City Hall.

Regarding finances, Councilwoman Rademaker mentioned the CD with Independence Bank renewed at 3% for 12 months.

The Property Tax payments either mailed to City Hall or dropped off in person are hand delivered to the CPA firm of Charles Veeneman by Mayor Davis for processing and deposit.

Code Enforcement: **Don Ryan** reported:

The issue with landscaping and drainage at 507 Brookview Road is now complete.

This is the season for political signs for candidates. Please do NOT put a sign in the Right of Way. Signs must be removed promptly within a few days after the election. Signs must not be forward of the sidewalk at the street.

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

GREEN: SavaTree has finished working on the trees and vines on the Green.

TREE BOARD: Scott Breland is doing an excellent job as chairperson. He will be a great leader. The Board Members are eager to get involved. If a member cannot be there in person, they use Zoom. The Tree Board was in charge of the Arbor Day Celebration.

ARBOR DAY: The October 9th event hosted by the Tree Board was a success. There were several speakers.

GLOW ON THE GREEN: Save the date of Wednesday, November 30th, 5PM. We get better crowds if we do it in the middle of the week. I need to contact our accordion player and notify SavaTree for the tree lighting.

OTHER ITEMS: Brownsboro Lawn Care did some major pruning on the Coffee Tree in the Clerkenwell island. Please remember to water your trees during these droughts.

Mayor Davis mentioned that she read a Proclamation at the Arbor Day Celebration that will be added to the minutes for the City record.

Newsletter/Parade & Picnic - **Councilwoman Myers:**

NEWSLETTER REPORT

In September we published a 70th Anniversary edition of the newsletter. It was received in homes around September 24th. It is also posted on the website.

Several additional reminders have been sent out as emails through Mail Chimp.

Clerk Christine Haner reports that a number of residents responded to the communication plea in the print newsletter by sending their email addresses to join our digital subscription list. We currently have 727 subscribers.

The October and November issues will be the digital Windy Hills Breeze. If you have announcements or short articles, please get them to Councilwoman Myers by Wednesday, October 12th at noon.

The November deadline will be Wednesday, November 16th at noon.

The deadline for Write-In candidates for the election is October 28th. We will publish by email the bios for those candidates just after the deadline.

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

Councilwoman Spencer reported the following:

Welcome to Windy Hills: There were five new residents in September. One property transfer may be a reorganization for tax purposes and not an actual sale to a new owner. She will find out and report.

Caring Community: The Herbig family would still like a memorial bench at Clerkenwell and Windhurst. Installation would be at the expense of the family.

Health and Fitness: No report.

Plaques on The Green:

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

The 2024 demolition schedule to accommodate widening roads at Brownsboro and Rudy has not changed.

Holiday Decorations:

Adam Vogelsang will deliver the light post swags and Signature Entrance garlands this week. Bows may need to be purchased as the ones in storage are 4 years old. We are requesting magnolia leaves from the community for decoration use.

Public Works – **Councilman Blue:**

Snow and Ice removal is being discussed and details will be shared at the next Council Meeting.

Food Truck – **Councilwoman Trachtenberg** reported:

Made in Brazil had one of their best and most profitable days yet while at Windy Hills. That was the last truck for 2022. Food trucks appear to be popular and we plan to have them return for 2023.

Councilwoman Trachtenberg thanked Sojourn Community Church East for the use of the parking lot for the food trucks.

City Clerk – **Christine Haner** reported:

The auditors from Jones, Nale and Mattingly have been provided what they need for the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. They may have additional requests when they visit and as the audit unfolds. Mayor Davis thanked the Clerk for supplying the auditors with City records.

The website was down for a couple of days toward the end of September. The web host has since been changed to prevent conflicts when security updates are performed. Currently the website is performing faster. The web designer will be working with the clerk to update and clean up some areas of the website to improve functionality.

Numerous in-person property tax payments have been made. There have been numerous overpayments resulting in refunds. The office has been busier with calls, voice mails, emails, and requests for copies of property tax bills all related to property tax season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business remained for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Arbor Day Proclamation was read by the Honorable Mayor Davis during the October 9th Arbor Day Event at the Hubbard's Lane Recycling Center. While this Proclamation was not re-read during this Council Meeting, it will be attached to these Minutes for the record.

ATTORNEYS COMMENTS:

City Attorney **Tim Mayer** stated that in general Ordinances should be reviewed every five years. In the area of Ordinances, he has been looking into those related to the audit, those related to the Code Enforcement Board, those related to Property Codes, and those related to the a required financial disclosure form to support the Ethics Ordinance. We look forward to hearing Counselor Mayer's thoughts as he proposed updates.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

Mr. Steve Teaford, former Code Enforcement Officer, thanked Mayor Davis for her efforts in putting to rest the chronic nuisance property that was 726 Indian Ridge. That property has been sold and the new owners are actively cleaning and renovating.

Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM; seconded by Councilwoman Rademaker, and the motion passed unanimously.

Helen Davis, Mayor

Christine Haner, City Clerk