

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
April 10, 2023

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 John Roberts called the meeting to order.

Mayor Roberts welcomed those who were present and reminded anyone who wished to speak to sign in and limit their time to 3 minutes.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR

John Roberts

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Helen Davis - ABSENT
Kate Greer
Marianne Rademaker
Suzanne Spencer
Steve Teaford - ABSENT
Julie Theiler

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

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

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, council meeting; seconded by **Councilwoman Rademaker**. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the March 2023 Financial Reports which included the Profit & Loss Statements as well as the Balance Sheet; seconded by **Councilwoman Greer**. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the March bills, totaling \$50,881.12; seconded by **Councilwoman Rademaker**. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Michael Cunningham, a four-year resident of 726 Waterford Road, which is the Historic Col. Richard Taylor Home, was the only resident who signed in to speak.

Mr. Cunningham wished to discuss increasing noise, loud sounds, around his home. He inquired if the City had any thoughts or knowledge about a sound barrier close to his home. The wall in the area does not extend his way.

Mayor Roberts replied that he has been encouraging the new retaining wall to be erected to not only act as a sound barrier but to prevent potential vehicle accidents. Mayor Roberts shared that he has already communicated his request with the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the wall to be installed *prior* to construction work. The KY DOT plans are likely to involve relocation of utilities in late 2025. A full timeline of the plan can be found on the Kentucky Department of Transportation website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Advisor/ARPA Committee Chair/Mayor Pro Tempore – Councilwoman Davis:

Absent; No report submitted.

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

The Tree Board replaced two columnar Ginkgo trees on Westport Road. We are still looking for some yellow-leafed redbud trees.

I have talked to Buddy Mattingly about taking care of the entrance fence on Regency Lane.

The Tree Board will meet April 19. At 7:00.

I have been dealing with residents about tree issues. One involves MSD and a creek. I had Caroline Westfall, our arborist, go see the owner. I advised the Carters to give the evergreen in the island on Greenbriar Road some more time as I did see some green needles and it is limber.

The fingernail test is a good way to see if evergreens are still alive.

As we are having port-a-potties on the Green for the Hamlet production, I requested that they be placed as close to the parking pad as possible to protect the Green if the ground is soft.

We now have 15 interested people who have responded about reinstating the Garden Club.

One resident recently took advantage of our Tree Program and will receive a rebate for the purchase of two trees.

ARPA Committee - Councilwoman Rademaker:

Regarding the walkway in the Green, there were no responses to the Legal Ad that was placed in the newspaper. This surprised the City engineer, who will be contacting potential companies for the job, and entertain private negotiations for the project.

Mayor Roberts displayed the sample rubberized material to be used for the new pathway. It was suggested by a councilmember that the City engineer contact the Louisville Zoo since one particular area of the Louisville Zoo contains that precise product and they might be able to share the company information of whom installed it.

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

Welcome to Windy Hills: There were four new residents in March, a welcomed number after the surprise of no new residents during February.

Caring Community: Nothing new to report.

Commemorative Plaques on the Green: Three plaques will be ready for “planting” on Thursday, April 13th. Adam Vogelsang will be scheduled when they are in hand. Joan Gabrielle emailed asking about commemorative plaques but we have not yet made contact to follow through.

Health and Fitness: The walkers will meet April 15th for a History Walk. Our contact group is composed of Robin Goodin, Mark & Leigh Ray, Joseph & Karen Vickers, Bryan & Amy Carter, and Emily Pruett.

Councilwoman Spencer told Mr. Cunningham she would love to coordinate a visit to his Historic Home for the walkers.

Public Works – Councilman Teaford:

In Mr. Teaford’s absence, **Mayor Roberts** highlighted some of the many areas where Mr. Teaford has made progress since last month:

- Facilitated clean up of downed trees at Westgate, Ambridge/Westport, and Tottenham. This was due to the March 3rd storm.
- Finalized details and contractors for the sidewalk repair at 6711 Windhurst Road. Cornerstone will remove trees and Lawrence Construction will renew the sidewalk after

the tree removals. The resident has been contacted and has been very understanding about his responsibility for the payment of the tree work. The project should begin the week of April 17th. Planting of new trees after removal has been mentioned. The Tree Board will need to assist in the process and approval of trees.

- Bids for the 2023 Street Paving will be opened next week. Details will be discussed at the next meeting. Costs are unknown currently.
- A simple audit of the City LG&E billing to our City has begun. There are eight locations at seven entrances and one island where usage is metered. There are adjacent plugs for additional use. Some of these plugs are not properly covered and have shorted out. None are locked to prevent unauthorized usage. This is something for the City council to consider.
- There is continuous and ongoing review and response to street lights/lamps that are out.

Print Newsletter/The Breeze digital newsletter – **Councilwoman Theiler:**

Lessons were learned regarding the March printed newsletter that arrived in color. In the future, it will be proofed well-before layout, sent earlier to the printer to avoid any delays the printer may have, and we hope to have a smoother experience in its preparation for June.

I sent an email about the Food Truck and the Council meeting afterward. Several emails were received asking for more details. Ultimately an apology email on behalf of the Council was sent as the Food Truck did not show up.

I plan to send an email reminder about Shakespeare in the Green one week out and the Friday before. Posters promoting the event will be handed out to the businesses in Brownsboro Center. This event is Rain or Shine on Sunday, April 23rd, at 2PM.

Wednesday, April 12th is the deadline for any submissions for the digital Breeze newsletter which will go out on April 15th.

Mayor Roberts added that Hamlet is the play to be performed, which may be long enough in duration to require a portable toilet, which will be placed close to the parking pad on the Green. The Lyndon police will be on site from 1-4PM to assist with traffic and folks crossing Rudy Lane from Brownsboro Center onto the Green. There will be no rain date. This event is Rain or Shine.

Code Enforcement – Don Ryan reported:

The Code Enforcement patrols are regularly on Mondays. Lyndon Police must have a similar schedule as Mr. Ryan reports seeing the police patrolling regularly, as well.

Mr. Ryan submitted an article regarding storm debris for the next newsletter as storm debris was a prominent topic during March.

Approximately fifty rental or vacant homes are required to be inspected, seven or eight of which have been completed. Scheduling of the inspections has been a challenge but the actual inspections only take a few minutes to complete.

City Clerk – Christine Haner reported:

Eight liens were recently filed with the Jefferson County Clerk's Office for delinquent 2022 Property Tax bills. For all years, the City shows there are 22 delinquent tax bills due from 11 people.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

Tim Mayer, City Attorney, mentioned he has simply been working on City business as questions naturally arise, and there was nothing else of note to report.

MAYOR REPORT – Dr. John Roberts reported:

Shakespeare on the Green is sponsored by Metro Councilwoman Paula McCraney and we are thankful for support from her office. Metro donated the portable toilet for the Green during the event thanks to her efforts.

Regarding City roads and paving, there will be more to come. A list of streets needing paving and maintenance will be looked at in conjunction with the budget to determine any action by companies submitting bids for the job.

The 2400 block of Rudy Lane toward Two Springs needs cutting. The Mayor reached out to Public Works, with help from Metro Councilwoman McCraney, and found out it is on the list for trimming. There has been discussion because typically the homeowner takes care of ROW trimming so long as it is not a hazard to them to do so. In this case it is not safe for the homeowner to safely cut back vegetation.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

While the Sign bid discussion was on the Agenda for this meeting, in light of Councilman Teaford's absence, this will be tabled until next month.

Councilwoman Greer made a motion to move the Caucus work session to Thursday, May 4th, to avoid any potential conflict with Oaks Day on May 5th. This was seconded by **Councilwoman Rademaker**, passing unanimously by the Council.

The May Council meeting remains unchanged on Monday, May 8th, 7PM.

The next item of business was the annual swearing in of the City Clerk, **Christine Haner**, by City Attorney, **Timothy Mayer**:

"Do you solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as you continue a citizen thereof, and that you will faithfully execute, to the best of your ability, the office of Clerk of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky, according to law; and do you further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the present Constitution, you, being a citizen of this State, have not fought in a duel with deadly weapons within this State nor out of it, nor have you sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have you acted as a second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help you God."

Clerk Haner responded with "I do."

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

None.

There being no further business to address nor questions to answer of the Council, **Councilwoman Greer** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Rademaker**. The motion passed and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:29PM.

John Roberts, Mayor

Christine Haner, City Clerk