

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
February 10, 2025

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 Roberts called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR

Dr. John Roberts

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kate Greer

Paul Morris

Steve Teaford

Julie Theiler

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Christine Haner, Clerk

Timothy Mayer, Attorney

Paul Eitel, Code Enforcement

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, council meeting; seconded by **Councilman Morris**. Having no need for discussion, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the January 2025 Financial Reports which included the Profit & Loss Statement as well as the Balance Sheet: seconded by **Councilman Morris**. With no discussion necessary, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the January bills, totaling \$113,436.91; seconded by **Councilman Morris**. Having no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Roberts noted the ARPA account balance of \$9,060.89 and the Road Fund account balance of \$52,918.48. The ARPA balance is earmarked to expand the parking pad on the Green. The funds will be expended no later than April 2025. The Road Fund will be held until paving discussions for the summer. Any invoices related to snow and ice removal will be paid from general funds the remainder of this winter.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Mr. Ralph Wilson, a resident of Indian Ridge Road, signed in to discuss the digital speed sign recently installed on his street. Mr. Wilson asked if the sign will be temporary or permanent. He would like to see the post painted black, and the back of the sign painted black if it will be up for very long. This way will make the sign more aesthetically pleasing and better match the area.

Mayor Roberts stated the plan is for the sign to be temporary as long as we receive effective data such that Lyndon Police can use that information to better mitigate speeding on Indian Ridge during peak days or times. Once the behavior of drivers is closer to the speed limit regularly, the sign can be moved elsewhere. During the first week of data, we learned that 67% of drivers were driving over the speed limit on Indian Ridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

*Rudy the Bear needs some caulking between the bear and the base. That will be taken care of when the weather improves.

*We anticipate the first summary reading of revisions to the Tree Ordinances will occur at the March Council meeting. One, in particular, will make it easier for residents to plant trees by increasing the number of rebates from 2 to 4, as long as the budget can sustain that number, as determined annually.

*Windy Hills has officially been named a Tree City USA designation once again.

*The Tree Board has a goal of July 1 to identify all the trees in the Rights of Way in Windy Hills. This will primarily be completed by City Arborist, Caroline Westfall, and a member of our Tree Board who is also a Certified Arborist, Josh Ashley.

*Shakespeare in the Park will occur on our Green again but the date is to be determined. It will be combined with our Arbor Day event and an ice cream truck will be on the Green for everyone to enjoy.

Public Works Assistant, Youth Engagement – **Councilman Morris**:

I will be aiding **Councilman Teaford** and Public Works by taking on a project to inventory lights, speed limit signs, stop signs, and other signs in Windy Hills this spring. Additionally, I will work to create a Youth Engagement Committee and have already found residents with interest in this area.

Code Enforcement Officer, **Paul Eitel**, mentioned that he knows of someone who can volunteer with Youth Engagement, and he is also available to help with the inventory of lights. **Mayor Roberts** stated that some residents mentioned lighting in the returned city surveys so this inventory of lights is timely.

Public Works – **Councilman Teaford** reported:

- *The streetlights that were out at Rudy Lane & Two Springs and Rudy Lane & Regency have been repaired. Additional lighting complaints at the entrance to East Gate are pending.
- *The locks have been reinstalled on all city plugs and outlets now that holiday lighting has been removed.
- *Sidewalk damage at the Green on the Brownsboro Road side has been reported. Repairs are pending.
- *Speed signs have been installed and are in working order on Ambridge Drive and Indian Ridge Road.
- *Mark Madison, City Engineer, will contact Flynn Brothers to proceed with the expansion of the Green parking lot.
- *Two complaints on damage from snow removal have been reported to the contractor, who has responded that he will take care of it.

City Clerk/Treasurer – **Christine Haner** reported:

The cutoff to mail in a completed Windy Hills survey was January 31st. We have received 340 surveys to date. They have been scanned and emailed to the Kentucky League of Cities for compilation of results.

Code Enforcement Officer – **Paul Eitel**

Followed up a resident's complaint regarding complaints of construction traffic, mud, and driveways being blocked and encroachment in the easement on the residential add on Killiney Place. I had the METRO inspector out for a site visit and measurements, that verified that the addition "is built as approved and does not encroach the easement." and will consider this part of the complaint as resolved and complete.

As to the other complaints on Killiney. I have addressed with the renovation contractor, which has been very compliant, in remedying the remaining complaints of: Construction traffic and parking, as to not double park in the street, nor to block any other residents' driveways. To install a silt mitigation barrier and control and clean tracked mud from the street by construction foot traffic. The contractor has installed worker walkways and ground control straw matting. Moved Construction material that was in the cities' ROW, back 10 feet from curb due to limited setback area. Placed one ten-yard dumpster in 1303 occupant's driveway to control construction material. One porta potty is present and placed just north and to the side and back from the front house sightline.

Followed up on a complaint of construction material and dumpster bag in the ROW and porta potty being on property for extended time on Old Farm Road. Met with residence, and material in ROW to be moved, and addition in final phase, and weather permitting, and addition to be completed and porta potty to be removed.

Follow up on construction dumpster placed on city street dead end turnaround of Kirkhill Road. Contractor being contacted for relocation.

To these, I will be monitoring and communicating with the homeowner and contractors as needed until job's completion.

During my city drive through's moved contractor sign's out of cities ROW.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

*Lyndon Police had 84 hours of Police Support billed for their January activity, totaling \$5,376.

*Snow and ice removal for this winter has totaled \$69,250 so far. \$40,000 was budgeted for this year, which was not enough, yet the highest budgeted compared to the previous years.

*The survey results will be presented next month at the March 10th Council meeting here at Sojourn Church at 7PM. We look forward to a strong turnout of residents.

*There were 3 unpaid 2024 tax bills. Letters went out to those residents and liens will be filed in March for non-payment.

*Three City Officials, myself and Councilmembers Davis and Greer, attended Muffins with McCraney, our Metro Councilwoman.

*While the date for Shakespeare in the Park has not been set, it will be on our Green.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Clerk/Treasurer read:

On Friday, January 31st, Mayor Roberts and I met with our bank branch manager and a small business specialist at First Financial Bank. While their goal was to make sure our needs are being met, we did have a conversation about opening a business credit card for the City. This must be formalized during our Council Meeting since we are a Government Entity. This is in accordance with their banking regulations.

Stating for the Minutes, our intention is to open a business credit card with First Financial Bank. There will be three signers:

Dr. John Roberts, Mayor
Helen Davis, Mayor Protem/Councilwoman
Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer

The maximum amount of credit extended to our City on the card will be \$10K. Once these minutes are typed, approved by the Council at the March 10, 2025, meeting, and signed by Mayor Roberts and Christine, an additional councilmember who is not a signer on the new credit card, will need to sign them to satisfy First Financial Bank requirements. After that, an application along with three years of audited financial statements will be submitted to First Financial Bank for their consideration.

Councilwoman Greer made a motion to instruct the City to apply for a business credit card at First Financial Bank. This was seconded by **Councilwoman Theiler**. No discussion was needed. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

Doug Mauer, resident, approached the council to thank **Councilwoman Helen Davis** in helping to address and resolve the water leak issue at 744 Wicklow Road. Several homes had small lakes of water in their yards, one of which was a rental home. It took until Saturday morning for the water leak to be corrected and water to be restored to affected homes.

Councilwoman Greer mentioned that Louisville Water has only had one group working on weekends.

Mayor Roberts acknowledged four water breaks in Windy Hills recently and slow responses by Louisville Water in all four cases. He has observed the Louisville Water Company reporting system, and the lack of proper tracking or timing to a resolution. He has requested that Louisville Water look at a more consumer-oriented way to report, track, and time a resolution to a water-related problem since they do not have a system with those capabilities at this time.

There being no further business to address nor questions to answer of the Council, **Councilwoman Greer** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilman Teaford**. The motion passed and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:34PM.

Dr. John Roberts, Mayor

Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer