

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
January 13, 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

Helen Davis

Kate Greer

Paul Morris

Suzanne Spencer

Steve Teaford

Julie Theiler

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Christine Haner, Clerk

Timothy Mayer, Attorney

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Davis moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, council meeting; seconded by **Councilwoman Greer**. Having no need for discussion, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Davis moved to approve the December 2024 Financial Reports which included the Profit & Loss Statement as well as the Balance Sheet: seconded by **Councilwoman Greer**. With no discussion necessary, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Spencer moved to approve the December bills, totaling \$85,333.62; seconded by **Councilwoman Theiler**. Having no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Roberts noted the ARPA account balance of \$9,060.49 and the Road Fund account balance of \$48,338.17. The ARPA balance is earmarked to expand the parking pad on the Green. The funds will be expended no later than April 2025.

PRESENTATION BY BRIGHTSIDE – LOUISVILLE

Alec Brohnson, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Mae Marks, Events & Volunteer Supervisor, from Brightside shared a little bit about their organization.

Louisville Metro actually pays the Brightside staff, but donated labor and donated funds cover their three goals of (1) Litter Abatement, (2) Beautification, and (3) Education.

Community-wide cleanups typically occur around August/September for the fall and March/April for the spring. In addition, monthly cleanups are scheduled with the exception of the winter months. The 2025 calendar will be out soon to firm up dates and details.

“Sips & Sweeps” cleanups include either a coffee shop stop or a brewery visit.

“Cash for Trash” programs for non-profit or not-for-profit organizations allow those organizations to earn cash for litter pickups, earning \$100/mile with a minimum of 3 miles and maximum of 10 miles coverage.

Supplies for cleanups are available upon request, whether you are a 2-person team or a 100-person team.

Brightside is looking to replace old signs or contact those organizations who sponsored the old Adopt-A-Mile program locations. If you see an old sign, please let Brightside know the location. New Corporate sponsors are encouraged to adopt an area.

Council members will reach out to these contacts in the future for litter collection events and to obtain supplies and other resources.

RESIDENTS’ COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The Tree City USA application from the Arbor Day Foundation was successfully submitted. The first stage of the application was approved, and we expect full approval soon.

The Tree Board will meet on Wednesday, January 15th, at 7PM in the Board Room of Suite 110 of the Summit Executive Suites, where City Hall is located.

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

There were 3 new residents in December.

No official City walks occurred due to poor weather and cold temperatures.

Public Works – **Councilman Teaford** reported:

The light pole at 1109 Clerkenwell Road was not working and has been removed by LG&E.

Several lights have been reported out in Windy Hills and have been reported to LG&E. Rudy Lane at Two Springs Lane and Rudy Lane at Regency have had lights out for several weeks. Work orders were put in. The Rudy Lane & Regency outage is due to an underground electrical problem. The repair requires the road to be dug up to access the lines once it is warm enough for the work to begin. It will likely be a 2-month timeline once started.

Between poor weather and holiday delays, we are still working toward installing the new Radar Speed Signs. The stubs have been installed in the ground ahead of placement at the earmarked locations on Ambridge Drive and Indian Ridge Road.

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

Six residents were added to the city email list recently.

The City surveys facilitated by the Kentucky League of Cities have been returning to City Hall. We have received around 260 complete surveys so far. They were opened, scanned, and emailed to KLC for compilation of the data.

11 tax bills remain unpaid for Property Tax Year 2024.

City officials have been working to complete annual cybersecurity training online.

City officials and board members have been completing their Annual Financial Disclosure Statements in accordance with our Ethics Ordinance to identify or report any potential conflicts of interest.

Related to winter storm Blair, City Hall received many emails, phone calls, voicemails, and visits from residents. I believe these concerns were addressed timely and most complaints corrected within 48 hours. We encourage our residents to communicate with us in a timely manner so that any concerns are addressed quickly. Don't assume that your neighbor has already contacted us. We are here to help you but only if we are aware of the need.

Code Enforcement Officer – Paul Eitel

In Mr. Eitel's absence, the Clerk shared:

Paul Eitel was sworn in as Code Enforcement Officer on January 2nd in City Hall by Mayor Roberts. This was witnessed by the Clerk. On this date Code Enforcement duties were reviewed, and forms, correspondence, and supplies needed were obtained. Clerical and housekeeping tasks were completed. On January 3rd, Mr. Eitel met with Councilman Teafor for hands-on training and making rounds in the city.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

We recently had the worst storm since 1998, with both ice and snow. Our roads were better plowed and cleared than any surrounding city.

In the future, ahead of a storm with predicted significant accumulations of snow, we will likely share a storm preparedness list. Notably, residents should mark the edges of their driveways at the street with 4 feet high orange stakes so that the snow removal crew can better avoid blocking driveways when possible.

It would be helpful if during the summer months residents secure a vendor to clear their driveways and sidewalks before a snow event. Oftentimes the summer lawn service used by a resident provides this service in the winter.

Budget planning for 2025-2026 will begin soon. Our City will research the possibility of Solar Flock Cameras in key areas, Solar Security Cameras on the Green, a possible stage/gazebo on the Green, etc.

We are exploring the cost of purchasing tee shirts such as “I walked the Windy Hills Loop in 2025” and “I walked the Green Loop in 2025”. Hopefully we can drive more outdoor physical fitness in 2025.

Regarding Police Data from December, there were 88 hours of patrol costing \$5,638. There were two instances of stop sign monitoring and 3 instances of radar patrolling on Rudy & Brookview. Two citations were given for traffic violations for an expired tag and a license plate that was not legible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

Councilwoman Spencer brought up a question regarding use of the Green. She is a member of LAFTA, the Louisville Area Fiber and Textile Artists group. They are professional, juried artisans and are considering the Windy Hills Green for a potential juried show. **Councilwoman Spencer** asked if this is a possibility and if there is a fee and/or form to fill out. **Councilwoman Davis** shared that there is a City application for the request in City Hall. It was mentioned that 12 booths would likely be the maximum they require. Sunday would be the best day so that parking at Brownsboro Center can be utilized.

Councilwoman Greer shared that she has seen a Master Gardener plan used for strategic planning that is impressive. She will share a copy with the City so that a similarly crafted plan may be used in the future by us.

Resident Doug Mauer spoke up to say he thought our City did a fantastic job on the snow removal and salting of the streets. He also found the Reach Alert communications to be very helpful, especially the one regarding the powerlines that were down at Brownsboro/I-264. He was able to share that emergency communication with others in his role at Sojourn Church to better inform the whole community about traffic patterns.

There being no further business to address nor questions to answer of the Council, **Councilwoman Greer** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Davis**. The motion passed and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:36PM.

Dr. John Roberts, Mayor

Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer