

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2017

Mayor Kenny Griffin opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was held in the Community of Christ Church.

City Commissioner Members: Kenneth Griffin (Mayor), Sharon Doll (Public Works), Sharon Henry (Finance/Landscaping), Susie Strange (Safety), and Lydia Moel (Sanitation).

City Employees: NSAP Lt. Hondro Cabrera (police officer), Pat Cooke (Clerk/Treasurer), John Singler (attorney) and Mark Madison (City Engineer & Code Enforcement Officer).

Others Present: Nick Pregliasco, representative for Hwang Martial Arts, Ashley Erwin and John Abaray of Axminster Drive, Jim Ayres, Gary Chastain

Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All were present.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Pregliasco who gave a presentation on the proposed building of Hwang's Martial Arts at 9017 Taylorsville Rd. He explained it would be a two story building with shared access with Discount Tire. The martial arts will be taught on the first floor and the second floor will be for office space. A sidewalk will be put in the front of the building which will actually face Hurstbourne Pkwy and along the side of Taylorsville Rd. A sidewalk waiver has been requested for Axminster Drive. They will keep the existing fence along Axminster Dr. and add some additional landscaping. Most of the activity will occur between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to coincide with the school week and morning hours on Saturday. The drop-off and pickup will be monitored by the staff in front of the building which has been of some concern by residents. It was emphasized that there should be no traffic or parking on Axminster for this business and that citations can be given if not adhered to. There is also concern for safety of children. There will be a zoning meeting on April 20th and the City Attorney will draft a document outlining binding elements. Mr. Singler will also prepare a letter in support of the waiver of a sidewalk on Axminster.

Gary Chastain of Riverside Capital, who owns 37 Narwood wanted to bring to the attention of the City that there are problems with people cutting through the backyard from Bunsen Pkwy to get to Walmart. Lt. Cabrera said he talked to the renter of the property as he is concerned about their welfare and having people cut through their yard at night. There is no fence on the back of the property to prevent any traffic. Trash is thrown in the back. Mr. Chastain wanted to know if the City could help with the cost of a fence. He was told that since it is private property, the City cannot help finance the cost of a fence. Mark Madison suggested he contact the Planning Department of the Louisville Metro about the development plan. There should have been a buffer between the business on Bunsen and residents and that might allow him to get some help.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Com. Strange to approve, seconded by Com. Doll. Motion carried.

Reports:

Finance: The City has approximately \$350,000 in bank accts. and CDs and property tax receivables are down to \$1,736. No unusual activity for the month. Com. Henry made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Com. Moel. Motion carried.

Sanitation: One call was made to Com. Doll who forwarded the information to Com. Moel about a missed pickup. Com. Moel reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is almost here. She would like to start make some plans for a neighborhood picnic is the Board agreed. She was told to check with the Church about availability.

Safety: Not much to report other than a little speeding. A suspicious car had been seen a few times and Lt. Cabrera will check on it.

Public Works: The power has cut off a few times in the City with no apparent reason. Com. Doll brought asked what the feelings of the Board were about the proposal to have the sidewalks leveled after the presentation by Precision Concrete Cutting that was given at the last meeting. The City attorney said that several cities have been very pleased with the work they had done. The Mayor stated that this is something that the City needs to have done as there have been two suits brought against the City in the past because of uneven sidewalks. Mark Madison said that the City needs to keep meticulous records about what has been done where and this is a one-time scenario that cannot be repeated. Since there are other issues with the sidewalks, mainly replacing some sections, and tree roots, this needs to be handled as two projects. Mayor Griffin said he has tried to get in touch with Councilwoman Marilyn Parker about helping pay for some of this. He will continue to call her office. A motion was made by Com. Henry to have Precision do updated Option A at \$19,429, seconded by Com. Doll.

Motion carried. Com. Doll will contact Mr. Dalton about getting the work on their schedule.

City Clerk: There are only two meetings left until the new fiscal year so it is time to get the tax ordinance and budget prepared for the next meeting. Mr. Singler and the Clerk will meet before the next meeting to draft these ordinances.

Attorney's Report: The City of Louisville has sued all the smaller cities in Jefferson County to take control of trash collection which includes the City of Forest Hills. This involves KRS 109 and HB 246. The League of Cities has band together to respond to this suit and has requested that the cities contribute towards the defense of this matter. A motion was made by Com. Strange, seconded by Com. Doll to adopt Resolution #1, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Defend Litigation. The motion was carried. A motion was made by Com. Doll, seconded by Com. Strange to contribute \$1,000 to defend the suit.

Mr. Singler reported that he sent a letter to Town fair about the holes in the fence behind the center and asked that they be repaired but has not gotten a response yet.

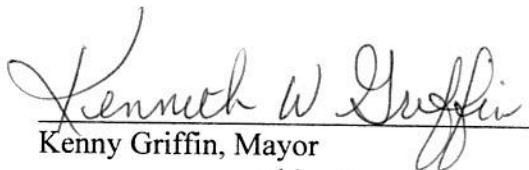
A house on Janlyn continues to be unmaintained. The owner is deceased and a claim will be filed to the executor against the estate for liens placed on the property. In the meantime, the grass will continue to be cut and paid for by the City.

City Engineer: Nothing to report.

Mayor: Nothing.

Church: No issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Kenny Griffin, Mayor


Pat Cooke, Clerk

Date approved: 5/8/17

The minutes stand unapproved until signed.