

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2017

Mayor Kenny Griffin opened the regular meeting at 6:00 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: Gary Dalton and Shayne Linge of Precision Concrete, Mare Muccigrosso of AT&T, Robbie Taylor

Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All present.

The floor was given to Mr. Dalton and Mr. Linge of Precision Concrete. They gave an interesting presentation on how their company takes care of uneven sidewalks repairs. They presented a proposal with an estimate of what it would cost to take care of all the spots throughout the City. This estimate is good for 1 year and the Board will consider their proposal.

Ms. Muccigrosso gave a presentation on homeowner security systems from AT&T Digital Life.

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

Reports:

Finance: Com. Henry reported that the combined accounts show a total of \$365,831, with \$5314 still owed for 2016 taxes. A motion was made to pay the bills by Com. Henry, seconded by Com. Moel. Motion carried. A drawing was made to choose who would receive the tree that the City was awarded by Echo Tech. The winner is Dalton O'Brien. Com. Henry will get in touch with the Dalton about the planting of the tree.

Sanitation: Com. Moel said that things were quiet for the month. She then brought up a question about fences that had been inquired about from a resident. Attorney Singler referred to the amended ordinance that had been passed in 2012 and clarified that there were no restrictions for privacy fences other than height of no more than 8 ft. She will convey that information to the resident. She also brought up the possibility of starting a Facebook page for the City. There was some discussion and it was tabled for next month. She also would like to organize an Easter egg hunt this year for the City. The Board was very receptive to the idea and she will contact the Church to get their approval to have one on the grounds. She will report back at the next meeting about plans. A motion was made by Com. Moel to allocate \$300 for items for the hunt, seconded by Com. Henry.

Public Safety: Nothing serious to report. Lt. Cabrera gave a report on the theft and recovery of Mayor Griffin's stolen car. There had been some activity in Hurstbourne Acres with two men being arrested. He will try to work his schedule for Forest Hills during the late night hours for a while. He also mentioned that with tolling of the bridges, stolen license plates will be on the rise for people to avoid paying tolls. Mayor Griffin said that he had noticed more patrolling in the City from the Jeffersontown police.

Com. Strange passed out a sample of the new magnet for everyone to make any changes or corrections. She will order new magnets to be sent out to the residents.

Public Works: Com. Doll discussed the concrete presentation and wanted feedback from the Board. Com. Strange suggested that any concrete damage done by tree roots needs to be addressed at the trees rather than just keep filing the concrete down. This procedure only takes care of part of the problem as it does not take care of cracks, holes in the concrete and replacing any sections. It was suggested that the City get an estimate from another contractor on dealing with the problems not addressed by Echo Tech. If the work would be over \$20,000, the City would have to have the job bid on. ~~Mark Madison recommended we look into other contractors.~~ KWB

City Attorney: He reported that two claims made on sidewalk incidents have been settled. He said that the City could also apply for a metro council grant. This matter will be discussed further next month.

He received an email about a damaged mailbox. He will send a letter to the person who did the damage to get the City reimbursed for the cost of repair.

He gave a status report on two developments. Plans have been filed for the property on the corner of Axminster and Taylorsville Rd. with a public hearing to be in 60 days. The other house on Taylorsville Rd. that has filed for rezoning is in limbo right now. It was also suggested that Mr. Singler contact Hwang Co. to have a representative come and explain the plans for the martial arts business to address concerns about pedestrian traffic and drop offs on Axminster.

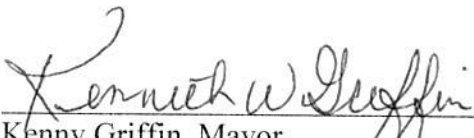
Job descriptions for Board members were passed out with the names inserted in the positions. The only change was moving the landscaping responsibility added to finance since Com. Henry is now in charge of finance and wants to continue dealing with the landscaping. A motion was made by Com. Moel to approve the job descriptions, seconded by Com. Henry. Motion carried.

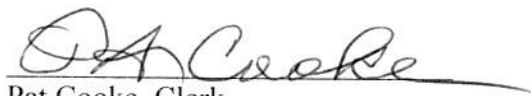
City Clerk: Delinquent tax notices had been sent out and there had been payment from half of the notices. Rental fees invoices have also been sent out. The Clerk will be out of town from March 3rd through the 10th. Newsletter articles are due by March 6th.

City Engineer: Mr. Madison had no report.

Mayor Griffin requested that the next meeting be moved to March 20th as he will be out of town on the 13th. A motion was made by Mayor Griffin to move the meeting, seconded by Com. Strange. Motion carried.

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


Kenny Griffin, Mayor


Pat Cooke, Clerk

Date approved: 3/20/17

The minutes stand unapproved until signed.