

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 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: Jim Ayres from Church

Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All Present.

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

Reports:

Finance: Right now the City has \$343,400 in various accounts and only \$750 still in taxes receivable. A motion was made to pay the bills by Com. Henry, seconded by Com. Doll. Motion carried.

In regards to landscaping, Chism with be turning the irrigation system on May 9th.

Sanitation: The property at 9017 Taylorsville Rd. needs to be mowed. Our attorney will send contact info to Com. Moel to handle. She reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Suggested July 15th for the City Picnic. It will be catered. A bounce house was brought up. Mr. Singler said that the City's regular insurance would not cover liability for a bounce house but additional coverage could be purchased as long as the house is manned. Com. Moel will pull together some other options and the plan is to have the picnic in the tree forest.

Public Safety: Not much activity. A bike was stolen and Lt. Cabrera has been checking pawn shops. A stolen vehicle was reported but found out it was ~~not~~ in the City.

Public Works: Com. Doll had set up a date for Precision Concrete to start the sidewalk project but then received an email that work should not begin until the application for money from Metro government had been approved. Mr. Singler will call Marilyn Parker's assistant to see if OK to start project right after the application is filed.

City Clerk: Nothing to report. Newsletter articles need to be turned in by June 5th.

City Attorney: Mr. Singler presented the first reading of the 2017-2018 budget. There is not much change except for \$20,000 for the sidewalk project and this is added in the Road Aid expenses. A motion was made by Com. Henry to accept the first reading of the 2017-2018 budget, seconded by Com. Doll.

Mr. Singler then presented the first reading of the 2017-2018 Tax Ordinance. It looks like the same rate can be kept as last year's. A motion was made by Com. Strange to accept the first reading of the 2017-2018 Tax Ordinance, seconded by Com. Henry.

City Attorney: The application for the sidewalk grant was received and he will sign the grant as he has taken the online training necessary to fill out the grant.

In regards to the Axminster property for the proposed Hwang Martial Arts, all elements we asked for except for day care, which it really is, have been accepted.

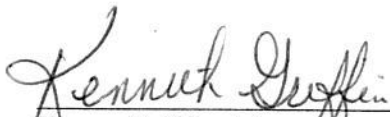
Mr. Singler contacted the Townfair Shopping Center and they took our problem very seriously and will take care of the holes in the fence adjacent to the City.

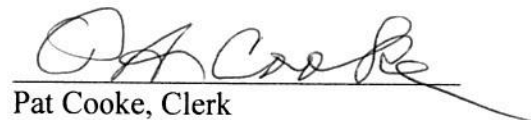
There was discussion about the lawsuit between Metro and the League of Cities. The City is sending a check for \$1,000 to aid in the cost of the lawsuit as other cities are contributing.

Mayor: He talked to Mark Adams at TARC. TARC will not do away with the bus stop at Axminster which is of concern to us in terms of safety at that spot. TARC will do something to clean up the area and they are planning on putting something at the stop in front of the nursing home, possibly a bench.

City Engineer: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Kenny Griffin, Mayor


Pat Cooke, Clerk

Date approved: 6/12/17

The minutes stand unapproved until signed.