

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2023

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), Gayle Knoop (Safety), and Robbie Taylor (Sanitation/Events).

City Employees: Sgt. Tulio Tourinho (police officer), Pat Cooke (Clerk/Treasurer), John Singler (Attorney) and Mark Madison (City Engineer & Code Enforcement Officer).

Others Present: Many residents from Axminster Drive and other residents

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All present except Com. Knoop, Com. Taylor and Sgt. Tourinho.

Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shooting that occurred earlier in the day.

The Mayor read a report from Com. Taylor, detailed later in the report\$ and then opened the floor. Tessa Wilbert proceeded to speak for the residents of Axminster. There were many complaints not only about the appearance going into the entrance but also the ditch and trash found along the street. Several of the residents talked and the main question was what the Board was going to do about these problems. After a great deal of discussion, the Mayor promised that these issues would be addressed. If a particular property is not well maintained, Mr. Singler recommended the residents call 31, Louisville/Metro to report on the properties. Sometimes that gets a quicker response than the City sending a letter.

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

Reports:

City Engineer: Mr. Madison reported he had received three bids for the speed humps. After his recommendation, Com. Henry made a motion to award the job to Hall Paving for \$16,000, seconded by Com. Doll, motion carried, contingent on correct amount for signs and posts.

Mr. Madison then addressed the drainage problem for the two houses on Merriwood. The area was surveyed and he came up with a plan but ran into a problem with cost versus plan. The elevation is an issue. To deal with it would probably cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. He checked with Jeffersontown for financial help and did not get a good response. It will be difficult getting equipment back to the area. He talked about an infiltration ditch where the water goes down instead of trying to run it off. He will get a GEO report done first to see what is below the area and if we can do it, he will get bids. A motion was made by Com. Doll to get the report, not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by Com. Henry, motion carried. Jane Reese from the Church said that the culvert that runs under the road by the Church needs to be bigger.

Finance: Com. Henry reported that total bank accounts and CDs as of March 31 was \$437,438. She then made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Com. Doll.

Sanitation: Com. Taylor's report said that he had received only one call for a recycling can. He had lots of calls about large items. WM will only pick up one large item per pickup. Mattresses need to be covered in plastic. That would also go for any large cloth items. As a resident of Axminster he wrote about the ongoing problems on Axminster. There are still issues with the vacant property on both corners of the entrance with vacant cars, grocery carts left by the street. The work with the three new houses being built on the court has slowed down and the road is a mess. With summer coming, the kids will be out and want to be able to play and ride their toys.

Public Safety: Com. Knoop sent her report. She received one complaint about a silver air street trailer parked in a driveway. The Little Library has been delivered and she is trying to find someone to install it. She has not been able to get the triplicate citation forms printed but will have them for the May meeting.

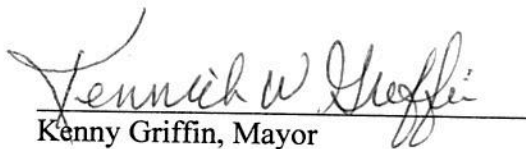
Public Works: She had heard from one of the residents about the drainage issue on Merriwood and Mr. Madison had covered that in his report.

City Clerk: Most tax bills have been collected for 2022. She suggested a newsletter would be good at this time to let the residents know about the speed humps, citations etc. Please have articles in by the following Thursday. The budget for 2023-2024 will be due by the May meeting. A meeting was setup with Com. Henry, and Mr. Singler.

City Attorney: He sent out letters to some of the properties that have issues. Also sent out letters to those who have not paid their taxes with liens being filed if not paid by April 30th

Mayor – He made a motion for a budget of \$5,000 to clean up Axminster, seconded by Com. Doll. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Kenny Griffin, Mayor


Pat Cooke, Clerk

Date approved: 5/8/23

The minutes stand unapproved until signed.