

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 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: Two residents

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All present except Mark Madison

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

Reports:

Finance: As of April 30th, the total assets of the City were \$426,018.51 with \$3,096 in taxes receivable. Com. Henry made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Com. Knoop, motion carried. The cemetery will be cleaned up before Memorial Day. An estimate of \$6,000 to \$7,000 was received from Goforth and Herron CPAs to do the next audit. The previous audit with the former CPA form was \$12,000. A motion was made by Com. Henry to contract with Goforth and Herron for the next audit, seconded by Com. Doll, motion carried.

Attorney John Singler presented the first reading of the 2023-2024 tax ordinance. Com. Knoop made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 1, Series 2023-2024, an Ordinance Providing for the Assessment of All Real Property within the City of Forest Hills and Levying An Ad Valorem Tax Thereon, seconded by Com. Henry, motion carried.

Mr. Singler then presented the first reading of the 2023-2024 budget. Com. Doll made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2 Series 2023-2024 Adopting the City of Forest Hills Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, seconded by Com. Henry, motion carried.

Sanitation: There was one request for a replacement can. A resident called complaining that their neighbor's washer was emptying in their yard. Possibly a plugged drain. A letter was received from Waste Management in error that stated the company was changing their pickup methods. This does not involve the City of Forest Hills. Com. Taylor asked when Axminster Court might be paved so that children could ride in that area. Mr. Singler said that the Court is not a City road but actually a driveway. He will send a letter to the builder asking when the street might be paved.

Public Safety: The Little Library has been installed in the tree park. There have been solicitors in the City. One citation/warning has been issued.

Public Works: Com. Doll sent an email to MSD about a drainage ditch. She has not heard back from them yet. One another note, Mayor Griffin read a report from Mark Madison that two tests were run on the Merriwood drainage issue to see if the water would drain down with the proposed solution and the answer was yes. Com. Knoop made a motion to accept the Greenbaum bid of \$1900 to do the work, seconded by Com. Henry.

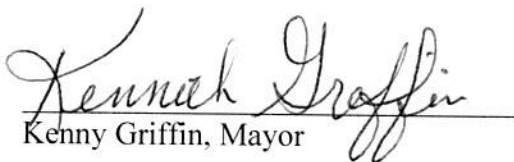
City Clerk: Copies of the ARPA reports for the 2nd year were received. The City still has \$45,689.81 left to use before Dec. 31, 2024. Some of the accounts listed under Landscaping have moved back under Public Works on reports. At the budget meeting with Mr. Singler and Com. Henry, it was suggested that the tree park have some work done and possibly some playground equipment added. A motion was made to have Mayor Griffin get some prices for playground equipment, seconded by Com. Taylor. Motion carried with Com. Knoop opposing.

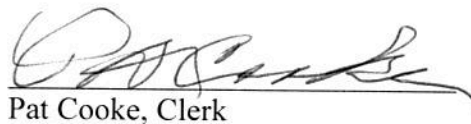
City Attorney: Mr. Singler followed up with letters about cleaning up areas on Axminster. He sent an email To the owner of property at Taylorville and Axminster about a downed tree in the ditch. There has been an inquiry about putting a restaurant on the property which is zoned for that kind of business.

City Engineer: Not present

Mayor Griffin reported on the cleanup activity that has taken place on Axminster. A letter sent to a property owner about an abandoned car brought a call that it would be removed and also that the backyard needs to be cleaned up as it an eyesore for the new houses on Axminster Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Kenny Griffin, Mayor


Pat Cooke, Clerk

Date approved: 6/12/23

the minutes stand unapproved until signed.