

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2020

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 Lydia Moel (Sanitation/Events).

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: Residents, Wm. Ballinger, Goetzingers, Ayres, Isaacs, Mark Smith with PNC.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All present

The Mayor recognized Mark Smith who came to explain the Kentucky League of Cities Investment Program through PNC. He discussed how the program works with smaller amounts of money from several groups being put into a pool to take advantage of large amounts of money. There are several options to investment in other than checking, money market accounts or CDs. After questions from the Board, the Mayor thanked Mr. Smith and said it would be getting in touch later.

Mr. Madison then introduced Mr. Isaacs as a resident who had unintentionally constructed a fence, deck and pool without knowing that a permit was required. He has now filed the proper paperwork. Mr. Madison also spoke about a drainage problem that covers several properties with Mr. Isaacs lot being the lowest. Mr. Madison said the ditches are operating as they should but this is a private matter. To fix it would require filling and re-grading the area and everyone needs to agree. It would be expensive to hire someone to design a project. Mr. Singler will send a letter to Mr. Eckman about the discussion as he brought up the drainage problem.

Mr. Madison then continue his report. The Narwood island and Axminster projects are ready to bid. He also plans to get out a bid in April for sidewalk repair work on Bunsen and in the subdivision to make the City handicap accessible. The fence on the backside of what was Walmart has been remedied at the access points. There is a gate that is no longer needed near a transformer and he will get with LG&E to fix this area.

Mayor Griffin congratulated Lt. Cabrera on his 25 years of service with LMPD.

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

Reports:

Finance: Com. Henry reported that the total of various accounts is \$324,081. Taxes receivable is down to \$22,771. She made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Com. Moel. Motion carried.

Com. Henry acknowledged that the meter installed in the tree park is finally now working, now that we don't need it until next spring. Only took several months to get done.

Sanitation: It has been quiet. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4th and the annual picnic will be June 20th or 27th.

Public Safety: Com. Knoop has been researching the Ring Doorbell Program. The least expensive program has been removed. She is waiting to hear about the new replacement program to inform the residents. She feels it would be a good investment for those interested and the City will put something towards the installations if we get enough residents to sign up. A motion by Com. Knoop was made to allocate \$5,000 to purchase Ring Video Doorbells for distribution to City residents, with \$100 per resident for City discount, with resident to pay the balance of the cost after discount, seconded by Com. Henry. Motion carried.

There was something on Next door about a dog attack in the City. Lt. Cabrera looked into it and the incident was handled.

Public Works: Com. Doll said that a street sign at the corner of Merriwood and Cherian was knocked down. U.S. Post has already reposted it. A street light on Narwood was hit and it has been put back up. She is looking at new street signs. She feels Saf-ti-Co is the company to go with.

City Clerk: Stock Yards Bank is doing a good job handling the incoming tax payments.

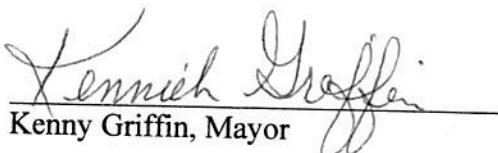
City Attorney: Mr. Singler presented Municipal Order #1, Series 2020, authorizing participation in the Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool Plus. Com. Henry made a motion to approve the order, seconded by Com. Knoop, motion carried. KLC will need signed Ordinance, and Municipal Order along with other paperwork to be obtained from Mark Smith.

City Engineer: Already gave report.

Mayor: He stated that he received a letter from the Property Valuation Administration about re-assessment of property in the City. He will try to get Melodie Humphrey to come to the next meeting to discuss.

Church: Two campers were parking in the Church lot. They were homeless and the Church informed them that they do not allow them to park at the Church. Lt. Cabrera said if he sees any more, he will stop and can give them information on resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


Kenny Griffin, Mayor


Pat Cooke, Clerk

Date approved: 2/10/20

The minutes stand unapproved until signed.