

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2020

Due to the Covid 19 health emergency, the City of Forest Hills is conducting its regular City Council meetings via teleconference. This is occurring under the authority of Kentucky Revised Statutes and the orders of the Governor of Kentucky. Residents and news media may participate in the teleconference meeting. The log in information for each meeting will be posted and distributed so that any person or member of the media wanting to participate may participate.

Mayor Kenny Griffin opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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:

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All present except Lt. Cabrera.

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

Reports:

Finance: Com. Henry reported that the various accounts had a total of \$323, 999. Taxes receivable were \$1,059. She then made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Com. Doll.

Sanitation: Com. Moel discussed that a resident had been contacted about their yard, it had been cut, but now they needed to be reminded that it needs to be kept up. There is a tree in the creek. Mayor Griffin called to have it removed. There is a problem again with the dumpster behind Half Price Bookstore being cleaned out earlier than allowed and some of the debris is falling over the fence. Lt. Cabrera has been in contact with them. Right now the projected date of the picnic is Sept. 12th.

Public Safety: Com. Knoop is concerned about the speeding on Narwood and the ignoring of the stop sign. It has been suggested that the City pursue installing speed bumps. A petition would need to be circulated to get a certain number of residents to agree to having them installed. She has also tried to find out more about the Ring Doorbell security program. A card could be sent out informing the residents of the program with the City reimbursing a certain amount to those who have them installed. Com. Knoop made a motion to allocate \$10,000 towards a reimbursement program, with \$100 reimbursement to those who install the product. Com. Moel seconded the motion, motion carried. There were other issues discussed about grass, dumpsters, and trailers. Mr. Singler will send out letters to those involved.

Public Works: A call was received about a tree that fell on a resident's fence from the nursing home property. The City needs to get a quote to remove the tree.

A resident has raised a storm grate to allow more water to drain, but the issue is that the owner does not want to clean the grate which is requested to residents by the City. Mr. Singler will send a letter to the homeowner.

Lt. Cabrera has informed the City that he will be retiring August 1st and his last day with the City will be July 31st. He may know someone who wants to take over his job with the City.

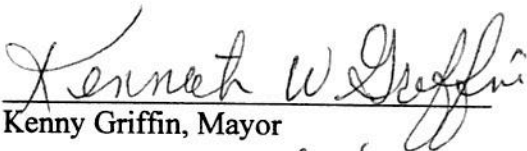
City Clerk: Nothing to report but hoped that the next meeting could be held back at the Church.

City Attorney: Mr. Singler reported that a budget planning meeting had been held and there were a few changes from last year. The first reading of the budget was given and a motion was made by Com. Henry to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2, Series 2020-2021, Annual Budget, seconded by Com. Doll, motion carried. Mr. Singler then presented the new tax ordinance with no change to the tax rate. Com. Knoop then made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #1, Series 2020-2021, Levying an Ad Valorem Tax. Com. Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

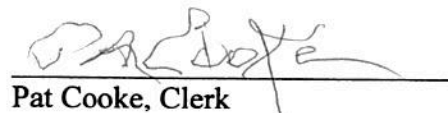
City Engineer: The designs for change of the circle on Narwood and the work at the corner of Axminster and Taylorsville Road have been approved but due to the virus situation, he has not been able to get bids for the work. He will also walk the sidewalks in the next couple of weeks to see what areas need work. There is also a drainage issue on Merriwood that he has been trying to get a price for repair.

Church: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Kenny Griffin, Mayor

Date approved: 6/8/20


Pat Cooke, Clerk

The minutes stand unapproved until signed.