

CITY OF FOREST HILLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2021

Mayor Kenny Griffin opened the zoom 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: Sgt. Tulio Tourinho (police officer), Pat Cooke (Clerk/Treasurer), John Singler (Attorney) and Mark Madison (City Engineer & Code Enforcement Officer).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All were in attendance.

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

Reports:

Finance: Com. Henry reported that at the end of February the City had a total of \$366,762 in the various bank accounts and taxes receivable of \$9133. She then made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Com. Doll. Com. Henry then made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 audit, seconded by Com. Knoop.

Sanitation: All has been quiet. Com. Moel was contacted by All Shred to see when the City wants to set up another shredding event in August or Sept. The Board agreed on September. Com. Moel will reach out to Houston Acres and the Church to see if they want to participate. She asked if the Board members had any reservations for family for the Egg Hunt. She also proposed that for a City picnic this year, it might work to have a food truck come for people to just come, get their food and take it home. Possibly have the truck visit once in June and once in July. The Board thought this was a good idea. Waste Management presented a 3 yr. extension on their contract at the same price. Com. Moel made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Com. Doll.

Mayor Griffin will sign the contract once we receive it.

Public Safety: Very calm. Two offenders were given citations for illegal parking. Sgt. Tourinho has been very responsive to contacting the offenders who have repeatedly caused problems.

Public Works: Tommy Sims called several times during our snow storms to keep the City posted on his work. He reported that he had hit a resident's mailbox and will take care of getting it repaired. An email was received regarding potholes on Bunsen Parkway in the City. Mr. Madison said we could get anyone to repair the holes. He has been given permission to contract with a company to take care of the holes. Com. Doll also called M&J Landscape Design about filling the hole at the entrance to Axminster with gravel like they did last year. Snow has slowed their work down but we are on the schedule.

She has sent an email to the resident who complained about the bright lights from the auto dealership on Hurstbourne. Even though the direction of the lighting has been turned, and not as bad on Axminster, the lighting is still much brighter than other businesses on Hurstbourne. Mr. Madison said the lighting meets the

standard but the brightness could be turned down. Com. Doll felt the original complaint had been addressed and the City does not need to address the lighting on Hurstbourne.

Com. Doll has contacted Saf-ti-Co to give the City an evaluation on the street signs. The street signs need to be reflective by 2022. Does the City need to replace the posts as well or just re-paint. To replace the signs is estimated at \$4500-6000. Replacing a post and sign could run \$800 to \$1000. There is also a question about what color the City wants the signs to be. Since Jeffersontown's signs are blue, best to go with another color so the City doesn't look like the streets are in Jeffersontown. She will also get an estimate from another company.

City Clerk: An email was received from the Department of Local Government that we could submit for additional funds from the CARES Act. A submission was sent in for another \$9,000.

City Attorney: A re-zoning meeting will be held for the property at the corner of Axminster and Taylorsville Rd. The re-zoning requires an access from Axminster which will not be allowed. Mr. Singler said no plan has been submitted yet. Just wanted to let the Board know where will be a neighborhood zoning meeting sometime in the future.

City Engineer: Mr. Madison received a proposal from an electrical vendor of \$4166.55 to repair the outside lights on the entrances. Com. Henry made a motion to hire Wagner Electric to do the contract work up to a maximum of \$6,000, seconded by Com. Doll.

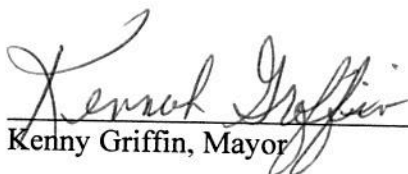
Sgt. Tourinho: He had been focusing on the issues behind the tire store and car dealership which seem to have subsided. He will now concentrate more on patrolling the City. There was a question about activity at one of the houses on Axminster. Sgt. Tourinho had talked to someone and got the impression it may be a half-way house which would explain the situation. He will see if he can find out more information.

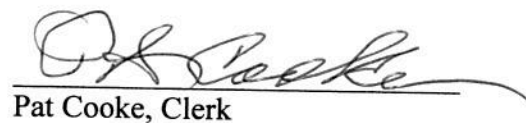
Church: No report.

The Mayor stated that he had been contacted by Marilyn Parker's office wanting to know if we had any projects that she might help with. He said that maybe the City could get her office to help with the cost of the street signs.

There was some discussion about the possibility of going back to meeting at the Church next month.

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


Kenny Griffin, Mayor


Pat Cooke, Clerk

Date approved: 4/12/21

The minutes stand unapproved until signed.