

City of Hills and Dales
Minutes of the City Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.

The Commission met in regular session on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive. City Officials present were Mayor Andreas Wokutch and Commissioners Michael Adair, Bill Bowman, Roger Owen and Barbara Rogers. Treasurer Joan Taylor and City Clerk Jeanne Keats also attended. Mayor Wokutch called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the January 12, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Owen so moved, Commissioner Adair seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Resident Comments

No residents were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Financials

Treasurer Taylor reported on financials through January 31, 2023. She told the Commission the Balance Sheet showed City assets of \$323,049.74 and the City has no liabilities. The Profit and Loss Detail showed total income for the month of November of \$1,828.33 and total expenses of \$5,404.39. The Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual showed that revenues and expenses were in line with the budget.

Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report on January financials. Commissioner Rogers so moved, Commissioner Bowman seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Preliminary Budget Numbers

Treasurer Taylor then told the Commission that she will need everyone's preliminary 2023-2024 budget numbers at the March meeting. She reminded them that the first reading of the budget will be at the April meeting, the second reading at the May meeting and passage will occur at the June meeting.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Governance and Legal

Ethics Ordinance

Mayor Wokutch gave the Commission a brief history of the City's 29-year-old Ethics Ordinance, and pointed out some concerns. City Clerk Keats said she would further review the Kentucky League of Cities' ethics ordinance template and other sources and report findings at the March meeting.

Maintenance, Utilities and Beautification

Ready Electric – Update on Replacement of Electric Line to Entrance

Commissioner Owen reported that he has learned from Ready Electric that their company is unable to provide the boring services required to replace the City's electric line to the entrance. He went on to report that he is meeting with another contractor, JP Construction & Drilling, on Tuesday, February 14, to discuss the directional boring requirements for the job. He will report further at the March meeting.

Entrance Plant Damage

Commissioner Owen reported that severe weather conditions this past summer and in December have resulted in damage to a number of plants at the City's entrance. He will discuss this further at the March meeting.

Roads, Snow Removal and Signage

Snow Removal

Commissioner Bowman reported that the \$950 invoice for January snow removal services from Nally's Lawn Service and Landscaping has been paid as per the City's contract with the City. This invoice covered three snow/ice events in late January. Commissioner Bowman went on to tell the Commission that the City's streets were paved in the summer of 2015 for a cost of about \$130,000 and, at present, they are in good condition. However, he said winter salting and scraping of streets is one factor that can impact how long streets last.

Technology Services and Community Security

Website Update

Commissioner Adair told the Commission that a number of edits have been made to the website, and he will remain after the meeting for anyone who wants to discuss access to the website, content, navigation, editing, etc. The Commission discussed having an open discussion at the March meeting regarding any additional content or features they would like to see on the site.

Camera System

Commissioner Adair told the Commission that the cameras are functioning well; however, the use of LED lighting negatively impacts how well the cameras pick up license plate numbers.

Treasurer Taylor said it may be getting close to the time when the City has to renew security camera system service agreements. One service agreement is for wireless services through Broad Sky (Now EPIC iO) and the other is for security camera maintenance through Unified Technologies' UnifiedCare – ISS Complete. City Clerk Keats said she would check the City's files for the expiration dates of those agreements. Commissioner Rogers said she would contact the appropriate individuals to see when they can meet with the Commission to discuss renewal options.

Communications and Neighborhood

Resident Concerns

Commissioner Rogers said residents have, on several occasions, asked her why the Commission does not send out emails to the community when a resident or a resident's loved one passes away. After discussion, the Commission agreed that it was important to respect the privacy of the bereaved. In addition, the Commission was concerned about inadvertently causing a safety issue for a person who may now be living alone.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Owen so moved, Commissioner Bowman seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote. The formal meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Andreas Wokutch
Approved by
Mayor Andreas Wokutch

3/9/2023
Date

Jeanne Keats
Submitted by
City Clerk Jeanne Keats

3-9-23
Date

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
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