

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING / WORK SESSION**  
**JULY 14, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore, Messrs. Glenn Drees, Greg Hermes and Jack Lee and Ms. Melanie Brokaw and Maria Waltherr. Also present were: Finance Director Matt Sanders and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

By unanimous consent, Councilman Jeff Halter was excused due to a prior commitment and Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach due to a family medical situation.

Mr. Halter arrived at 7:13 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

A prayer was led by Mr. Drees after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

**WORKSESSION**

**Mayor – David Moore**

**Park on DeWitt Housing Development Site**

- The exact location, history of the property and the potential for further development was explained.
- There was an easement on the property along with a designated walkway that was never developed.
- Is a park the highest and best use of said land? If land is used as a park, fiduciary aspects require further discussion related to upkeep and maintenance.
- A concern was expressed that if the land is developed with a parking lot, it may become an undesirable gathering spot. Proceeding with caution is warranted.
- Water runoff must be addressed.
- Using the land for a park would be an asset to the existing PUD designation.
- If the land is developed, the better option is owner-occupied dwellings as opposed to rentals.
- With the intent to retain the land as green space, it could be used as a pet park or rain garden.
- Solicit input from area residents.
- This issue will be discussed further at a later date.

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Vacating DeWitt Court (no longer used as a street)

- This item was deferred to the August 11, 2015 meeting/work session.

Possible Legislation – Legalizing Golf Carts on Village Streets

- Proposal was reviewed and discussed.
- Favorable comments received.
- This item will be placed on the July 21, 2015 Council meeting agenda for the first reading.

Modifications to the Refuse Collection Code Section

- Fees will be paid by village residents through the Cincinnati Water Works.
- Current rate for garbage/refuse removal is \$9.88 monthly; anticipated new rate is \$10.60 monthly.
- Modifications will become effective on October 1, 2015.
- When a new contract is implemented around March 1, ~~2016~~, the amended rate will be communicated to the Cincinnati Water Works.
- Discussion took place on implementing modifications with the new contract in March 2016.
- Some funds are returned to the community from recycling.
- Creative forms of financing to pay down debt were discussed. Mr. Drees and Finance Director Matt Sanders will research several suggestions and provide additional information at a later date.
- Referenced Section 939.05 which states, *After emptying, all containers shall be removed from the streets by 11:00 p.m. on the day of the collection*; amendment suggestion, After emptying, all containers shall be removed 24 hours after collection.
- New contract calls for two containers; this may cause storage issues of trash and recycle bins for some residents.

**Other**

Finance and Audit - Drees

- Reminded members of Council to sign and return letter related to the audit.
- Provided a brief update of village revenues and expenditures to date.
- Finance and Audit Committee will meet on July 28, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Streets and Services - Waltherr

- Streets and Services Committee will meet on July 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

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- Forum for Education will meet on July 30, 2015.
- Hamilton County Municipal League meet will meet on August 19, 2015.
- Called attention to the Service Department full-time employee clothing allowance questioned by Ms. Diana Koller at the June 23, 2015 regular Council meeting. The Municipal Manager will research this matter and provide additional input and information.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/