

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
COUNCIL MEETING / WORK SESSION
AUGUST 11, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore, Messrs. Glenn Drees, Greg Hermes, Jeff Halter and Jack Lee and Ms. Melanie Brokaw and Maria Waltherr. Also present were: Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

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

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

Mr. Drees moved, seconded by Mr. Lee to amend the agenda to add an executive session to discuss the sale/purchase of real estate. Motion carried by voice vote.

WORKSESSION

Finance Committee – Drees

Garbage/Refuse Collection

Mr. Drees commented as follows:

- At one time, the village provided refuse/garbage collection using village personnel and equipment. In later years, this service was let for bid with Rumpke providing this service. Currently, the village proposes to join with other communities through the Center for Local Government in the bid process for this service to obtain more favorable rates. The bidding process will result in letting a contract which will begin in March, 2016. The anticipated collection fee will be billed through the Cincinnati Water Works at an approximate rate of \$12.70 a month per household on a \$100,000 home with a .05% collection fee. This option is considered in the best interests of Village of Greenhills.
- If the village continues to pay for the refuse/garbage collection service, it will place a significant strain on the budget resulting in a deficit in 2019, which is unacceptable.
- Due to refinancing of non-voted debt and voted debt, pool and curb levies coming to an end in the years 2016-2018, property taxes will decrease in an adequate amount to cover the cost of residential-paid fees for the garbage/refuse service.

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- Solid figures will be available in November, 2015; however, the cost to retain this service in the budget is \$249,000.
- Mr. Halter suggested a graph for use to communicate the various options open and the costs under review. The proposals must be communicated in a clear way to allow residents to provide input and offer other options.
- Mr. Hermes suggested a decision should be made by the end of the year so that residential billing can commence on January 1, 2016.
- Next steps—
 - Put together ideas for a communication plan.
 - Accept ideas from residents and members of Council.
 - Develop a visual device to show actual numbers.
 - Work with staff to begin process.
 - Discuss bid through the Center for Local Government at the November 10, 2015 Council work session/meeting.
 - Impart Council's recommendation by the end of the year, specifically at the December Council meeting or work session/meeting.
 - Identify member of staff who is sufficiently informed to answer questions raised by the public.

Streets and Services Committee - Walther

- The Streets and Services Committee will meet on August 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building.
- Stronger measures will be discussed to address issues with the painting of the Service Department Building.

Community Development Committee - Halter

- His portion of the walking path signage will be complete within the next month. However, can be expedited with paid assistance in the amount of approximately \$500 to complete the project.

Traffic and Safety Committee - Brokaw

- The Traffic and Safety Committee will meet on August 24, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building.

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Laws and Rules Committee - Lee

- The Laws and Rules Committee will meet on August 24, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

Mayor

- Received an email communication regarding concerns about the Recreation Commission; will forward this information to Council for further discussion. Ms. Waltherr offered suggestions for future recreation events and programs; this information will be further discussed in the future.

At 7:47 p.m., Mr. Drees moved, seconded by Ms. Brokaw, to convene an executive session to discuss the sale/purchase of real estate. Voting as follows: “Aye” Brokaw, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. At 7:58 p.m. and after stating no official action was taken during the executive session, Mr. Drees moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Brokaw. Motion carried by voice vote.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/