

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

COUNCIL MEETING / WORK SESSION SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Walther. 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 Mr. Drees after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

WORKSESSION

Municipal Manager

Water Works Billing Proposal

Messrs. Jerry Weist and Mark Menkhaus and Ms. Stacey Anderson, representatives of the Cincinnati Water Works, provided an overview of the billing system used for waste/refuse removal fee collection.

- Waste/refuse billing is in conjunction with payment of the water bill.
- Cincinnati Water Works has provided the waste/refuse billing service for the past eight years for numerous other communities.
- Billing is on a quarterly basis with a 21-day due date.
- Revenue is collected and the portion owed to the municipality is remitted once a month.
- 75% of the users pay within the billing due date; the remaining past due fees are collected after the due date with encouragement.
- 5% of the total revenue billed for waste/refuse collection is retained by the Cincinnati Water Works.
- The water bill stays with the property owner and waste/refuse collection fees becomes a part of the entire bill. Services cannot be considered separately for payment.
- Late fees are retained by the Cincinnati Water Works. Failure to pay results in water service disconnection.
- To begin billing service through the Cincinnati Water Works, an annual, renewable contract is necessary.
- Daily status reports can be provided to the municipality.
- 90-days are needed prior to the start of billing services for set-up purposes.

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Recreation Committee

Recreation Commission Proposals/Issues

On behalf of the Recreation Commission, the Municipal Manager shared with Council recommendations of the commission related to the *Pioneer Day/s* event. Mayor Moore referenced the Village of Greenhills Charter and Chapter 159 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Greenhills. He stated Chapter 159 establishes a Recreation Commission as an advisory board to Council through the Municipal Manager and that the Municipal Manager shall serve as the Recreation Director. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Recreation Commission communications, recommendations, etc. should be directed to the Municipal Manager with possible further discussion at a Recreation Standing Committee of Council. Mr. Halter suggested the *Pioneer Day/s* event be further discussed at a future Council Retreat.

Finance Committee - Drees

Tax Code Changes

- Because of the passage of State HB 5, amendments to the Greenhills Income Tax ordinance are necessary for compliance by the first of the year 2016. The first reading of the amending ordinance is anticipated at the October 20, 2015 regular Council meeting.

Other

- Mr. Halter made available flyers regarding *Harvest Fest* on October 24, 2015 for distribution throughout the community. Members of Council were asked to volunteer their time to assist with various activities.
- Mayor Moore noted the Oath of Office of newly elected members of Council will take place near the first of January 2016 with the public Oath of Office administered at the January 2016 work session/meeting.

Laws and Rules Committee - Lee

At 8:23 p.m., Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Ms. Brokaw, to convene an executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees. Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Walther; “No” – none. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. At 8:50 p.m. and after it was stated no official action was taken, the executive session adjourned.

With no further business forthcoming, the work session/meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Glenn Drees, MAYOR PRO TEM /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/