CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2026

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at Sojourn Community Church East, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 7:00 P.M. **Mayor Roberts** called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR	COUNCIL MEMBERS	OTHER CITY OFFICIALS
Dr. John Roberts	Cheryl Cooper	Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer
	Helen Davis	Paul Eitel, Code Enforcement
	Kate Greer	Timothy Mayer, Attorney
	Paul Morris	
	Michael Parlier	
	Steve Teaford	

MINUTES:
Councilwoman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, August 10, 2026; seconded by **Councilman Parlier**. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:
Councilwoman Davis moved to approve the August 2026 Financial Reports: seconded by **Councilwoman Greer**. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the August 2026 Bills totaling $48,979.20: seconded by **Councilwoman Davis**. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Roberts mentioned a few highlights of the Financial Statements which will be posted on our website.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:
Marcia Myers, a resident on Chelsea Road, signed in to discuss the congestion of traffic at Brownsboro Road and Rudy Lane, especially when school is dismissed during the week. Ms. Myers has called the State Highway Department to report the concern. She spoke of specific

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observations at that intersection, asked for help from the City, and asked if the Mayor had any updates.

Mayor Roberts responded that he has communicated weekly with both the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Cleary Construction's Project Manager, over this location of work. The most current hold up is the metal utility pole which needs to be removed. There is a conflict between the signaling light and the other electrical lines. Lanes cannot be opened just yet. The tasks after that will be to shift the two lanes toward the Green side of Rudy Lane so that work can be completed along the Brownsboro Center side of Rudy. Once that pole is taken down, and the work on the Brownsboro Center side of Rudy is completed, we will ultimately have four lanes.

Catherine "Cat" Timmerman, who is running for Metro Council District 7, signed in to introduce herself to Windy Hills. She is a JCPS teacher in her 28th year. She provided a flyer, stating her goals are to focus on public safety, to invest in infrastructure, to grow our community responsibly and incrementally, and to keep what makes up special intact. She wants residents to stay here, invest in business, and protect quality of life.

Councilwoman Cooper asked how she plans to keep our community safe. The response was to work with area police, making sure they have what they need to do their job effectively. **Candidate Timmerman** also stated that she has the Fraternal Order of Police endorsement.

Laura Trachtenberg, resident on Rudy Lane, signed in to speak. She asked what construction work is going on behind Sojourn Community Church East. The **Mayor** stated it is preparation for the soundwall barrier. Brownsboro Center wanted their property to be visible from the Watterson Expressway so the wall will stop at that location.

Laura then asked what the status was on the LDG Development dispute with the City of St. Matthews at the corner of Westport Road and Ridgeway Avenue (the location formerly occupied by Plant Kingdom). It was stated that work at that location is for land improvement, not construction related to the development plan. Mayor Roberts also shared that St. Matthews Mayor, Rick Tonini, has shared his desires for a traffic roundabout at that location.

The question was asked when the sound barrier walls would be completed. **Mayor Roberts** stated that since the barrier walls will go in last, it is likely to be about 12 months from now based on the timeline for each stage of the construction. **Mayor Roberts** was complimentary of how Cleary Construction had worked to keep the dust down on in the work zone.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Holiday Decorating/History of Windy Hills - **Councilwoman Cooper**:
Last Saturday **Councilman Morris** was a huge help in locating and accessing the holiday decorations in the storage unit. **Councilwoman Cooper** showed us the example of the old décor and the plans to add outdoor velvet bows with long streamers to the greenery for the poles this year. The number of poles we typically decorate is undetermined so **Councilwoman Greer** will assist in counting the poles soon. **Councilman Teaford** stated there are around 114 poles in Windy Hills but not all of them get decorated, typically only the ones entering neighborhoods or streets.

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Tree Board liaison/City events - **Councilwoman Greer**:
There are numerous Hornbeam trees on the West side of Ambridge Drive that need pruning. Caroline Westfall, our city arborist, has said it is too hot right now and it is best to take care of this task in November.

There is a Crepe Myrtle at Foeburn and Westport Road that needs attention and will be addressed.

At Ambridge Drive and Westport Road there are bushes that need to be pulled out that are blocking the entrance sign. The bushes can be pulled out soon, but we will research what kind of low bushes to plant for the future so as not to block the sign.

Social Events, Newsletter, Communications/Welcome New Residents - **Councilman Morris** reported:
The print edition of the September newsletter will be sent to the printer soon.

A city cleanup with the help of Brightside will likely be in October or November. More information to come.

Assistant to Public Works - **Councilman Parlier**: I will be assisting Councilman Teaford with sidewalk assessments and determining a list for repairs.

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Public Works – **Councilman Teaford** reported: Paving has been completed on Two Springs Place, Jonlyn Court, Waterford Road, and Wicklow Road. There were a couple of complaints from residents that have either been resolved or will be addressed before the bill is paid.

In the last 5 years, we have paved 25 roads in Windy Hills. In the next 15 years, our plan is to pave the remaining 8 roads and 15 cul-de-sacs.

I will be working on the assessment of sidewalk repairs in Windy Hills soon. Signs, primarily No Outlet signs and Yield Signs will be ordered for some locations.

Removal of the bushes at Ambridge & Westport Road, as mentioned by **Councilwoman Greer**, will also be taken care of.

In regard to paving, **Mayor Roberts** mentioned that he had applied for a LARP (Local Assistance Road Program) Grant last year and will apply once again to support the cost of paving Ambridge Drive in light of extra traffic using that road to avoid area construction, degrading the roadway faster. We were not awarded the LARP funding last year. We were given a score of 7 out of 10 and ranked 277th of 524 applications. Only applications with a 10 out of 10 score were approved for funding. The Road Fund income from the State used to be more consistently around $3,500 per month but is closer to $2,800 per month now, leaving us insufficiently funded to pave our roads without pulling significant monies from our general fund.

City Clerk/Treasurer – **Christine Haner** reported:
Three homeowners account for six unpaid tax bills going as far back as 2021. The total owed to our city for delinquent tax is $18,896.30.

The audit manager from Jones Nale & Mattingly visited City Hall on August 27th. Typically, the final audit is presented to residents during the November City Council meeting. There is a possibility it will be ready during the October meeting this year. The auditor was complimentary of our city, city hall, and our internal controls and procedures.

We should be getting a refund in the amount of $2,170.44 which covers check #1435 in the amount of $2,145.44 on 11/30/2020 paid to the KY Unemployment Insurance Fund to settle an unemployment claim by a former employee. The additional $25 was a penalty they charged us.

The Open Records Request Form found online on our website will be taken down this week. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and bot-driven requests for open records are increasing the volume of requests, most of which are outside Kentucky, not applicable to Windy Hills, or are even

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fraudulent. We will now require the pdf form from the Kentucky Attorney General's Office to be completed and emailed to the Clerk as an attachment for a request to be valid.

Code Enforcement – **Paul Eitel**:
I logged 71 entries and 57 hours in my last report. Signs in the ROW, uncut grass, and property maintenance issues were addressed. We sometimes observe real estate transfers where an entity flips the property. Their intent, whether to sell or rent the home is determined. I also share our Community Standards Resolution and Rental Ordinance for compliance.

The wreck at Ambridge Drive and Westport Road a while back involved a rollover. The wrecked vehicle was parked on Ambridge against traffic but once we learned the owner was in the hospital, we allowed it to stay until it was towed, which only took a couple of days.

The project at 4490 and 4492 Brownsboro Road is slow, but a survey crew was seen. Movement was supposed to start in July, and we are keeping in touch with the builder on the progress.

There is a home on Tottenham where mud has accumulated over the city sidewalk and the front yard needs grass or sod to prevent erosion. An email was sent to the homeowner.

When grass needs cut at some homes, we seek to determine who is responsible when a home is part of an estate or trust.

The house by the bridge on Rudy was an office used by the owner. We will find out soon if the home will be vacant or will be sold.

The question was raised about a home about 3 doors from Brownsboro Center, as they also have mud over the sidewalk as part of the work by Cleary Construction. When will the clean up be completed? **Mayor Roberts** stated he will follow up because he has emailed them about this location already.

Mayor Roberts shared that we received a copy of the Metro Construction Permit for the empty lot at 280 Chelsea Road. The builder described the work as a new 2-story, 5-bedroom, 7-bathroom, single family dwelling on a basement foundation. The basement will be a walkout, partially finished. There will be an attached 4 car garage on a slab and porches on the front and the back that will be covered. The total square footage is 9,007.

Mayor Roberts then shared activity at 744 Wicklow Road, the location which was a former Halfway House. The home was recently rented and there were complaints from several neighbors regarding parking in the yard, on the street overnight, excessive vehicles and activity late into the night. It was determined the home was rented to a family who lived in St.

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Matthews and were the victims of a dryer fire in their home. The excessive vehicles were family and friends getting the family settled in quickly. They are hopeful that in 6 months or so they can move back to St. Matthews.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Two foreclosure cases are moving forward. Procedures take time and some stages require waiting 6-8 weeks until we can complete the next task or step in the process.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

I attended the Governor's Local Issues Conference at the Galt House – August 19-21. The issues discussed were more relevant to larger and rural cities – but everyone is concerned about the condition of our state's infrastructure – especially roads and the lack of sufficient funding to address. The City of Windy Hills receives funding from the state to help pave our city's 8 miles of roadway. But, that funding (about $50,000 per year) is insufficient to keep our roads properly paved, so the city uses property tax dollars each year toward paving.

MAC Construction completed this year's paving project (Two Springs Place, Waterford Road, Wicklow Road and Jonlyn Court). They were very efficient, and we have received resident compliments about their work. There were only two concerns (a chipped edge of a driveway and tire marks in a yard) and MAC Construction is addressing those. We will pay the bill once the issues are resolved.

Once the sound wall is erected along the Windy Hills side of the Watterson Expressway between Westport Road and Brownsboro Road it appears that there will be an isolated parcel of land (about 3.6 acres) located between the wall and the back yards of the properties on Merrifield Road, Southview Drive and Regency Lane. The City of Windy Hills is inquiring as to whether that parcel could be granted or sold to the City.

We have learned that a building permit has been granted for a single-family home on the property at 280 Chelsea Road. And we anticipate work starting soon at the 4490-4492 Brownsboro Road location as surveyors have been there and there is a dumpster full of debris from the backyards.

Rudy Lane at Brownsboro Road will remain 2 lanes for now. The next phase requires work on the Bank/Shopping Center side of Rudy and so the two operational lanes will be shifted toward the Green side of Rudy Lane. There is also a "conflict" regarding the electric poles and traffic signal poles that has to be resolved before the pole by the entrance monument can be removed and the curb and new portions of Rudy Lane and Brownsboro Lane are completed. Residents need to be cautious in the area as the traffic patterns change.

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We are working with Metro Councilwoman Paula McCraney's office to address the vegetation overgrowth along the creek in front of the recycling center on North Hubbard's. Several years ago, Councilwoman McCraney procured several hundreds of thousands of dollars to get the creek cleaned up and new trees planted. Maintenance has been thwarted because MSD issued fines a year ago when work along the creek was done without MSD approval. The City of Windy Hills is working with Councilwoman McCraney's office, the Mayor of Louisville's office, MSD, Metro Parks and Public Works, Brightside and others to agree on a comprehensive and approved plan to again clean the area up and to maintain it for the long term. The Windy Hills City Council has agreed to spend another $5,000 toward the effort in addition to organizing resident volunteers to help with cleanup and maintenance.

Policing: Lyndon Police patrolled the streets of Windy Hills for a total of 72.7 hours for a cost of $5,234.40 in the month of August. Radar was used on Ambridge Drive and extra patrolling was done along Ambridge because of the increase in traffic secondary to the expressway construction. No citations were given. One overnight parking citation was given on Foeburn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: None

There being no further business to address nor questions to answer of the Council, **Councilwoman Davis** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Greer.** The motion passed and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:59PM.

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Dr. John Roberts, Mayor Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer