

**City of Hills and Dales**  
**Minutes of the City Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The Commission met in regular session on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive. City Officials present were Mayor Andreas Wokutch, Commissioners Michael Adair, Bill Bowman, Roger Owen and Barbara Rogers, City Clerk Jeanne Keats and Treasurer Joan Taylor. At the invitation of the Commission, Planning Committee member David Daunhauer was also in attendance. The other two Planning Committee members, Marty Latter and Lisa LeCompte, were unable to attend. Mayor Wokutch called the meeting to order.

**Minutes**

*Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the September 14, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Adair so moved, Commissioner Owen seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.*

**Resident Comments**

See **Municipal Governance and Legal** below.

**Treasurer's Report**

Financials

Treasurer Taylor reported City assets of \$296,365.50 as of September 30, 2023. She went on to report that for the month of September, the City received total income of \$5,127.04 and had total expenses of \$5,078.90. Finally, she told the Commission that the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual through September, showed the City had received \$14,155.58 (12.7%) of total budgeted income and spent \$25,291.92 (22.7%) of total budgeted expense.

*Following the Treasurer's report, Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the financials through September 30, 2023. Commissioner Bowman so moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.*

**REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Governance and Legal**

Discussion – Relationship between the Planning Committee, Declaration of Restrictions and the City Commission

Planning Committee member David Daunhauer gave the Commission his historical perspective of some of the issues regarding the operation of the Planning Committee. Both the Planning Committee and the City Commission have concerns about property owners who violate the Hills and Dales Declaration of Restrictions by failing to submit their plans and specifications for exterior construction or improvements to the Planning Committee for approval.

*Following discussion, Mayor Wokutch made a motion for the City Commission to seek out an attorney with municipal law experience to assist the Commission with a review of the various covenants and restrictions in the Hills and Dales Declaration of Restrictions, including (but*

*not limited to) the Planning Committee restriction; and furthermore, to establish a budget for implementing appropriate remedies for the issues which are identified through the review. Commissioner Adair seconded the motion and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.*

**Maintenance, Utilities and Beautification**

Commissioner Owen had no report.

**Roads, Snow Removal and Signage**

Discussion – Uses for Remaining ARPA Funds

Commissioner Bowman talked with the Commission about the sinkhole which was discovered several hours before the meeting in front of 3420 Mt. Rainier Drive. He said he would contact the utility companies to determine if the sinkhole is a utility problem or if the Commission needs to engage a private contractor to make necessary repairs. Commissioner Bowman and the Commission then continued discussing eligible uses for the City’s remaining ARPA funds, including the possible use of these funds for the sinkhole repairs. Treasurer Taylor said that our City roads are critical infrastructure, and these funds can be used to build critical infrastructure. She reminded the Commission that ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

**Technology Services and Community Security**

Commissioner Adair had no report.

**Communications and Neighborhood**


Commissioner Rogers said she was starting to organize the City’s year-end community gathering. Before Mr. Daunhauer left the meeting, he said that he and his wife, Cindy, were agreeable to hosting the event at their home again on Friday, December 15.

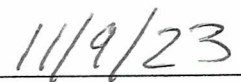
**Other Business**

There was no other business.

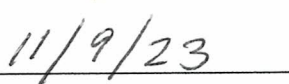
**Adjournment**

*There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Bowman so moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

  
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Approved by  
Mayor Andreas Wokutch

  
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Date

  
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Submitted by  
City Clerk Jeanne Keats

  
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Date

***NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive***