

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: April 19, 2021

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Harold Hall Crystal Adams
 Sharon Maupin Steve Schwager Dan Small Bev Lush

Citizens Present: 1

Derby City Protection: 0

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Citizens' Concerns: None

Minutes: The March 2022 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The March 2022 Financials had been distributed to the Commission for review and posted on COWH website prior to the City Meeting. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

Expense Review: The cover sheet of April invoices along with invoice copies were passed around for Commissioners to review and initial. No approval motion was needed since Commissioners had already initialed and approved.

City Attorney:

- Joan Renee Ray – She made a payment after the March meeting. This shows she is trying and making an effort to catch up on her delinquent taxes. Attorney Schwager is monitoring this.
- Regarding accused felon living within COWH city limits – no change in the situation. There is still an Oldham County accused felon in pretrial status living in our city under home incarceration. Is there a Supervisory Authority assigned to this case as required? Is this accused felon being checked up on? This was originally a Juvenile case, but was upgraded to adult since the criminal acts were committed a few weeks before the accused turned 18.
- Attorney Schwager and Mayor Stonum will be working on the 2022 PVA property value assessments after their release around April 22. At that time, they will be comparing 2021 and 2022 property values and checking our proposed 2022 property tax rate. COWH needs the allowable 4% property tax revenue increase because of increases in waste collection fees and possible increase in security costs.

Old Business:

- City Clerk Lush asked for update on additional streetlights. Mayor Stonum asked for this to be tabled until July due to current pressing issues. He also wants suggested locations given to him. Advised we already have 4508 Dickerson Court and 4110 Northumberland on that list.
- Mayor Stonum advised that DLG has approved our request to opt out of FY 2022 Financial Statement and approved we could go ahead with a FY 2022 City Audit.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised there will be no radio check tonight since our radios have been used twice recently during severe weather.

- Concerning radio usage, Mayor Stonum felt COWH officials did a great job using radios during the recent severe weather. It was suggested that accessing our radios during future weather events should also include high winds; not just tornado warnings.
- City Clerk Lush asked for update on trees/bushes in the island at the main entrance from Westport Road. Commissioner Hall advised that 2 dead bushes have been removed and he is thinking of maybe removing a tree or two.
- Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf attended another Disaster Preparedness meeting. Will start collecting contact names and numbers for Red Cross, Fire Departments, etc. Mayor Stonum suggested that people consider signing up for LensAlert and he will put that information on COWH website.
- We need to be looking for residents to volunteer during times of severe weather/disasters. It was suggested that we set up a volunteer table at any neighborhood events.

New Business:

- Commissioner Hall suggested checking into increasing patrols between 2:00 am and 6:00 am when the perpetrators seem to be active. It seems the same troublemakers are back in COWH.
- Commissioner Hall advised that he has requested and received an estimate of \$3,000 to remove a locust tree and some stumps in the green space. Motion to hire contractor soon was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.
- Back to the security issue, Commission Maupin suggested possibly installing a camera that takes pictures of license plates.
- Mayor Stonum informed us that the Derby City Protection contract is up June 30, 2022. Officer Mason has requested a meeting with Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf before the next city meeting to discuss. More discussion about ways to help with more security in COWH. Mayor Stonum advised that no security people want to work those 2:00 am – 6:00 am hours. Some discussion on starting a Neighborhood Watch.
- Mayor Stonum asked Commissioner Adams to have a new Stop Sign post installed on Middlesex and use the old post to install our new Radar Speed Limit sign at the corner of Northumberland and Chesterfield Drive.
- Mayor Stonum advised that he has the new Radar Speed Sign at his house ready to be installed.
- It seems we need to update our Vacant House registration form to include proof of insurance on vacant homes. Attorney Schwager stated that COWH can't required any property owner to submit proof, but volunteered to send an appropriate letter to any applicable property owners.
- Mayor Stonum asks that there be a motion and approval to purchase "COWH Public Safety" signs to go on the sides of Commissioner Metcalf's car and Mayor Stonum's car to advise residents that they are officials. After discussion, no such motion was made.
- Again back to security issues, Commission Adams made a motion to place bid notice in Courier Journal for additional patrols during those early morning hours. Commissioner Hall suggested to contact Coldstream and Oakhurst to see who handles their security and see if there could be a joint contract. Mayor Stonum said Coldstream does not use a good security company. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and there was a roll call vote. Everyone was in favor except Mayor Stonum. Mayor Stonum objects because residents need to be responsible for checking and properly securing their property and vehicles. It's not the city's responsibility.
- Mayor Stonum informed us that some people are parking on easements causing damage to fiber optics in-ground boxes. He suggested COWH contract with Tony's Wreckers to have these cars towed. After some discussion that this would really be an AT&T issue, the mayor tabled this issue for discussion at a later time.
- City Clerk Lush asked if there was any way to stop residents from placing garbage and yard waste at the curb long before Friday scheduled pickups. This falls under Code Enforcement Board which we do not have.

Commissioner Reports:

Road Commissioner Adams:

- Got on the emergency alert radio during both of the Louisville tornado warnings – March 18th and April 13th.
- Drove the roads of COWH to check for cracks and potholes.
- There were no citizen inquiries via phone or email this month.
- On April 7th, I received a voicemail regarding Robinson Pipe Cleaning coming out to do work at 4610 Lunenburg Dr. They will be doing some sewer work and will be repaving the asphalt in our street once complete. They asked for a permit to do the work. They were advised that COWH doesn't issue permits but that we need the following:
 - o The project contact's name and direct phone number
 - o A copy of the MSD work order showing the property address
 - o A copy of the Certificate of Insurance
 - o They must be in compliance with Louisville Metro/Jefferson County Government's 'Public Works & Assets Right-of-Way Guide & Utility Policy'.
 - o We require hot tar sealing of the replacement asphalted seam area.
 - o They need to let Commissioner Adams know via email at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the project.
- Robinson Pipe Cleaning responded on April 11th with the name and phone number of the project contact. They also sent a copy of the MSD work order, a copy of the Certificate of Insurance, agreed to follow Louisville Metro's ordinances, agreed to use hot tar to seal the seams, and agreed to contact Commissioner Adams at least 24 hours prior to starting the work.

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City on multiple occasions including nighttime hours.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum.
- Went to Dan Small's office with Mayor Stonum on one occasion
- Issued parking permits on Queen Annes Ct.
- Referred a call to Attorney Steve Schwager concerning property tax.
- Participated in two live Tornado Warnings along with other Commissioners and staff.

Property Commissioner Hall:

General Clean Up

- 4/2/2022 Picked up sticks and downed tree limbs on the green space and disposed of them.
- 4/3/2022 Picked up sticks and downed tree limbs on the green space and disposed of them.
- 4/9/2022 Flagpole and Boydton Court trimmed the bushes cleaned out the flower beds and disposed of the trimmings. Removed all trash and disposed of it.
- 4/15/2021 Cut back ornamental grass at the flagpole, continued cleanup
- 4/10/22 and 4/16/22 Mow - Primary City Property
- 4/9/22 and 4/15/22 Mow & Weed-eat - Secondary City Property

Citizen Concerns: None

Mayor Stonum took a few moments to hand out KLC awards for training courses completed by City Clerk Lush and Commissioner Metcalf.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____