

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: April 16, 2024

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Susan Maupin Linda Beville
 Crystal Adams Dan Small Bev Lush

Citizens Present: 6

Derby City Protection: 0

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

Minutes: Commissioner Adams updated the purchase timeframe of plants to be July/August. The March 2024 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The April 2024 Financials had been distributed to the Commission for review and posted on COWH website prior to the City Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Citizen Concerns:

- Carol Campbell – Coldstream speed humps need to be painted. Mayor Stonum advised her to contact their mayor – William Starks.
- Carol Campbell – Feels the front entrance needs to be spruced up to make a better first impression. Commissioner Adams explained that 2 bushes were recently planted and the holly bush was damaged. Don't want to plant bushes that get too wide and tall which would block drivers' views. Maximus had told Commissioner Adams that the trees in the entrance island take most of the rain away from the bushes. Discussion included budget and watering schedule depending upon rain. Commissioner Adams advised that Maximus cleans up the litter on a weekly basis. Commissioner Beville said from experience, the trees are overgrown and not shaped well. Much discussion. Compared to other neighborhoods. Can't change the landscaping budget at this time.
- Anna Allen from Gardens of Bay Run – handed out copies of a statement written to Mayor Stonum re: harassment. Copy attached. She read it to the meeting. It requests that Mayor Stonum provide a written reply within 20 days. She said email response will be accepted. Mayor Stonum agreed to do this. Mayor Stonum replied to the statement saying that permits and safety precautions and inspections are for the good of the residents. Commissioner Beville, as President of her HOA, advised that she checks for permits, license, and insurance when she finds vendors in their area. Ms. Allen advised that GBR has received many complaints re: Mayor Stonum's aggressive behavior and intimidation.
- A long-time resident of COWH (since 1991) addressed the meeting with issues around her home. Construction workers blocking her driveway, poisoning and killing her dog, and coming into her home when only her daughter was home and causing her to have a seizure. She was advised to call LMPD, but she said they either don't show up or take a very long time. This lady was very upset and is very concerned over the condition of COWH. She just wants to be left alone, but doesn't feel comfortable with current crime in our city. There was much discussion on poor police response.

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.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Adams agreed from discussion last month that Maximus Lawn Care's contract does expire in June 2024. Mayor Stonum advised that we can extend invites to lawn care companies to provide a quote. No need to place a bid in Courier Journal unless the quote is over \$40,000. When the decision is made, there must be an actual quote and signed contract.
- Commissioner Metcalf has spoken with Tate Mason about the contract with Derby City Security. We do need a new contract and Mr. Mason advised the pricing would not be increasing this time.
- Some discussion over the fact that the current snow and ice removal contract also expires in November 2024.
- Mayor Stonum asked Treasurer Small for an update on current delinquent taxes. He said there are only 10 outstanding bills.
- Mayor Stonum explained:
 - A few updates/changes on the proposed 2025 Budget Worksheet.
 - New Rumpke proposal – Christopher Pierce unable to attend this meeting due to family emergency
 - Mayor Stonum explained the increases. The cost increase amounts to 29.18%. 63% increase in dumpsters. Commissioner Beville understands that dumpster costs may have risen, but COWH has no new dumpsters. When Mayor Stonum spoke with Mr. Pierce, he had to remind him that we currently have a 3 year contract which doesn't expire until June 2025.
 - Mayor Stonum advised that we need to closely watch expenses right now.
- Mayor Stonum asked Treasurer Small to check a couple items on the 2024 budget vs. actual expense. Should be able to move some monies from snow removal. We will still be receiving insurance premium checks for 2nd quarter during May which will increase our income amount.
- Ethics Board – Still need a replacement. Mayor Stonum will stop by to see Danny Madison to discuss.
- Welcome Ambassadors – no responses
- Green Space litter – still OK so Mayor Stonum feels it doesn't exist anymore.
- Per Commissioner Metcalf – radio check will be on channel 7 tonight.
- Commissioner Metcalf informed us of the offer of \$8,000 for 3 new radar signs and shipping of \$300 which is good until May 31, 2024. Mayor Stonum advised that HB413 money applied to security and that amount would be \$4800 this year. Discussed locations for new ones. Tabled this issue until May meeting.

New Business:

- Commissioners' Input
 - Commissioner Adams – Maximus Lawn Care provided a quote for the Boydton island work. She would suggest a few things to be amended. She explained the quote to the meeting. She will follow up with questions for him. Irrigation pipes are capped in Boydton island, but do they still have access to water? Mayor Stonum said 2 sprinklers are still workable. If flox are planted as Maximus suggested, it would require a lot of water to get them established. Based on the paving project, Commissioner Adams asked about using the road money for landscaping. It's ok to use road funds for utilities, but not landscaping per Mayor Stonum.
 - Commissioner Maupin wonders why so much money being spent on Boydton island, but not in her area?
 - Commissioner Beville feels there are enough plants in the Boydton island; it just needs to be cleaned up. She would rather spend money on the Westport Road entrance island.
 - Commissioner Adams feels that maybe Maximus could put in blocks and rocks – no new plants. Mayor Stonum thinks he needs to attend a meeting to explain his quote.
- Mayor Stonum advised that 2024 PVA assessment release date in April 26.
- Regarding tax bill mailing, we will ask Mail Louisville for a quote.
- City Yard Sale – not many residents participate – only 2.5% per a count made by Mayor Stonum last September. There was a motion made by Commissioner Adams to still have the yard sale on 3rd Saturday of

May – May 18, 2024. Put out 1 sign at the main entrance and list it on the website. Seconded by Commissioner Maupin and vote was unanimous.

- Commissioner Maupin informed us that on May 11, 2024, there will be a shredding and large appliance event at the Shelby Campus. No batteries/paint will be accepted.
- Commissioner Adams advised that the 2 plants that still need to be planted are now at her house and alive. Arwine island could possibly be the best place to plant these and she has asked that utilities be marked. She will plant them, but may need some mulch.
- Mayor Stonum informed us that JCLC will have a meeting on Thursday April 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Lyndon City Hall. JD Chaney will be there to discuss upcoming legislative items that affects us such as land development. Also legislation on ALU (tiny homes) could possibly be turned loose.
- There will be a KLC Legislative Session Wrap-up on May 13, 2024 at 10:00 am. JD Chaney will be at this Zoom meeting. Mayor Stonum and Attorney DeWees have registered to attend. If interested, go to KLC.org for on-line instructions to register.
- KLC Summer Summit Academy is June 4-6 in Lexington.
- Jefferson County Building Permits and Code Enforcement has new leadership. METRO rental registration is now full-staffed.
- Commissioner Adams asked about the downed tree on Lunenburg Court that has tape around it. Mayor Stonum said it's not on COWH property and Code Enforcement will be checking on it. As of right now, not our problem. FYI – Code Enforcement can only access people's property in the same area that a "Pizza Delivery Person" can go. Property owners can give permission for Code Enforcement to access their property in order to view the neighbor's property.
- City Clerk Lush asked Mayor Stonum to explain the Code Enforcement handbook that he gave her. He did so and she will have this handbook with her at all city meetings.
- Commissioner Adams advised Commissioner Beville about a speed hump sign near the intersection of Middlesex and Northumberland that is down in the grass. She will send her a picture.

Commissioners' Reports

Road Commissioner Beville:

Nothing to report

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 3-21-24 Emailed Christopher Pierce to attend city April meeting
- 3-25-24 Christopher Pierce replied that he would attend April meeting
- 4-2-24 Drove city for streetlight check
- 4-2-24 Observed trash at 4620 that Mayor Stonum sent to landlord
- 4-15-24 Drove city for streetlight check. Light out at 11919 Tazwell
- 4-16-24 Reported streetlight out at 11919 to LG&E for work order. Order placed for repair.
- 4-16-24 Received email from Christopher Pierce and forwarded to all commissioners
- 4-16-24 Attended city meeting, read April emails, and will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf tonight

Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – Apr. 16th.
- There weren't any citizen concerns or issues this month.
- Drove around the city on several occasions to check on the status of plants on the landscaping islands.
- On April 1st, I emailed Harold of Maximus Lawncare for a bid/quote for landscaping repairs on Boydton. He responded via email with a quote on April 16th.
- After reviewing the quote, I spoke with Harold briefly about his Boydton repair quote. I also asked about the Crepe Myrtle bushes, because they look dead. He said they bud and bloom in May and that he doesn't think they are dead.

- Surveyed Arwine and Bays End for plant improvements.
- Called 811 for Arwine to have it marked.
- Called Evergreen Irrigation to see when they were coming out to turn on our water systems for the season. They said they would be out April 18th and they confirmed that they would turn on the watering systems but not turn on the sprinklers.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

1. Drove the City at various times.
2. Conducted radio checks after last city meeting 3/19/24 using Channel 6.
3. Will conduct radio checks tonight 4/16/24 using Channel 7.
4. Monitored radio on 4/2/24 using Channel 1 during tornado warning on 4/2/24 along with Mayor Stonum and Bev Lush.
5. On 4/4/24 received a call that we had solicitors in Worthington Hills. I located an individual on Queen Annes Ct. I talked with him and explained why he couldn't solicit and I gave him a copy of the ordinance. He was from a company named WeedMan. He called his office and left the city.
6. Went to PO with Mayor Stonum each Friday
7. On 3/30/24 issued Parking Permits to 11900 Heathville Ct.
8. On 4/1/24 issued parking permits to 4101 Northumberland Dr.
9. On 4/5/24 issued parking permits to 11900 Heathville Ct.

Mayor's Comments – None

Mayor Stonum explained he had just received the VC3 invoice today and it's due May 16, 2024. May's meeting is May 21 which is after the invoice is due. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve paying this invoice prior to our May meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams is concerned about the trash, etc on the ramp from southbound Snyder Freeway to eastbound Westport Road. She was advised to contact Marus Winkler.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____