

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills  
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**Date:** August 18th, 2020

**Present:** Robert Stonum      Carol Campbell      Dennis Metcalf      Harold Hall  
Dan Small      Steve Schwager      Bev Lush

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Stonum. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**Citizens Participation:** There were 3 residents present along with Roy Hoagland, CPA. No representative from Derby City Protection.

- Jim Lawrence expressed concerns re: Ground Effects including property and issues with lights and horns. He and Attorney Schwager has a discussion prior to this meeting. Attorney Schwager will check into the ordinances and statutes regarding noise and light. Cause of Action could possibly be Right To Sue.

**2019 Audit:** Mr. Hoagland from Welenken CPAs explained, in general, the audit process. He had no issues, concerns, etc. with our city record keeping. A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Hall to accept the 2019 City Audit. Roll call vote was taken and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Hoagland made a verbal commitment to have the 2020 Audit completed by COWH's December 15, 2020 meeting.

**Minutes:** The July 2020 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

**Minutes:** The July 24, 2020 Special Meeting minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The August 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 Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

**Expense Review:** The cover sheet of August 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.

**Presentation by City Attorney:**

- Condominium Unit owners only own the inside of the building "improvements". They do not own the "land" the condo is built upon. Therefore – they only pay COWH taxes on the "improvements" value, not on the land value. As currently set up, landowners aren't billed for taxes on the property. Attorney Schwager will do research on taxing the property owners. Horizontal Property Law.

**Old Business:**

- Commissioner Campbell presented the "Welcome Bag" contents. 2 have already been delivered to new residents. Total cost per bag is \$5.50 - \$6.00. Commissioner Campbell and Sylvia LaPorte worked on this project.

**New Business:**

- Bev Lush, City Clerk, asked when was the last time the City Clerk position had a raise in pay. Mayor Stonum said it was 2016. She had kept track of her hours for the past 30 days (42 hours) and divided the \$600 monthly salary by 42 which equals approximately \$13.00 per hour. City Clerk Lush expressed that her time is worth more than that and asked about a raise. It was explained by Attorney Schwager and the others that changes in raises become effective on the first Monday in May so any increase would need to be approved prior to that time.
- Yard Sale – COWH yard sale is annually scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September so it was announced that date is September 19, 2020. Will put this information on the city website ASAP and signs will be posted at our entrance on the Sunday prior.
- Commissioner Hall advised of a dead tree in holding pond area off Lunenburg Drive. He presented a \$1250.00 bid from a tree company to remove this tree. A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf to approve this project. Voting was unanimous.

**Commissioner Reports:****Road Commissioner Campbell**

- July 23, 2020 – Went to Dollar Tree to look/purchase items for the Welcome Bags.
- July 24, 2020 – Attended special meeting at the Holiday Inn. At this time I showed commission members the items purchased for the Welcome Bags and also received approval for the welcome letter. Linda will send me the Rumpke Guidelines that will also be included.
- July 30, 2020 – Bought items for 5 more Welcome Bags at Dollar Tree. Cost of each bag is approximately \$5.50.
- August 1, 2020 – Delivered Welcome Bags to 2 new residents of our City.

**Property: Commissioner Hall**

- Mowed - Primary City Property - Weeks of 7/26, 7/31, 8/8, 8/15
- Mowed & Weed eated - Secondary City Property - Weeks of 7/26, 7/31, 8/8, 8/15
- 8/1/2020 Too wet to mow – Secondary city property
- 8/1/2020 Too wet to mow – Primary city property

**General Clean Up**

- 7/26/2020 General Clean Up - Picked up trash at the front entrance
- 8/1/2020 General Clean Up - Weed eated Holding Pond drainage ditch behind Luray Court and weed eated around all trees behind Queen Anne's Court
- 8/7/2020 General Clean Up - Weed eated Lunenburg Holding pond ditch line and sidewalks. Weed eated ditch in the large green space behind picnic tables.
- 8/9/2020 Received an email from Dawn Eichenberger about trashcans being on the street across from her home @ 12007 Bay Run. I drove over to the home in question and removed the trash cans from the street on Sunday 8/9/2020.

**Utilities Commissioner Beville**

- Did weekly streetlight checks on 7/21, 7/28, 8/4 and 8/11. At the Speial called meeting on Friday, July 24 Mayor Stonum informed me the streetlights at the intersection of Northumberland and Dickerson Ct. and 4503 Dickerson Ct. were not working. I reported the outages to LG&E on that same day. I received an email from Mayor Stonum on 8/3 letting me know the lights had not been repaired. I spoke with John Block the supervisor of LG&E's Outdoor Lighting department that day and he informed me a crew had been out the 29<sup>th</sup> and discovered the problem wasn't just a quick fix of replacing a bad bulb but with the wiring. Rewiring was required for both lights and that job was completed on 8/5.
- During the streetlight check on 7/28 I noticed that despite the postcard I had sent to the residence, the couch sitting in front of the rental property at 11001 Lunenburg Ct. had not been removed. Mayor Stonum provided me with the owner's contact information and I sent Mr. Hunt an email with photos asking him to please remove the couch. I included the Rumpke guidelines in the email. I also followed up with a phone call, but had to leave a message. As of last week the couch was still sitting by the curb and I asked Mayor Stonum or Property Commissioner Hall if they could reach out to the property owner as I felt I had done all I could do. Mayor Stonum informed me another email was sent to the owner on 8/12 along with photos.
- Commissioner Hall and Mayor Stonum contacted me about the damaged telephone boxes in the green spaces off Lunenburg and Queen Anne. I am unable to access those areas and asked Commissioner Hall if he could send me the numbers on the boxes, but unfortunately there were none. I called AT&T repair and because I was unable to give them a physical address, I provided them with Commissioner Hall's phone number and they will contact him and make arrangements to meet him at Lunenburg Dr. sometime before 6:00 on 8/17/20. I also informed Mayor Stonum of this.
- I returned two phone calls from new property owners, one about garbage collection and one inquiring about who to call about her property taxes.
- I would like to thank Commissioner Metcalf for contacting the residents on Rustburg about removing the door and the refrigerant from the refrigerator they set out for Rumpke. I appreciate him letting me know and then following through and informing the residents.

**Safety Commissioner Metcalf**

- Drove city on multiple occasions
- Mayor Stonum and I had a meeting with Tate Mason of Derby City Protection.
- Called by Commissioner Beville concerning a large number of cars parked on street on Bay Run Dr. and on Bays End Ct. I checked location and called Officer Mason and informed him.
- Emailed by a resident at 4400 Bays End Ct. about a lime green Dodge with Florida plates parked on street at 4409 Bays End Ct. preventing the Rumpke truck from getting through and was too close to the mailbox. Called Officer Mason and requested the car be given a citation.
- Talked to a resident at 4523 Lunenburg Dr. and gave him a copy of Rumpke guidelines. He had a refrigerator sitting at street with doors still attached and Freon hadn't been removed and wasn't tagged.

Derby City Protection Activity Report 7-17 to 8-17

- Parking Citations 21
- Theft Deterent 4
- Dispatched Run 4
- Resident Complaints 1
- Traffic Stops 23
- Suspicious Vehicle 3
- Pedestrian Stops 7
- Safety Check 1
- Arrest 2
- Codes / Regulation Opened 1

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.*

*Signatures:*

*City Clerk:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mayor:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_