

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: February 18, 2020

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

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

2018 Audit: Mr. Hoagland from Welenken CPAs explained, in general, the audit process. He had no issues, concerns, etc with our city recordkeeping and appreciated the cooperation of the COWH's management. There was a motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Beville that the 2019 Audit begin. Voting was unanimous.

Citizens Participation: There were 6 citizens and Officer Mason present with questions or concerns.

- Ms. Susan Maupin, 3 year resident of COWH, was told at one point that her property was not part of COWH, but was to be annexed. After annexation, mortgage company said all was OK. She then received late tax letters from COWH for 3 years. She is now questioning the taxes, but mostly the attorney fees. At the end of this meeting, she paid \$748.93 toward the taxes she owes. Attorney Schwager has waived the attorney fees.
- Karen White/Wyler – she refinanced 4 years ago and wasn't aware that her taxes were not being paid. She also complained about the 4 attorney fees for the 4 years of taxes owed. Attorney Schwager again waived his fees.

Minutes: The January 2020 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The January 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 February invoices along with invoice copies were passed around for the Commissioners to review and initial. All commissioners and the Mayor reviewed and initialed the review sheet. No approval motion was needed since Commissioners had already initialed and approved. It was suggested that Minor and Company be added to the Cover Sheet for the \$4100.00 owed to them.

Presentation by City Attorney:

- "Thank You" letters have been completed and mailed to 4514 and 4516 Micklenburg Court advising that COWH appreciates the compliance on the fence issues.
- Re: property on Jonel Court – still outstanding – no changes. Mayor Stonum is ready to take action, however, Attorney Schwager would still like to resolve with the Millers. Attorney Schwager advised that his hourly rate is \$250 and it hasn't changed in many years. To initiate lawsuit, Attorney Schwager will need to charge COWH.

Old Business:

- Vacant and Rental Registration Reminders – Will be dated March 2 with deadline/fines to begin on March 16.
- Street Lights – Per Commission Beville, LG&E put in work order on January 28. Crew will install 6 new lights.
- Water bill – Cross Connection Fee is required by Federal, State and Local laws. It prevents back flow. Our Cross Connection Fee is only \$8.16 monthly. FYI – Water rate increase of \$.02/1000 per gallon of water. FYI – it costs an extra \$.39/1000 gallon of water if water is pumped up hill.
- EggStravaganza on April 4 – Chairman of the Committee will be Millie Metcalf.

- Fall Festival – please be thinking about this event to come up with more ideas.
- The idea of “Welcome Wagon” was again mentioned.
- The 2nd reading of Ordinance #2 Series 2020 re: property tax rate has been postponed until we receive PVA information.

New Business:

- 1st Reading of Ordinance #___ Series 2020 – Insurance Premium Tax Rate – It can be increased up to 10%.
- 2nd Reading will be at the March meeting to meet the March 23rd deadline. We understand that METRO is moving toward the 10% rate.
- Mayor Stonum read the “Budget Message”.
- Ordinance #___ Series 2020 re: Budget Ordinance. 1st Reading by Mayor Stonum. He hopes to pass the Budget by June 16 meeting.
- FY 2020 – Does COWH want a full audit or financial statement? Mayor Stonum asked the Commissioners to be thinking about this.
- Commissioner Campbell mentioned that there is a missing drain cover on Tazwell (actually the cover is down in the drain hole). Commissioner Campbell spent 2 hours on the phone with MSD and they say it is not their responsibility. 11909 Tazwell – MSD said it’s on private property. Commissioner Beville remembers prior discussion on road maintenance.

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities – Commissioner Beville –

- Did weekly light checks on 1/21,1/28, 2/4, and 2/10
- Reported lights not working at 4514 Mickenburg , the intersection of Rustburg Place and Rustburg Court and a damaged pole at the intersection of Middlesex and Northumberland Drive.
- Followed up with LG&E outdoor lighting department about the installation of the street lights and an audit of which streets are associated with each of the LG&E sub-accounts we have. Cathy with ODL advised that the 4818 Middlesex and 11745 Tazwell lights have been removed from the collective account.
- Returned three phone calls from constituents with questions and/or complaints about garbage collection and noise. Subsequently contacted 311 for one resident and filed a noise complaint for them. Sent the case number to the property owner so she could track the progress of her complaint.
- Followed up with the Louisville Water Company about the possible leak on Boydton Ct.
- Was advised that a check cannot be done once the irrigation system has been shut down and when the system is operational again the work order will be carried out. Currently the only pending charges are for the cross connection fees.

Roads: Commissioner Campbell

- 02/06/2020 – Took pictures of the standing water in the intersection of Northumberland Drive and Bay Run Drive. Called MSD, procured an email address, and sent the pictures to them.
- 02/14/2020 – Called MSD again – gave the case number – and was informed that the case is still open.
- 02/07/2020 – Called Minor and Company and requested that Magic Salt be applied to the streets due to icing.
- 02/17/2020 – Called Saf-Ti-Co and sent pictures of the vandalized sign (SLOW Speed Bump Ahead) on Halifax Drive, as well as the graffiti painted on the street, and asked for instructions on cleaning both.
- 02/18/2020 – Saf-Ti-Co called, recommended a 3M product, and will be sending it to me for use on the sign. He had no answer for the graffiti on the roadway, except to possibly coat it with a sealer from Lowes or Home Depot.

Safety: Commissioner Metcalf

- Went to post office with Mayor Stonum on Fridays and one Tuesday.
- Drove City on multiple occasions.
- Mayor Stonum and I attended a City Officials meeting in Prospect.
- Talked to Mr. Mitchell on Lunenburg Ct. about a parking pad.
- Talked to a resident on Halifax about a neighbor parking vehicles in her driveway without permission.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to storage one time during the month.

Property: Commissioner Hall

- 1-25-20 drove neighborhood and reported Code violations in the city to 311
- 2-1-20 drove neighborhood and reported Code violations in the city to 311
- 2-8-20 spoke to Darlene Guin @ 11900 Boydton Court. She has a down tree at the rear of her property and wanted to know if she was reasonable for it. I looked up her property lines to make sure that there was no easement on On Hunt App and let her know that this was her or her neighbors' responsibility due to there being no easement.
- 2-8-20 returned call and left message for Melanie ? on Arwine Court. She left me a message to complain about a neighbor that has had a toilet on their front porch.
- Passed out and reviewed bid cost to all of the projects I want to get accomplished this fiscal year 2019 and 2020 in the green space and on the islands. Also, announced that I am still waiting on the electricians' bids for the light replacement for the Front Island and putting up a new enclosure around the electrical and irrigation panels on Boydton Court and the Flag Pole Island.

Citizens Participation:

- Ms. Maupin wanted to know who to contact with any questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Beville.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____