

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** February 18, 2025

**Present:** Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Susan Maupin                      Cristina Recendez  
Dan Small                                      Bev Lush                                      Rob DeWees

**Citizens Present: 2**

**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.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

- None

**Minutes:** The January 2025 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Metcalf to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The January 2025 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 Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous

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

**State of the City –** Mayor Stonum gave his report. See attached.

**Legal/Contracting:**

- Chris Pearce from Rumpke attended our meeting to answer questions regarding data and issues.
  - o Mayor Stonum advised that the week after snow event, garbage trucks were in COWH collecting garbage earlier than 6:00 am. METRO ordinance "Noise Pollution" – Refuse hours are 6:00 am – 10:00 pm. Mr. Pearce explained they came early to get the collection done prior to snow. Mayor Stonum advised that some residents don't put out their garbage until early am.
  - o Mayor Stonum provided a chart on garbage tonnage collected from COWH provided by Rumpke.
    - Recycle - Does Rumpke receive money for recycled items? Mr. Pearce said yes and it is based on commodities and what is paid. Sometimes profitable and sometimes not. Automated sorting in facility in Cincinnati - \$60-\$69 per ton.
    - Yard Waste – Per Mr. Pearce, very little yard waste usually. 2023 and 2024 storm damage resulted in increased waste. The waste must be clean debris and Rumpke pays to get rid of it.
    - Cost per ton - \$617.71 their cost. Annual amount from COWH vs. renewal amount
      - Labor increase
      - Equipment increase
  - o Mayor Stonum explained how our tax income can only increase 4% and concerned if the Rumpke cost increases 20%.

- Mayor Stonum calculated and explained the increases for the past 5 years. Commissioner Maupin commented only 2 companies to choose from. Feels we are receiving great service. Mayor Stonum has the name of another trash collection company so we may check into them.
- After discussion, Mayor Stonum acknowledged that Mr. Pearce is knowledgeable regarding competitive contract when bids are announced. He will take concerns back to Rumpke.
- 2026 Bids – Around March 1, 2025.
  - Waste – June 30, 2025
  - Security – June 30, 2025
  - Snow and Ice Removal – October 2025
- City Audit – 2024 Auditor gave us competitive arrangement. Already have letter of engagement from them for FY 2025. 2025 requires an audit.
- Ordinance – first read of insurance premium tax change by Mayor Stonum - large part of revenue. Must have second read and pass by mid-March. We will follow what METRO does with their tax rate. METRO could increase to 10% and if they do, we would want to increase ours to receive our portion of the tax premium taxes.
- Attorney DeWees will look over any new ordinances and contracts for COWH.

#### **Old Business:**

- Commissioners' Input
  - Commissioner Maupin advised that the streetlights on Boydton Court have been repaired.
- Bike to Beat Cancer – The date is September 13, 2025. Shall COWH be involved?
  - Bring ideas to March meeting
  - Commissioner Maupin suggested balloons on mailboxes
  - Contact lead lady to give us ideas that other cities use
- CORE Training – just a reminder to sign up
- No volunteers for our Welcome Committee
- Commissioner Metcalf advised radio check tonight on Channel 1.

#### **New Business:**

- KLCIS – Renewal
  - Shall we choose to have Cyber Liability Coverage? 2024 Premium was \$500. It was decided that COWH would again choose to have this coverage.
  - Rural and Municipal Aid – 3% of the road fund money that we receive would go into the emergency road fund account to be used by the entire state. The payouts are decided on a first come basis. If this account is depleted, no longer available. Applies to sinkholes, bridges, etc. Mayor Stonum doesn't encourage us to participate since we don't have these things. It was decided we would not participate.
  - Proposed Budget (Worksheet) – Mayor Stonum explained a few changes and 2026 Budget Ordinance and Worksheet should be completed and passed by June city meeting.
  - Clerk laptop – it's time to get a new laptop because:
    - Windows 10 needs to be updated
    - Current laptop would be used for the data collected by our radar speed signs. Data is currently collected, but no way to use it. Commissioner Maupin asked what would the data be used for? Mayor Stonum advised the data would be analyzed and possibly adjust patrol timeframes.

#### **Commissioner Reports:**

##### **Utilities Commissioner Maupin:**

- 12-23-24 Email from Samantha Hardman with Kyana Property Management asking if I had reported the streetlight out at 4000 Pacelli Place.

- 12-24-24 I replied to Samantha Hardman and told her I did follow up with LG&E and reported it again. No explanation was given for the delay. The representative with LG&E said the wrong address may have been taken the first time.
- 12-30-24 Mayor Stonum emailed reporting two streetlights out at 4308 Arwine Court and 12009 Bay Run Drive. I reported the lights and replied to Mayor Stonum.
- 12-30-24 Voice mail – hang up
- 12-31-24 Email Mayor Stonum stating light staying on at 12124 Bay Run Dr. Reported to LG&E.
- 1-7-25 Asked Mayor Stonum to post on website that Rumpke service may be delayed due to snow and ice.
- 1-9-25 Received email from Christopher Pierce with Rumpke. He stated that Rumpke will try and run pickup on Friday 1-10-25.
- 1-13-25 Drove city for streetlight check
- 1-20-25 Drove city for streetlight check. Streetlights out at 11917 Tazwell Dr. At 11900 Boydton Court, streetlight broken from pole.
- 1-21-25 Attended city meeting, and will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf. Read all January emails.

***Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:***

- 1-25-25 I received a forwarded email regarding a Bay Run Drive homeowner disturbed by a loud intercom system that triggers false alarms at night and on weekends.
- 1-27-25 I reached out to the Bay Run Drive homeowner regarding a disturbance issue. I introduced myself and offered my support. He responded by informing me that Councilman Winkler's assistant is already on the case.
- 1-28-25 Reported code violations for Rustburg Place and Pulaski Court.
- 2-7-25 Reported code violations for Lunenburg Dr and Queen Annes Court.
- 1-22-25 thru 2-18-25 I drove around the city and received no citizen concerns about trees or landscaping this month.

***Safety Commissioner Metcalf:***

1. Drove City at various times.
2. Went to storage area with Mayor Stonum on one occasion.
3. On 2/14/25 went to Dan Small's office with Mayor Stonum to get checks signed.
4. Mayor Stonum and I went to the P.O. each Friday.
5. On 2/14/25 Mayor Stonum and I had a meeting with Detective Mason (Derby City Protection)
6. Conducted radio checks after last city meeting using channel 16. Will conduct radio checks tonight 2/18/25 using channel one.
7. On 1/26/25 I issued parking permits to 4011 Northumberland Dr.
8. On 1/25/25 I issued parking permits to 4004 Northumberland Dr.
9. On 2/1/25 I issued parking Permits to 4513 Lunenburg Dr.

***Road Commissioner Beville - (Commissioner Beville not in attendance so Mayor Stonum read her report:***

1/28/2025 – Registered for the 2025 Kentucky Pipeline Safety Program to be held on March 11, 2025.

2/2/2025 – watched the KLC COA slides Mayor Stonum shared concerning Open Meetings and Open Records.

2/10/25 – Contacted Mason Carpenter with Mow Better and asked him to treat the streets ahead of the wintry mix predicted for 2/11.

2/11/25 – The streets had nothing more than slush on them this morning so I contacted Mason to let him know we didn't need anything else done to the streets.

2/13/2025 – Registered for the CityEDvantage zoom meeting scheduled for March 19,2025.

2/16/2025 – I asked Mason to plow and treat the streets after the snow stopped, which he did.

2/17/2025 – Mayor Stonum contacted me to let me know the person who was plowing yesterday had pushed snow around mailboxes. I contacted Mason via email to remind him that plowing snow onto drains, around mailboxes, or adjacent to fire hydrants is prohibited and the 10 feet allowance around them must be adhered to in the COWH. Evan Parker, the person who does the actual plowing contacted me to let me know he was driving the city to put together a plan on where to push the snow when he plowed the streets. Also, on 2/17/2025, I participated in the webinar presented by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Emergency Management. It will be a daily webinar during which updates on flooding/snow coordination efforts of the KEM/FEMA and other organizations will be presented.

2/18/2025 – Asked Mason to treat the streets this morning, which he did and to plow later this evening or early AM as needed. I participated in the KEM webinar this afternoon.

*Commissioner Maupin expressed concerns over how Mow Better blocks driveways when plowing. Driveways need to be accessible. Mayor Stonum advised the city plot layout allows for areas to push the plowed snow.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.*

**Signatures:**

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

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

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

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

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**State of the City  
and  
FY 2026 City Budget Message**

The City's Commission's primary budget objective is to generate sufficient revenue to pay expenses during fiscal year 2026. The cost of goods and services continued to rise during 2024, and they're continuing to rise daily for various reasons, all of which are beyond our control. As such, our City Commission will need to be making appropriate fiscal decisions, while properly preparing our required annual Ad Valorem Tax and Budget Ordinances.

The Jefferson County PVA office will be providing the City of Worthington Hills with our property assessment values for 2025 in late April. Once their reports are received, the City of Worthington Hills City Commission will be finalizing our city's 2025 Ad Valorem tax ordinance, which will comply with the requirements set forth in KRS 132.027.

The most important FY 2026 Budget Worksheet line items continue to be Security, Waste Collection, Property Maintenance, and Road Maintenance. Our City Commission should develop and approve a budget designed to cover these ordained expenses without using our city's reserve funds.

In conclusion, the City Commission needs to continue the practice of being fiscally responsible. Both the City Commission, and our city's residents, need to understand our primary revenue sources are limited to our Property Tax and the Insurance Premium Tax collections. Losing any portion of either one of these revenue sources, for any reason, would quickly deplete our reserve funds, which is also known as our "Rainy Day Fund". Our reserve funds should only be used for natural or man-made disasters, and/or pandemics, since they are unpredictable and devastating to a city's revenue stream. Being financially prepared for the worst case scenario, is always the best and correct path to take and follow.

Respectively Submitted,

Mayor Robert Stonum

2/18/2025