

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** January 21, 2020

**Present:** Robert Stonum Carol Campbell Linda Beville Dennis Metcalf  
Dan Small Steve Schwager Bev Lush  
Harold Hall was in attendance via video conferencing.

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

**Citizens Participation:** There were 6 citizens and Officer Tate Mason present, but no one had any questions or concerns.

**Minutes:** The December 2019 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The December 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 Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

**Expense Review:** The cover sheet of January invoices along with invoice copies were passed around for the Commissioners to review and initial. All commissioners and the Mayor (except Commissioner Hall) reviewed and initialed the review sheet. No approval motion was needed since Commissioners had already initialed and approved. When Commissioner Hall returns to town, he will stop by the home of City Clerk Bev Lush and initial the cover sheet.

**Old Business:**

- *Street lights – Commissioner Beville noted that Mayor Stonum had signed the contract from LG&E for additional street lights. The check for LG&E is ready to be mailed. City Clerk is just waiting for the signed Hidden Hazards form to be returned by Mr. Pettway. Once this form is received, all will be mailed to Jim Pierson at LG&E. It was suggested that the clerk go ahead and mail everything in hand to LG&E on Friday January 25 even if she doesn't hear back from Mr. Pettway. FYI – LG&E will check the properties for hazards. 6 new lights will add \$127.00 to COWH's monthly bill. The new lights will be LED, but the fixtures will look the same.*
- *Events*
  - *Egg Hunt – Set the date of Saturday April 4 2020. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Voting was unanimous.*
  - *Fall Festival – Commissioner Campbell has 2 friends who have experience in organizing festivals and they made suggestions to her. Commissioner Campbell had created a presentation and presented it in the meeting. One thing that should be determined early is setting the date and timeframe. Some of the suggested attractions could be: Police helicopter, Police dogs, Police horses, Fire engine, Fire Department Smoke House, Face painting, Popcorn machine, Music guest (DJ), etc. Some possible needed items would be: Generator for electricity, COWH information table, Trash cans, VOLUNTEERS, etc. Bouncy Houses require a 1 day insurance rider and may be too expensive.*

**Presentation by City Attorney:**

- *Attorney Schwager did the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #1 Series 2020 pertaining to the Cable TV services. Once this ordinance is passed, it will take the place of Ordinance #5 Series 1995 which was for the previous Cable TV services. The approval motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Voting was unanimous.*

- *Spectrum Franchise Agreement – Attorney Schwager read this agreement. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was unanimous. 4514 Micklenburg has removed the tree stump and has until the end of January 2020 to move their fence.*
- *Attorney Schwager received a letter from the Millers on Jonel Court that they will get into compliance.*
- *It was asked of Attorney Schwager what the next step(s) would be for non-compliance over these fence issues. He advised this issue would go through Circuit Court by filing a Declaration of Action (Compliant). Mayor Stonum made a motion to legally move forward if not in compliance by January 31. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and voting was unanimous. It was noted that this fence issue became part of our city meetings starting back in May 2019.*
- *Rental Registrations – City Clerk has mailed a blank form to a property owner so they can complete and submit back to COWH per Attorney Schwager. City Clerk is to notify this property owner that the submission deadline will be February 15, 2020; then fines start.*
- *Vacant Home Registrations – Only 1 property hasn't complied so City Clerk Lush will notify them of the February 15 deadline. If not complied by then, fines will start.*
- *Rental and Vacant Home Registration fines – A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Beville for the fines to be \$100.00/day for non-compliance. Voting was unanimous.*
- *Tax Lien Letters – Attorney Schwager reporting that City Clerk, Bev Lush, occasionally works for him under his payroll and she produced/mailed the 205 tax lien letters.*
- *Louisville Ordinance – Mayor noted that Metro Government has an Illegal Immigration Ordinance. Officer Mason was asked and he confirmed that Metro Police cannot contact ICE on any contact with illegal aliens. Mayor Fisher is firm on this situation. Officer Mason noted that many ticketed illegal aliens don't show up for court dates. Mayor Stonum feels COWH is obligated to protect our citizens so he wants it on the record that COWH has made an effort to be able to report information to ICE.*

#### **New Business:**

- *Commissioner Campbell discussed the sign at the Westport Road entrance needs to be lit because on rainy nights, you can't see it.*
- *Ed Lush brought up the subject of a large rock in the island at the Westport Road entrance to protect the curbing.*
- *Commissioner Beville advised that there is a streetlight not in the city limits of COWH that we are paying for that was installed in 1991. It costs our city \$31.00/month for just this 1 light. Commissioner Beville will do more research.*
- *Water Bill*
  - *It was noted that the water service is turned off to the islands, but we are still paying a monthly fee. It was advised that a cross-connection fee of \$16.00/month is a must. Much discussion over the water bill.*
  - *Possibly water leak on Boydton Court.*
  - *It was suggested that COWH invite a Water Company official to attend one of our meetings for discussion and questions re: line items.*
- *Commissioner Beville said that she didn't realize that past Commissioners had never seen invoices.*
- *1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2 Series 2010 – 2020-2021 Tax Ordinance.*
- *Be preparing for discussion on 2020-2021 Budget items.*

#### **Commissioner Reports:**

##### **Utilities: Commissioner Beville**

- *Did weekly streetlight checks on 12/17,12/24,12/31,1/7 and 1/14. After the 12/24 light check I called LG&E and reported the lights at the entrance were not working. Received an email from Mayor Stonum the following day instructing me to cancel the work order as those lights were the responsibility of the Property Commissioner and it was being looked into. I cancelled the work order.*
- *Reported to Commissioner Metcalf there was a portable basketball goal at the 12002 Rustburg residence sitting in the street.*

- *Sent postcards with the guidelines for disposing of furniture/mattresses to the residents at 11017 Lunenburg Ct., 4309 Arwine Ct., 4504 and 4620 Lunenburg Dr. All four properties had mattresses/box springs on the curb for pickup.*
- *Water service was discontinued on January 2nd for the three islands. Also requested a check be made for a leak on the Boydton Ct. island as the invoice showed 30,000 gallons of water used there between 9/30 and 11/27 and only 18,000 gallons on the flagpole island.*
- *Received a call on January 4, 2020 from Charles McClellan who lives at 4511 Lunenburg Drive. He was concerned about Rumpke not picking up a bulk item he had set out for collection. I was copied on an email from Mrs. Quisenberry sent on 1/5 about the amount of trash left behind at the properties located 4502 and 4504 Lunenburg Dr. after Rumpke did the pickup on Saturday, January 4th. I immediately contacted Chris Pierce and Kevin Vernon, route manager, at Rumpke and received the following reply from Mr. Vernon on January 7th "We had to run a different style of truck to your city on your last service day which was Saturday due to the holiday. The truck that we sent is limited to what type of bulk items/loose trash it can pick up. Typically the driver will call into dispatch and make us aware of anything he can't pick up so we can make other arrangements. Our driver did not make us aware until late Saturday evening when he came in to clock out. Being that our drivers are regulated to how many hours they can work a day/week, we were not able to get the items that were in the pictures you sent. We did send a truck first thing this morning to clean up anything that was left on Saturday. Sorry for the inconvenience. "*
- *Followed up with the City Clerk on two different occasions about the Hidden Hazard forms she sent to the property owners whose yards are being accessed for installing cable for the new streetlights. Had her resend one letter via certified mail to the property owner on Maxwell Ct. LG&E will verify there are no hidden hazards, such as sprinklers, before they dig. Because they will do this, I asked her to send the two forms she has received along with the installation contract and check for \$326 to LG&E if she had not received a reply from the Maxwell Ct. homeowner by 1/25/2020. As soon as the paperwork is received, LG&E will initiate a work order and the installation can get underway.*

#### **Roads: Commissioner Campbell**

- *MSD has not yet worked on the drainage problem at the intersection of Northumberland Drive and Bay Run Drive. When contacted on January 21, 2020, they gave a completion date of January 31, 2020.*
- *I also participated in/worked on the following items:*
  - o *December 22 and 23, 2019 – Drove the neighborhood to find homes that had been decorated for Christmas, and then voted in the City of Worthington Hills Decorating Contest for the homes with the best decorations.*
  - o *January 16, 2020 – Talked with two people who have been involved with planning/organizing community celebrations. Ideas, as well as important aspects of a well run celebration, were then presented this evening at the City of Worthington Hills monthly meeting.*

#### **Safety: Commissioner Metcalf**

- *Drove city on several occasions.*
- *Went to storage area with Mayor Stonum on one occasion.*
- *Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum on Fridays.*
- *Received a complaint and returned call to a resident at 11901 Halifax about a neighbor at 11900 Halifax parking in her driveway without permission.*
- *Attended a meeting with Mayor Stonum at Middletown City Hall.*

#### **Property: Commissioner Hall**

- *Rental Registrations have continued to come in.*
- *1-17-20 Spoke to John Rice about a letter that he received for delinquent taxes. His escrow pays these. I advised him to get proof of payment and contact the individual that the letter was from.*
- *1-18-20 Reviewed the following projects with a Lawn Care company. I will have prices and can provide pictures to avoid everyone making the trip out onto the green space.*

- *Flag Pole*
  - *Fixing the electrical and irrigation system structure.*
  - *Looked at putting some bushes and flowering plants in the north side bed*
- *Boynton Court*
  - *Need to remove all dead and diseased rose bushes and decide on a drought tolerant flowering bushes.*
  - *Need to repair the Electrical / Irrigation System structure*
- *Lunenburg Dr. Green Space Entrance*
  - *Remove the evergreen trees that have been planted in this access to the green space.*
  - *Also remove stumps and plant grass seed.*
  - *Remove the Tree debris that has fallen out of Citizens trees and not been cleaned up.*
- *Arwine Court*
  - *Plant drought resistant flowering bush in the center*
  - *Plant day lilies around the perimeter of this island*
  - *install rock*
- *Bay Ends Court*
  - *Remove evergreen bush.*
  - *Plant drought resistant flowering bush in its place*
  - *Plant day lilies around the perimeter of this island*
  - *Install rock*
- *Large Green Space*
  - *Remove a tree that fell in the last wind storm*
  - *Remove two more dead ash trees*
  - *Remove 2 Locust tree tops that have fallen due to the bitter sweet overtaking them.*
- *Front Entrance*
  - *Prune Trees this spring*
  - *Get quote to replace flood lights.*
  - *Have regulator repaired on irrigation system.*

**Citizens Participation:**

- *City Clerk Bev Lush showed an Excel sheet denoting how many tax lien letters were mailed. The Excel sheet was color coded to show how many properties had more than 1 outstanding tax bill.*
- *City Clerk Bev Lush asked how long a dumpster can be parked in a driveway. It was advised that there isn't a time limit.*
- *Estelle Quisenberry asked why the Commissioners' names aren't listed on the web-site.*
- *Ed Lush asked about creating the Code Enforcement Board.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm with a motion by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.*

*Signatures:*

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

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

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

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