

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** July 19, 2022

**Present:** Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Harold Hall                      Susan Maupin  
                    Crystal Adams                      Steve Schwager                      Dan Small

**Citizens Present: 1**

**Derby City Protection:**

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

**L4 Security Group** – represented by Phil Feigel

- Mr. Feigel gave his presentation on this company to provide supplemental security for COWH.
- In business for 3 years with former police officers.
- Small cities are using them since LMPD and other police departments are short staffed plus so busy having trouble servicing the citizens.
- Some of their pros and cons:
  - o Unable to make arrests
  - o Can only observe with their cameras as proof
  - o Can follow perpetrators if a felony has been committed
  - o Don't wear a badge
  - o Yes they are armed
  - o No enforcement for illegal parking or speeding
  - o Would contact LMPD if needed for illegal actions
  - o Fully insured
  - o Conduct business in multiple states
  - o Will show up in court if witness to a crime. Probably paid by COWH for court time.
  - o Consultants on staff who could advise COWH on ideas to deter speeding and crime
  - o Willing to work early AM hours
  - o Uses a software that COWH officials would have access to in order to see where exactly the patrols are
  - o Use their company vehicles which are fully marked, strobes lights, and spotlights
  - o Contract would be for certain number of hours, but could be increased
- Discussion and questions to Mr. Feigel by the Commissioners

**Citizen's Concern:**

- Mr. Russell Smoot never received his 2021 tax bill. After accounting for the Homestead discount, there was a motion to waive interest and penalty for Mr. Smoot and accept \$316.26 for his 2021 tax bill by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous. He also paid his 2022 taxes at this time.

**Minutes:** The June 2022 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The July 2022 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 Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

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

**City Attorney:**

- Property Tax Delinquencies
  - o 4016 Northumberland Drive – Joan Renee Ray – Has paid 2017 taxes. Attorney Schwager will be watching for her payment of any more taxes.
  - o 4523 Lunenburg Drive – Allison Yeaman – Property has been sold and she has paid 2015 and all years after then.
- Closed Session – motion made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.
- Coming out of Closed Session – motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Hall
- Motion to proceed with litigation against Anytime Waste for not honoring their bid was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Roll call vote was Commissioners Adams, Metcalf, Hall and Maupin and Mayor Stonum all in favor.

**Old Business:**

- FY 2022 City Audit – Mayor Stonum has received a Letter of Engagement from Bramel & Ackley. Motion to hire Bramel & Ackley for the 2022 Audit was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Voting was unanimous. Estimated cost will be between \$7,500.00 and \$8,000.00.
- Property Purchase Status – Mayor Stonum has spoken with Mr. Butt. Attorney Schwager and Mayor Stonum have a meeting scheduled to meet with Mr. Butt. Mr. Butt needs to be aware that the Westport Business Center Association would need to approve his plans for the property. Some discussion was held on catering services, Planning & Zoning, management and Public Partnership (P3).
- Tony's Wrecker Service Status – There was discussion on when Tony's Wrecker would be used and how they would be paid. As long as the vehicle was there when Tony's came to tow it, vehicle owner would be responsible for the cost. If, by chance, the vehicle was gone when wrecker arrived, COWH would be responsible for the cost. Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous
- Emergency Communications Equipment
  - o Monthly Radio Check on Channel 4

**New Business:**

- Commissioner Adams advised that Mow Better Ky is interested in renewing their contract with us for snow removal. They will be at COWH's August or September meeting.
- Commissioner Hall still very concerned over the picnic tables in the green space and who is using them and moving them. He suggested that COWH sell the tables since they only seem to be used by possible drug users and drinkers judging by the garbage left behind. Families are never seen in the green space using the tables. Mayor Stonum suggested to just move them and chain together.
- Commissioner Hall asked about putting into place a pay increase for the Commissioners. Mayor Stonum advised pay increases can only be discussed and decided upon for elected officials prior to May 1 in an election year.
- Burying Utilities Service Line (Cable and Fiber Optics) – everyone is concerned over the recently unburied installed fiber optics residential service lines in COWH. Poses tripping hazards when they are laid across sidewalks. Suggested that possibly Attorney Schwager could compose an ordinance stating all underground utilities must be buried with 10 days of installation. When ordinances are not complied with, you can take violators to Circuit Court to enforce.

- *L4 Security Group – after more discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Adams to hire L4 Security, hours to be 2 nights per week from 2:00 AM – 5:00 AM and one night per week 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on flexible days. This way, residents would see the marked security cars in the city during the daylight. Just sign a contract with them until November 15, 2022 to see how it all works out. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Metcalf with a roll call vote. Yes votes were entered by Commissioners Adams, Maupin and Metcalf and a No vote was entered by Commissioner Hall. Mayor Stonum advised the Commission that he will abstain from this vote since he had applied for employment with L4 Security Group. Commissioner Hall asked that COWH ask another small city who uses L4 Security how it's working for them. This was not agreed upon.*

**Utilities Commissioner Maupin:**

- *7/7/2022 - Received a call from Cindy Bingham with PMI Lou. property management company for Tries Condos. She said that Rumpke was not emptying the dumpsters completely, and trash was left on the ground. She left her contact number. I called her back and told her that I would contact Rumpke. I emailed Christopher Pierce with Rumpke reporting what I had been told. He replied that he would have the route supervisor investigate. I've had no further complaints.*
- *7/10 Drove city for street light check.*
- *7/14 Received email from Resident on Queen Anne ct. asking if an above ground pool is permitted? I forwarded the email to Mayor Stonum. He replied to the Resident. He referred back to an older email she had sent.*
- *7/17 Drove city for street light check.*
- *7/19 Attended the city meeting and will do the radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.*
- *Read all of July's emails*

**Property Commissioner Hall:**

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- *Primary City Property 6/29, 7/2, 7/9, 7/18*
- *Secondary City Property 6/30, 7/1, 7/9,*

*Early Summer Fertilization*

- *6/23/2022 Weedman applied Early summer fertilization to Boydtown Court and the Flagpole Island.*

*General Clean Up*

- *7/1/2022 Trimmed weeds in the ditch and in holding pond between Rustburg Dr. and Queen Anne's Court.*
- *7/9/2022 Trimmed weeds on large greenspace and between Mickleburgh Ct and Queen Anne's Ct. Killed weeds on Flagpole and Main Entrance Island. Picked up trash at the Main Entrance.*
- *6/26/2022 Turned on and programmed sprinkler systems on all three islands.*
- *7/10/2022 Chained picnic tables together to try to keep the neighborhood alcoholics from pulling them in the corner and having a party. Sent Dennis and Mayor Stonum an email with picture of the liquor bottles again.*
- *7-22-2022 Received a call from the owner of 4711 Lunenburg Drive about a copy of her tax bill. I advised her to contact Mayor Stonum or the City Treasure Dan Small.*

**Road Commissioner Adams:**

- *Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – July 19th.*
- *Drove the roads of COWH to check for cracks and potholes.*
- *There weren't any citizen inquiries that came in via phone this month.*
- *There was one citizen inquiry via email this month.*
- *The citizen that lives at 12128 Bay Run Drive is widening his driveway and needs the speed bump warning sign moved a couple of feet further away from the speed bump.*
- *I went out and met the citizen, took some pictures, and did some measurements.*

- I advised the citizen that we could move the sign or that his contractor that pours the driveway could move the sign. Advised to call 811 before his contractor moves anything. Citizen is considering his options on how to proceed.
- Spoke with Mow Better KY about the upcoming snow season. They are interested in continuing to service the City of Worthington Hills for the upcoming winter and would like to present a contract for renewal on or before the September meeting.

**Safety Commissioner Metcalf:**

- Drove the City on multiple occasions at various times.
- On 7/5/22 at 11am attended a meeting with Detective Tate Mason Derby City Protection
- On 7/8/22 at 11am attended a meeting with L-4 security
- Issued three parking permits.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Steve Schwager's Office and Dan Small's Office.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. on multiple occasions.
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The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

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

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

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

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