

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: June 21, 2022

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Crystal Adams Susan Maupin
Dan Small Steve Schwager Bev Lush

Commissioner Hall's presence was via teleconference so he will stop by the home of City Clerk Lush to sign the Expense Review.

Citizens Present: 11

Derby City Protection: 1

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.

Minutes: The May 2022 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Minutes: The June 2022 Special Meeting minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The June 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 Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Expense Review: The cover sheet of June 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.

Citizens' Concerns:

- Mr. Rice was concerned over recent fireworks. Commissioner Metcalf updated the recent situation on Rustburg Place. LMPD was called. There was a resulting fire due to fireworks so the fire department came. The court and nearby vehicles needed to be cleaned up.

City Attorney:

- 4016 Northumberland – Delinquent taxes of \$456.88 will be mailed 6-28-22. 2019 and 2020 delinquent taxes will still be owed.
- 4523 Lunenburg Drive – This delinquent tax situation has been in court since 2016. Attorney Schwager explained about bankruptcy and many tax liens. In bankruptcy cases, delinquent property taxes are close to the top of the creditors list. 2022 taxes will not be part of the bankruptcy decision.

Old Business:

- FY 2023 Budget
 - o Mayor Stonum explained the budget numbers.
 - o Mayor Stonum advised he is searching for new auditors. The lady he spoke with will look over past audits posted online and will send engagement letter prior to July meeting. Most concerned with cost. Many Louisville CPA's have ceased doing city audits so will need to go outside of Jefferson

- County. Smaller CPA firms are getting out of the auditing business due to requirements no matter the size of the city.
- Commissioner Adams had questions on why the budget has such high dollar amount set aside for Security, but such low dollar amount actually being spent. Commissioner Metcalf and Mayor Stonum responded that because Derby City Protection are off-duty LMPD officers, some scheduled security was cancelled because of required response to Louisville riots last year. Also Kentucky provides funds to cities with contract security such as Derby Protection.
 - Commissioner Adams also questioned “snow money”. Mayor Stonum explained that “snow money” can be moved around if needed elsewhere in budget and not used for snow events. Also explained that June expense numbers not yet shown in FY 2021 Budget numbers.
 - State sends road money each month as long as reporting is timely.
 - Mayor Stonum said 4% added to \$182,475 = \$189,774 for property tax receivables.
 - Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Hall discussed moving some Budget money to Security from other categories. This discussion was tabled until Security contract with discussed.
- Security Contract – Officer Tate Mason is comfortable with how the new contract is written. Since it is a month-to-month contract, may discuss hourly rate for Federal holidays at a later time. Current Federal holidays are: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Eve. Officer Mason advised that his security firm is not available to work COWH on Thunder Over Louisville Day and Derby Day.
 - Discussion over scheduled patrolling times of day with marked vs. unmarked cars. It was decided that it would be up to the discretion of Officer Mason on the marked vs. unmarked cars unless agreed to with Commissioner Metcalf.
 - Attorney Schwager advised that a “Performance Contract” such as the contract with Derby City Protection must be very specific. Changes to the security contract will be: add list of Federal holidays and Vehicle types. Attorney Schwager will update the contract and email out tomorrow morning. Motion to accept the Derby City Protection contract was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Hall.
 - Commissioner Metcalf reminded our visiting residents to remember: “If you see something, says something.” Also advise Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf. Commissioner Hall said it is irresponsible to do nothing.
 - Budget discussion was brought up again and Mayor Stonum reminded everyone that he provided this budget back in February so all discussion should have been done by now.
 - Commissioner Hall suggested that some funds be taken out of line items and moved to Security.
 - Treasurer Small spoke after Commissioners offered to move some of their monies as follows:
 - Commissioner Hall offered \$4,000 from Property Maintenance
 - Commissioner Adams offered \$15,000 from Road Maintenance
 - Commissioner Maupin felt she couldn’t afford to move any monies from Utilities
 - The \$19,000 will be moved into Safety and Security under Commissioner Metcalf
 - Motion to vote on proposed FY 2023 Budget worksheet with the adjusted Property Maintenance, Road Maintenance and Safety and Security amounts was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.
 - Attorney Schwager did the second reading of Ordinance #2 Series 2022 – FY 2023 Budget.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Roll Call vote: Adams – yes, Hall – yes, Maupin – yes, Metcalf – yes and Mayor – yes. There were no NO votes.
 - Mayor Stonum will email the legal advertisement to City Clerk Lush to have posted in the Courier Journal and CJ.com.
 - Tax Insert Letter
 - Mayor Stonum asked for any additions/changes. It was noted that the letter still referred to Anytime Waste instead of Rumpke so Mayor Stonum will amend.
 - Motion was made to approve the Tax Insert Letter was made by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.
 - Rumpke Contract

- *Motion to contact Rumpke to extend contract for 3 years was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Auditor Change Issue*
 - *Mayor Stonum had already informed us that he is doing research on this.*
- *Mayor Stonum will visit the office of Tony's Towing to discuss arranging for them to tow any vehicles that are pulled over in COWH for violations such as no current registration, no insurance, etc.*
- *Storage Unit Update*
 - *After some research, Mayor Stonum has found that other storage companies charge almost double the amount as to what we are paying. The President of our current storage facility has said some changes will be made because of the recent break-ins. There is new management. Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf recently took time to inventory the items in the unit. Seems the only loss was a green emergency backpack.*
 - *Current contract is paid through July 2022. The current management may offer us a free month due to break-in. COWH is on the list to move to a first floor unit.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised of radio check tonight on Channel 3.*
- *Commissioner Hall asked for update on property purchase. The only owner, who hasn't signed for the lot to be removed from the Westport Business Center Association, is out of the country right now. When he returns and signs the contract, COWH will be able to purchase. It is understood that the property must be released from the association before we can purchase.*

New Business:

- *Commissioner Adams asked Attorney Schwager about suing Anytime Waste. Attorney Schwager will research amount of damages and mis-representation of contract issues.*
- *KLCIS Insurance*
 - *Bond coverage is required to have employees. The statute has wording that can be interpreted differently so they may adjust the wording.*
 - *Annual coverage - \$200,000 vs. \$400,000. Statute states you must have enough coverage for the most exposed months which for COWH is July and August.*
 - *Motion to choose the \$200,000 amount for FY 2023, and to pay this insurance premium on an annual basis was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Roll Call vote: Adams – yes, Hall – yes, Maupin – yes, Metcalf – yes and Mayor – yes. There were no NO votes.*
- *VC3 contract*
 - *This is the company that handles our web-site and they need to have a signed contract on file. Although just signing contract now, it doesn't expire until January 1, 2023 and there are currently no changes in pricing.*
 - *Motion to allow Mayor Stonum to sign this contract was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Mayor Stonum explained the road money we receive is based on tax receipts, calculated monthly and can only be used for city roads, curb-to-curb.*
- *Commissioner Adams asked if we can prevent Anytime Waste from bidding on future contracts. Mayor Stonum advised that we can't stop them, but we can refuse their bid due to backing out this time.*
- *Commissioner Adams suggested that we move forward with getting all bid and accepted contracts signed within 30 days. Bids must be in contract form so it could be signed that night as soon as accepted.*
- *City Clerk Lush asked for update on the mailing of the tax bills. Scheduled for June 27, 2022.*
- *City Clerk Lush asked for information on who is running in the Commissioners' race in November. Suggested that these candidates attend COWH September meeting so we will know who is running and their views on city issues. Currently there are 5 candidates running for 4 Commissioner seats.*
- *Officer Mason offered to be able to be contacted if residents feel necessary for help. This would go through Commission Metcalf.*

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- June 3 – received email from Chris Pierce at Rumpke stating that “Operations” had messaged him saying trash and recycle bins will start being removed on Friday June 24. I contacted Mayor Stonum to let him know and asked how I should reply. Mayor Stonum emailed his reply. I told him I would send an email on Monday.
- June 6 – I emailed Chris Pierce, and copied Mayor Stonum and Attorney Schwager, Mayor Stonum’s reply that our contract with Rumpke ran until July 1, 2022. Chris Pierce emailed back stating he would look into this. Typically waste companies remove bins on last date of service.
- June 6 – Drove city for streetlight check.
- June 11 – Attended special meeting
- June 15 – Received email to our Commissioner Hall requesting irrigation to be turned on.
- June 16 – Contacted the Water Company and spoke with 2 different reps that could not help because I did not have the correct Federal ID – Tax ID – Zip Code.
- June 18 – I contacted Mayor Stonum to confirm the information the Water Company was requesting. I then call the Water Company and had the irrigation turned back on.
- June 20 – Drove city for streetlight check. Light out on Tazwell. Noticed a large amount of trash at 4505 Micklenburg. Cars on street across the street.
- Read May-June emails
- Radio check with Commissioner Metcalf

Road Commissioner Adams:

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – June 21st.
- There were no citizen inquiries via email this month.
- Received a text from a neighbor on Luray Ct. about fireworks being shot off on Rustburg Ct. between 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Sunday night for Juneteenth. Advised to call the police as the citizens shooting off fireworks were violating a noise ordinance.
- Drove the roads of COWH to check for cracks and potholes.
- Tate Mason called me on June 6th while on patrol and asked me about the pavement in the street on Lunenburg. He was concerned about the milling of the pavement and it not having a cover over it. Told Tate that a contractor for MSD was doing work in that area and would be repaving the area soon. Also spoke with Tate about the crime in the area and that we would discuss increasing his hours at the next city meeting.
- Received an email from Robinson Pipe Cleaning, the contractor for MSD, on June 17th that they would be doing work that day regarding the sewer work on Lunenburg Ct.
- Commissioner Hall called me to ask about the new paving on Lunenburg. Informed him that the contractor for MSD had finished their work and repaved the area.
- Attended a Special Meeting on June 11th where the Commission voted to award Rumpke a three-year contract.
- After the Special Meeting I went with Commissioner Hall to meet a citizen about a tree issue.

- Contract was sent over by Rumpke on June 13th for two years instead of three years. Informed Mayor Stonum and our attorney that the contract was not for the term that we voted on but was informed that Mayor Stonum already signed the contract.
- Reached out to our Municipal Sales Representative, Christopher Pierce, from Rumpke on June 16th and again on June 20th to inquire about Rumpke doing a three year contract (as we voted for) and Christopher Pierce has attested that Rumpke is definitely willing to do a three year contract with the City of Worthington Hills.
- Contacted KLC (Kentucky League of Cities) and spoke to legal counsel Megan Griffith. She informed me that the City of Worthington Hills is a commission form of government and in a commission form of government Mayor Stonum does not have executive authority over contracts, nor is his vote more important than the votes of any commission members. She advised me to have Mayor Stonum abide by the vote that was cast at the Special Meeting on June 11th and give Rumpke their three-year contract.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the city on multiple occasions.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum each Friday.
- Answered three emails.
- Answered four phone calls.
- Issues parking passes for four locations.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan Small's office on one occasion.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to COWH storage shed on Friday 5/13/22 and upon entering discovered it had been breached and one of our extra emergency backpacks had been stolen.
- Will conduct radio checks after 5/17/22 city meeting using channel two.

Property Commissioner Hall:

- Responded to emails and voice mails
- 5/5 - received an email that the homeowner at 4313 Arwine Court has not mowed their grass. They were turned into Metro 311 Code Enforcement.
- 5/10 Received a call from the homeowner at 4018 Northumberland. He called to report that he was sorry the grass had not been mowed due to his being in the hospital. He said it would be mowed by the following Thursday. It was.
- Mow - Primary City Property - 4/23, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13
- Mow & Weed-eat - Secondary City Property - 4/22, 4/29, 5/9, 5/13
- General Clean Up
- 4/28/2022 Moved a dump truck load of free mulch to the wooded area behind 12001 Luray Ct.
- 4/24/2022 Trimmed weeds in the ditch between Queen Annes and Rustburg Courts. Cleaned out debris in the culvert, trimmed weeds in the ditch in the holding pond behind Lunenburg Dr. & Queen Annes. Trimmed weeds along fences behind Lunenburg Dr., Rustburg, Queen Annes, Micklenburg, Dickerson, Lunenburg Courts... Trimmed weeds around trees and ditch in the large green space. Trimmed weeds around all trees in green space. Moved dirt and put down grass seed and straw in the green space.
- 4/30/2022 Trimmed weeds in the large ditch at the Lunenburg holding pond. Trimmed weeds on fence lines between Luray and Micklenburg Courts.
- 5/15/2022 Cleaned up all the small tree debris from the cherry tree removal. Stacked the large rounds in preparation for splitting and planted grass seed.
- 5/30/2022 Planted Free Lilies, Iris's and Hosta's behind 12001 Luray in new mulch.
- 5/5/2022 Tree and Stump Removal - Balance for the locust trees and cherry tree removal and the removal of the stumps was completed on the 5-4-2022
- 4/25/2022 General Clean Up - Tree Removal - 3 Locust trees & 1 Cherry Tree removal behind 4100 Northumberland Dr.

- 5/4/2022 First Annual Weed Control - Weed Man came out and conducted First Annual Weed Control - Boydton Court and The Flagpole

Citizen Concerns:

- Linda Beville concerned over tire stolen from neighbor's car. LMPD showed up a few days later and told victim they would probably have left the area if she had gone outside.
- Estelle Quisenberry concerned yard waste not being picked up. Commissioner Maupin confirmed yard waste is to be picked up weekly.
- Linda Beville asked if COWH can sue Anytime Waste for extra money we must pay to keep using Rumpke. Also some discussion over why Anytime Waste backed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm with a motion by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Hall..

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____