

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** June 18, 2024

**Present:** Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Linda Beville                      Crystal Adams  
Susan Maupin                      Dan Small                      Bev Lush

**Citizens Present:** 3

**Derby City Protection:** 0

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

The Mayor, Commissioners, Treasurer and City Clerk introduced themselves to our visitors.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

- 4102 Northumberland – She is concerned with the neighbors next door. His cameras invade her privacy. She has added security lights to blind his camera. LMPD advised that COWH must take charge of this issue. Mayor Stonum said there is nothing COWH can do because we have no ordinance or board to enforce.
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**Minutes:** The May 2024 minutes were brought up for approval. Advised of last minute changes. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The June 2024 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 Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. 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.

**Old Business:**

- Property Maintenance Bids
  - o City Clerk has received 2 bids for this contract. New 3 year contract will run from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.
  - o Commissioner Adams opened each bid and presented to the commission.
    - Maximus Lawncare – Harold Hall attended the meeting. Annual bid was \$23,600 See attached
    - MowBetter – Not in attendance. Total bid was \$23,250. See attached
  - o Mayor Stonum and the Commissioners looked over both bids. Some comments were: Both companies live with-in our city, MowBetter is already under contract with us for snow/ice removal, Maximus Lawncare understands our mowing schedule and Maximus has a current reputation of a good job. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Stonum to accept the bid from Maximus Lawncare and was seconded by Commissioner Beville. There was a roll call vote. Mayor Stonum – yes; Commissioner Metcalf – yes; Commissioner Beville – yes; and Commissioner Maupin – yes. Commissioner Adams abstained from voting because she is a former client of MowBetter and neighbor to Maximus Lawncare.
- Commissioner Beville had concerns over previous plans for streetlight close to Commissioner Adams' home.
- It was suggested that a large rock be placed on the front island to help avert damage done by vehicles.

- *Audit vs. Financial Statement – Mayor Stonum has spoken with Stephanie. He prefers audits. After some discussion, Commissioner Maupin made a motion to agree to an audit and Commissioner Metcalf seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Beville said yes; Commissioner Adams said yes; Commissioner Metcalf said yes; Commissioner Maupin said yes; and Mayor Stonum said yes.*
- *Finalize 2025 Budget Worksheet*
  - o *Mayor Stonum explained new column and line items. Next month we can make adjustments by August 31, 2024 for FY 2024.*
  - o *Add “General Fund” expense adjustment line item*
  - o *Change “Carryover” to \$35,000*
  - o *Motion to adjust General Fund to \$449,000 and General Fund Expenses to \$448,800 was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Roll Call vote was taken. Commissioner Adams – yes; Commissioner Maupin – yes; Commissioner Beville – yes; Commissioner Metcalf – yes; and Mayor Stonum – yes.*
- *Mayor Stonum did the first reading of Ordinance #2 Series 2024 “City of Worthington Hills, Kentucky 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance.”*
- *Mayor Stonum handed out the sample insert letter to go out with the tax bills. Motion was made to accept this insert letter by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.*
- *COWH property tax bills timeline:*
  - o *Proof of insert letter – June 19*
  - o *Tax bills are received and delivered to Graphic Village – June 24*
  - o *Tax bills to be mailed June 27 or 28.*
- *Delinquent Taxes – No change*
- *Ethics Board – Still need a third member. Currently Carol Campbell and Jim Lancaster are on the board. Melissa Crutcher was in attendance at the meeting, asked for the requirements for the position and volunteered to become the third member. She took the oath of office so COWH now has a full Ethics Board.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf said radio check tonight will be on Channel 9.*
- *Commissioner Members Concerns:*
  - o *Commissioner Adams passed the Property Maintenance bids to City Clerk Lush to keep on file*
  - o *Commissioner Adams wants to turn on the water system a week early due to dry conditions. Mayor Stonum will physically turn on switches on Thursday morning.*
  - o *Commissioner Adams suggested more rocks be added to the Boydton Court island. In regards to the payment for these rocks, the rocks should be paid on one invoice and the labor on a separate invoice.*

**Legal:** None

**New Business:**

- *Commissioner Adams saw water on the street at the front entrance. Probably from a water bottle.*
- *Mayor Stonum looked over the current water bill.*
- *City Clerk advised that Borders and Borders would like to send us a check to have on account to use for the \$3.00 fees when they request tax information. We have done this with another company by keeping the records on an Excel spreadsheet and it works just fine.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised that no street parking permits will be issued for the holiday time from July 3 – 7. Parking on grass will be fine for these dates, because the streets need to be clear in the case of fire.*
- *KLC – policy renewal*
  - o *< \$500 increase*
  - o *The increase was caused by Cyber Security*
  - o *Motion made by Mayor Stonum to approve payment for this policy after July 1, 2024 and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Commissioner Adams updated us on the tree situation in the green space from the storm on Memorial Day. \$11,000 for cleaning this up. Commissioner Beville mentioned that Maximus Lawncare did a fine job of cleaning up the mess. Attorney Dewees is in the process of sending correspondence to property owners pertaining to case law on storm damaged property from flying tree debris.*

- *Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf attended the COAll Training on June 5, 2024. Mayor Stonum informed us that the first half of the training was about medical cannabis. Kentucky only allows certain number of distribution centers and certain type packages. Must be Kentucky grown, official medical ID cards issued by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and will expire the same as handicap permits. Many restrictions:*
  - o *The only place in COWH where there could possibly be a distribution center would be the office building, but it's within 1000 feet of certified day care.*
  - o *10 days worth when travelling*
  - o *No operating machines or vehicles*
  - o *Can't grow in backyard. Must have permit and security. There is probably nothing for COWH to worry about*
  - o *Police will be briefed and trained on this*
- *Commissioner Adams asked how MowBetter would be advised they were not picked. City Clerk Lush will mail them a letter.*
- *Harold Hall offered to start doing "sign" work/installations.*
- *City Clerk Lush reminded the commissioners of the deadline to submit their monthly reports. She suggested that the commissioners email their reports to her as soon as they are written. Commissioner Adams said that sometimes her reports are updated during the monthly meetings.*
- *Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf informed us that they had stopped on their way to the meeting tonight and spoken with solicitors in our city. They also advised that these solicitors carrying tablets can be accessing radio frequencies from key fobs, etc to use at a later time.*

### **Commissioners' Reports**

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

- 5/24/24-Received voicemail that streetlight was down on Hideaway Court. Drove and made sure no electrical wires were exposed and then reported to LG&E.
- 5/30/24-Received email from Commissioner Adams in regards to a question about storm debris from Bay Gardens. I emailed Christopher Pierce with Rumpke and emailed Bay Gardens with information.
- 6/2/24-Drove city for streetlight check.
- 6/17/24-Drove city for streetlight check. Light out at 11917 Tazwell Dr.
- 6/18/24-Reported streetlight to LG&E. Work order submitted
- 6/18/24-Read June emails
- 6/18/24-Attended City Meeting and will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.

#### **Road Commissioner Beville:**

June 10th – Sign replacement and relocation project was completed with the help of Mayor Stonum. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Northumberland Dr. just past Middlesex Dr. - replaced the damaged sign

Northumberland Dr. and Bristol Bay - moved the Speed bump sign

4106 Northumberland - raised the sign Bay Run Drive & Bay Run - relocated the "Children at Play" sign to the same pole as the "Speed bump" sign 4713 Lunenburg Drive - Straightened the sign which was leaning 12107 Halifax Drive - raised the sign.

#### **Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:**

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Drove around the city on several occasions to check on the status of plants on the landscaping islands. Everything is still doing well but will need water with these hot temperatures this week.
- Emailed Maximus Lawncare to buy \$200 worth of rocks to fill in some of the bare spots on Boydton Island.
- Authorized Maximus Lawncare to have tree contractor clean up the fallen trees on the green space after the storms came through over Memorial Day weekend.

- Citizen concerns:
  - Gardens of Bay Run HOA emailed asking about Rumpke and removal of the tree debris from the storms. Referred email and correspondence to Commissioner Maupin.
  - Handled 3 citizen concerns regarding fence damage from the storm that brought several trees down in the green space. Several emails between myself, Mayor Stonum and our attorney. Ultimately, our attorney handled the contact to the citizens because this is a legal issue.
- Attended the COWH Special Meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> to have 2<sup>nd</sup> read on 2024 Property Tax Ordinance.
- Drove around the green space with Harold Hall of Maximus Lawncare on June 15<sup>th</sup> to check the status and height of the grass. Advised Harold not to mow that weekend or this week due to hot temperatures and no rain expected.
- Invited Maximus Lawncare and MowBetterKY to tonight's city meeting via email.

**Safety Commissioner Metcalf:**

- Drove City on multiple occasions.
- Conducted radio checks after last City meeting using channel 8. Will conduct radio checks tonight after meeting using channel 9.
- Attended special meeting along with Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Adams.
- Received a call from Commissioner Maupin that a resident on East Bay Ct used a pipe wrench and broke gas line at a neighbor's home and sprayed lighter fluid on it and attempted to ignite it. The home owner called the police. The suspect went home and locked the doors. The SWAT team responded and suspect was apprehended without incident.
- On 6/10/24 about 11:30 PM I received a call from a home owner asking if I knew anything about police being called to Worthington Hills. I drove around to check. They were at 11915 Halifax Dr. There was one male adult and three male teenagers in the home. Three individuals-one teenage male and two female adults. They attempted a home invasion by kicking in the front door. The individuals in the home were able to fend off the attackers. The suspects fired 3 to 5 shots through the door as they ran for their car.
- Mayor Stonum called me to go with him to check out a subject yelling at people on Bay Garden Ct and Pacelli . We drove past subject's house at end of Bay Garden. The individual ran out of his garage cursing and yelling at us and attempted to chase our vehicle. Mayor Stonum called LMPD. When officer arrived he told us he couldn't do anything because it was an HOA and only the HOA president could file a complaint. After we left they did send in the SWAT Team and subject was arrested and fought officers.
- Answered two phone calls concerning parking.

**Mayor's Comments:**

- Mayor Stonum explained why he sends out reports such as financials so they can be read and understood prior to the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

**Signatures:**

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

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

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

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