

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: March 16, 2021

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

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

Citizens Present: There were no residents present and no representative from Derby City Protection.

Minutes: The February 2021 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The February 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 March 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 Presentation:

- Mayor Stonum brought to Attorney Schwager's attention at February's meeting that one of the insurance companies that sells insurance to residents in our city has informed COWH that they have overpaid their insurance tax to us by \$11,948.00. Attorney Schwager has been in contact with John Hord at state government and he advised checking into the portal that would help with this. The Mayor will do that and the Attorney will update next month.
- Amended Budget Ordinance – Attorney Schwager read the ordinance for the second time. There was some discussion and it was suggested to change the wording from "Payments" to "Amended Amounts". A motion was made to replace Ordinance #3 Series 2020 with this new ordinance by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll Call Vote was all in favor.
- One of the increased items in the Proposed Budget was Salaries. City employees and non-elected officials may have their salaries increased at any time. The Salary Increase Ordinance will have the first reading at the April meeting and the second reading at the May meeting. This will give time to be approved and in place for the effective date of July 1, 2021.
- Attorney Schwager read Resolution #2 Series 2021 which pertained to percentage of state gas tax to local cities to be increased. Mayor Stonum explained the current rate is 10% and the state legislature may increase that to 26%. By approving this Resolution, it shows COWH approves of this increase. Resolution approval motion was made by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll Call vote was all in favor.
- Attorney Schwager brought the meeting up to date on Ground Effects situation. This situation of business expansion has been going on for over 2 ½ years with no resolution. The problem is with the property boundary, noise and light issues. Kip Eatherly with Metro Government informed Attorney Schwager, via email, that Ground Effects has filed a landscape plan. Mr. Eatherly advised that Sherry Long with Metro Government would be our best contact. Emails have been received by Attorney Schwager from residents – Mark Ballenger and Stacy Small. Attorney Schwager advised that COWH was not always advised of meetings/discussion that have taken place. For example: Planning and Zoning Board approved that Ground

Effects could pave over the COWH easement without our knowledge. Attorney Schwager will research further and update next month.

Old Business:

- *Mayor Stonum advised that the correct call sign for our city's radio system is WRKI278.*
- *Mayor Stonum informed the meeting that he had listened to the Metro Government meeting regarding increasing the tax percentage on the insurance premiums. At this time, it seems they will not be increasing that percentage so COWH doesn't need to have the Ordinance ready to pass that states COWH would receive the same percentage.*
- *Mayor Stonum reminded the officials that the CORE Program on pipeline information is scheduled for Wednesday March 17 at 6:00 PM.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf updated us on the Disaster Preparedness items. Example: vests, flashlights, etc. He is checking on pricing and will let us know next month.*
- *Attorney Schwager updated us on the collection of 2020 Delinquent Taxes. He is receiving some payments as a result of the letters that were mailed to impacted residents. He mentioned that Sally Bates was behind for numerous years and Commissioner Hall advised that she is now deceased. Attorney Schwager has found a Quit Claim Deed for the property to be put into her son's name.*
- *Mayor Stonum explained the meaning behind the 4 columns of the Proposed Budget. Discussion took place on interest rates, payroll/tax filing costs, road expense, Rumpke rates, re-bid of the property maintenance and snow removal contracts. Commissioner Hall was concerned over the re-bid of property maintenance contract and Mayor Stonum explained it needs to be re-bid just for the Ethics side.*
- *The Tax Rate Ordinance can not be completed and passed until COWH receives the actual property tax revenue numbers from PVA and that usually happens around the end of April. Current Property Tax Revenue cannot increase by more than 4%.*

New Business:

- *Commissioner Hall reminded everyone that he hopes he can get a few of us to accompany him to the Arbor Day Foundation tree give-away event on April 17 at the Louisville Zoo 10 AM – 2 PM. He hopes to get some trees to replace the 30+ that he had to remove from the Green Space.*

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- *I have checked and read emails each day.*
- *March 8th drove the city and checked streetlamps. Found one not working in Treis Condominiums and taped it. Contacted LG&E on March 9th to advise.*
- *I will be attending the virtual meeting on Wednesday March 17 regarding Pipelines.*

Property Commissioner Hall:

- *2-25-21 Terry Skelton called and left a message for me about changing the fabric on his chain link fence. I called him back and advised that he needed to make sure where his property lines were and that if he were putting back what he already had, the city didn't have a problem with that and there would be no permits that he had to pull, etc.*
- *3-6-21 Started general clean up of city green space picked up limbs.*
- *3-7-21 continued to clean up city property to prepare for mowing season.*
- *3-6-21 radio check with Dennis*
- *3-15-21 took a call from Katie O'Brian about City's position on expanding concrete driveways. I advised her to make sure she has her property lines laid out and check with Louisville building code about how far from the line her concrete pad would have to be.*

Road Commissioner Adams:

- Responded to citizen inquiries and questions via phone and email.
- Citizen called on 2/23/21 to inquire about the end of the driveway of their rental house and water pooling at the end of the driveway of 11005 Lunenburg Ct. Asked if we have anything to do with fixing that part of the driveway. Advised by Mayor Stonum that COWH doesn't handle anything to do with this issue. Advised citizen to call MetroCall 311 and put in a ticket to be assigned to MSD to investigate this issue.
- Went to the Post Office with Mayor Stonum several times.
- Had Minor & Company come out and plow the streets on the morning/afternoon of Feb. 17th to clean up the residual snow from the storm on that happened on Feb. 14th and Feb. 15th. They salted the roads to pre-treat for the upcoming Thursday, Feb. 18th storm.
- Weather event – Night of Feb. 17th/Morning of Feb. 18th – More snow came into the area and we got another 2-3" of snow. Had Minor & Company out to plow the roads. Per Billy at Minor & Company, no additional salt was needed.
- Worked with Jessica at Minor & Company to get all the bills corrected that had extra charges or errors on them (like the salt charge for Feb. 18th). I also corrected a couple of things on my spreadsheet like 3 plows on Feb. 15th but Jessica said they only did two plows plus a courtesy plow at no charge. This lowered the amount on my spreadsheet and made the figure that I reported at the last city meeting inaccurate. Got everything corrected, updated my spreadsheet totals, and we are now at a current spreadsheet total of \$35,600 on the snow budget.
- Billy at Minor & Company did not express interest in renewing his contract with COWH.
- Jeremy, one of Billy's subcontracted drivers expressed some interest in possibly bidding the contract for snow removal.
- I have not heard from Coldstream yet on who they use for snow removal.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City multiple times.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum.
- E-Mailed a resident on Pulaski Ct who witnessed an altercation involving a firearm.
- Contacted Tate Mason concerning incident in Pulaski Ct and an altercation on Luray Ct. with shots fired.
- Signed up for the virtual pipeline training on 3/16/21.
- On 3/6/21 Conducted radio checks
- Derby City Protection
 - o 2/3/21 Traffic stop for one headlight out. Checked a car parked in wrong direction and a citation was given.
 - o 2/16/21 Traffic stop for one headlight out and a traffic stop for plate not illuminated. A warning was issued for both.

Commissioner Maupin suggested a city-wide City Clean-Up Day like they have in her area of the city. It's been very successful. Mayor Stonum advised this would do better in the fall.

Commissioner Maupin also asked for the dates of the city-wide yard sale. Mayor Stonum advised they are always scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in May and September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____