

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** May 17, 2022

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

Commissioner Hall attended the meeting via video. He will stop by the home of City Clerk Lush to sign the Expense Review.

**Citizens Present:** 3

**Derby City Protection:** 1

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with motion by Commissioner Hall 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.

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

**Financial Report:** The April 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 Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

**Expense Review:** The cover sheet of May 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:**

- Concerns over 4016 Northumberland – Joan Ray. She has advised Attorney Schwager that she needs to postpone the May payment. Mayor Stonum suggested that we use official correspondence for any future contacts. Some discussion over payment history and state of property.
- Oldham County Defendant concerns – No longer lives in COWH and he is restricted from being in COWH now as a bond condition.
- New similar case involving 2 juveniles. FYI – Juvenile cases are not public record.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

- 12 motorcycles on Rustburg Court revving engines plus blocking driveways. Mayor Stonum suggested next time that they contact the LMPD non-emergency phone number. Mayor Stonum provided the phone number and advised citizens of the Jefferson County noise ordinance.
- Concerns with rental home on their court that doesn't conform to ordinances such as boat parked in front of their home. Attorney Schwager will contact property owner to advise of the non-compliance.
- Advised citizens to contact 311 over easement concerns.
- Informed the citizens to contact Commissioner Metcalf for parking permits for special events.

### **Old Business:**

- *2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Tax Ordinance by Attorney Schwager. Mayor Stonum explained the property values increased by over 30%. We must stick to 4% or less increase in the tax revenue so our new tax rate must be as stated in this ordinance. Motion to access this ordinance as written was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll Call vote was taken with everyone voting in favor.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised the monthly radio check will be done tonight after the meeting on Channel 2.*
- *Commissioner Adams requested update on land purchase. Mayor Stonum advised still in progress.*

### **New Business:**

- *Officer Tate Mason from Derby City Protection at the meeting. It's time to sign a new annual contract and Officer Mason explained costs increases. Opened the floor for discussion and questions. Pointed out that COWH requires certain duties from our security service that other cities may not require. Mayor Stonum suggested that we use them on a month-to-month basis on a new annual contract. Motion to have the new contract to include same schedule was made by Commissioner Hall and was seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Voting was unanimous. Officer Mason will prepare the new contract. Mayor Stonum suggested that marked cars be used the 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm shifts; and unmarked cars be used during the 10:00 pm – 1:00 am shifts.*
- *Tony's Towing. Mayor Stonum wants to sign a contract with Tony's to tow vehicles that are pulled over in COWH for violations such as no current registration; no insurance, etc. Motion for Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf to visit Tony's office and discuss this issue was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Voting was unanimous.*
- *Saf-Ti-Co. Commissioner Adams contacted them about the new sign in COWH and the one to be moved. Saf-Ti-Co informed her that they don't relocate signs or re-use posts. COWH would need to use new posts. Mayor Stonum asked Commissioner Hall to use his talents to reposition posts and move necessary signs. Commissioner Hall agreed to do the work. Commissioner Adams will advise Saf-Ti-Co to do nothing at this time.*
- *Mayor Stonum wanted to discuss the starting and ending dates for the sprinkler system. It was agreed that the start date should be earlier than last year. Motion was made by Mayor Stonum to set these dates as June 15 – September 30 and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was 4 in favor with Commissioner Hall against. After Louisville Water turns on the water to these sprinklers, Evergreen Irrigation will need to be contacted to turn on the sprinkler system.*
- *FY 2022-2023 Budget – Mayor Stonum explained that more money was needed for the additional green space work so he explained where he found the extra money in our budget and moved it. Motion to accept the changes to the Budget Worksheet was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was 4 in favor with Commissioner Hall abstaining from voting due to it involving the green space.*
- *Mail Louisville. COWH has received a quote from them to mail our tax bills. The quote was less than last year. Motion to hire Mail Louisville to handle our tax bill mailing this year was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was 4 in favor with Commissioner Adams abstaining since she is a previous employee of Mail Louisville.*
- *Audit. Weleken CPA's sent us a quote for the next audit with an increase in fees from \$7,000 to \$12,000. Quite an increase so Mayor Stonum suggested we get other quotes. Mayor Stonum is thinking maybe we need to rescind our request to DLG to do annual audit as opposed to financial statement in October. No objections from the Commissioners to research this.*
- *Storage Unit Security Issues. Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf discovered COWH's storage unit had been illegally accessed when they visited last week. The only thing they could determine had been disturbed were the emergency backpacks with one being emptied and filled with candy and stuffed animals. Mayor Stonum provided the police report number to Officer Mason and has contacted the U-Haul Association President with concerns. Storage contract is up at the end of July so he will research other locations to use. No objections from our Commissioners to Mayor Stonum doing this research.*

- *Streetlights. Commissioner Maupin contacted LG&E about changing all streetlights to LED bulbs. It would cost a one-time conversion fee of \$260.00 per light or \$4.62 per month for 5 years per light. The cheapest way to get these lights changed to LED would be to upgrade as each streetlight burned out. There would be no conversion fee involved when the bulbs burned out, but the additional \$4.62 per month per streetlight would still apply.*

**Commissioner Reports:**

**Road Commissioner Adams:**

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – May 17th.
- There were no citizen inquiries via phone or email this month.
- Drove the roads of COWH to check for cracks and potholes.
- I have not heard anything from Robinson Pipe Cleaning regarding them performing the work at 4610 Lunenburg Dr.
- Called Saf-Ti-Co and asked them to replace the sign at Middlesex and Northumberland. Asked them to save the small signpost. Also requested they move the street sign for Northumberland and Chesterfield Dr. to the other side of Chesterfield Dr. Finally, I requested that they install the short signpost left over from Middlesex and Northumberland and install it at Northumberland and Chesterfield Dr. and attach our speed limit transponder to it.
- Saf-Ti-Co emailed back that they can install new signs & new posts for COWH. However, they don't provide maintenance or relocation of existing signs.

**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*
  - o *4/28/2022 Moved a dump truck load of free mulch to the wooded area behind 12001 Luray Ct.*
  - o *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.*
  - o *4/30/2022 Trimmed weeds in the large ditch at the Lunenburg holding pond. Trimmed weeds on fence lines between Luray and Micklenburg Courts.*
  - o *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.*
  - o *4/30/2022 Planted Free Lilies, Iris and Hostas behind 12001 Luray in new mulch.*
  - o *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 Tree Removal - 3 Locust trees & 1 Cherry Tree removal behind 4100 Northumberland
- 5/4/2022 First Annual Weed Control - Weed Man came out and conducted First Annual Weed Control - Boydton Court and The Flagpole

**Utilities Commissioner Maupin:**

- I reached out to LG&E representative and requested information about switching out the existing light bulbs to LED light bulbs. She emailed the info to me. To summarize, when changing working lights to LED there is a fee of \$4.62 added to the new LED monthly rate for 5 years. Or the option to pay a one time fee of \$260 per light. Once the 5 years is up, the conversion fee drops off, the monthly rate for the LED lights is what is applicable at the time due to periodic rate increases.
- 5/3 I received an email from Christopher Pierce with Rumpke in regards to trash at 4120 Pacelli Place with a photo attached. The resident was doing some remodeling and the trash was removed the next day.
- 5/9 I received an email from the resident at 4519 Pulaski Ct. stating his yard waste had not been picked up. He was requesting it be picked up before Thursday the next week because he had no where to put his grass clippings. 5/10 I called the resident back at 4519 Pulaski Ct. and left a voicemail letting him know I had emailed Rumpke with his complaint and would get back with him. Christopher Pierce with Rumpke replied to my email stating he would check into the complaint and get back with me. 5/11 Christopher Pierce emailed saying the route supervisor said they would try and pick up yard waste, but did not give a time frame. He said that they had been short 2 workers the past week. I then called the resident at 4519 Pulaski ct. and left the resident a voicemail asking him to place his yard waste container out for pickup.
- 5/14 I received an email from 11908 Halifax Dr saying that he and his neighbor across the street did not have the yard waste picked up. My own yard waste was not picked up either. 5/16 I emailed Christopher Pierce with Rumpke letting him know that the yard waste was not picked up again.
- 5/16 I drove the city for a street light check. A street light was out at 11923 Tazwell. 5/17 I reported the street light out to LG&E
- I read all May emails.
- Radio check with Commissioner Metcalf after May city meeting.

**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 backpack had been stolen.
- Will conduct radio checks after 5/17/22 city meeting using channel two.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

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

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

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

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