

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** May 20, 2025

**Present:** Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Cristina Recendez                      Linda Beville  
Susan Maupin                      Dan Small                      Bev Lush                      Rob DeWees

**Citizens Present: 0**

**Derby City Protection: 0**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with motion by Commissioner Metcalf 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 2025 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Recendez to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The April 2025 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 Metcalf. 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

**Legal:**

- Mayor Stonum did the second read on our Tax Ordinance. He also explained the calculation workbook to prevent going over 4%. Discussion of not increasing tax rate to the maximum allowed showed results of approximately negative \$6,000 in COWH's income. Some of the reasons to increase to the maximum:
  - o LG&E is asking for increase
  - o Water rate will increase
  - o Derby City new contract increase
  - o New assessments in 2026 for properties within COWH which will result in increased income through property taxes which will probably require COWH to lower tax rate in 2026 to prevent the increase to less than 4% as required.
  - o One topic during discussion – Raising tax rate, but lowering city services such as frequency of recycle and yard waste pickups probably won't go over well with property owners.
  - o After more discussion on possible tax rate amounts, the motion was made to accept tax rate of \$.1798 by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Roll Call vote was taken. Mayor Stonum – yes; Commissioner Metcalf – yes; Commissioner Recendez – yes; Commissioner Maupin – yes; and Commissioner Beville – yes.
- Tax Bill Mailing – only one bid was received.
  - o Printing "Tax Bill Enclosed" to the envelope
  - o Insert "Important Tax Information for Property Owners" statement
  - o Insert Tax Bill
  - o Mailing of the bills using bulk rate through USPS.
  - o \$1077.94 which is approximately a \$300 increase from 2024.
  - o Motion to use United Direct Solutions was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.
  - o The charge from PVA includes: printing of tax bills, providing envelopes and reports

- Budget – first read of the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance was made by Mayor Stonum. No questions. Audit will be required in 2025.
- Garbage pickup – Mayor Stonum has pictures proving that two residents are using our Rumpke pickup to dispose of yard waste collected from their personal lawn services company. One of the residents noticed Mayor Stonum taking pictures and this issue has seemed to slow down. COWH will keep an eye on this.
- Go Carts – ATV issue in COWH. Seems to have started after new family moved into COWH. Possibly resolved after talking to landlord.

**Citizens Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

- Commissioners Input – none
- Yard Sale Signs – the signs were put up as decided last month. Even with good weather for this event, only 7 residents chose to have a yard sale. September 20 was confirmed as Fall City-Wide Yard Sale date.
- Mayor Stonum advised commissioners to check COWH website weekly.
- COWH Laptop – No quote yet from the company who set up our original/current laptop. Mayor Stonum received a call from Commissioner Beville's son who was not interested in submitting a quote. Need to buy a new one soon. Moved this issue to June Meeting's agenda.
- Budget Worksheet
  - o Road Fund – the amount will drop \$2,000 from state. The lower gas prices result in less gas tax which results in less revenue to the state which is where this money comes from. Using 2020 amount
  - o Increase in security expense
  - o Renumeration added
  - o Carryover is rainy day fund
  - o More discussion
- 2 bushes mowed over in Arwine Ct island
- 2 bushes on Boydton island have died or may be just dormant
- Bike to Beat Cancer
- Welcome Committee information on website – No changes. No update.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised Channel 4 for radio check tonight.

**New Business:**

- Commissioner Beville was very concerned over the request received by COWH for her property taxes. She checked with her mortgage company. Forwarded email to VC3. Mayor Stonum explained our CORRC procedures. CORRC was started in October 2019. Title theft is becoming more and more prevalent. AI is going to make it worse.
- Discussion regarding security issues through the internet
- Commissioner Recendez advised she is awaiting a quote from Maximus Lawn Care for the downed locust trees in the green space.
- Mayor Stonum suggested to buy a "sign post hammer" to be used in re-installing COWH signs when knocked down. Approximate cost would be \$70.28. Commissioner Beville made a motion to approve this purchase and it was seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.
- COWH Island Issues:
  - o The water meter at main entrance is locked out. Commissioner Maupin will call Louisville Water Co to remove lock on front meter.
  - o The control valve on the main entrance sprinkler system needs to be repaired in order to use it. After it's fixed, Evergreen Irrigation will turn system control to off.
  - o In regards to the flagpole island and Boydton Court, Evergreen Irrigation turned their system control units off after completing spring maintenance as instructed. COWH will turn on all irrigation systems once they're needed
  - o Discussion on any changes to main island.

- *KLC Training:*
  - o *June 4 Code Enforcement Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf*
  - o *June 10 Ethics Training Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Beville*

***Commissioner Reports:***

***Utilities Commissioner Maupin:***

- 4-30-25 Received email from Mayor Stonum from a resident at 11921 Tazwell Drive. They complained that the dumpster had not been emptied. He stated that it had not been emptied sometimes up to 10 days. Commissioner Beville emailed stating a resident at 11917 Tazwell Drive had complained, too. She stated that she had viewed security tapes and that Rumpke had emptied the dumpsters that Tuesday. I then spoke with Mayor Stonum and we decided that we would monitor before contacting Rumpke.
- 5-5-25 Drove city for streetlight check.
- 5-5-25 Dumpster at 11921 Tazwell Drive has trash, but not overflowing.
- 5-16-25 Voicemail, but no message left.
- 5-19-25 Drove city for streetlight check.
- 5-19-25 Dumpster at 11921 was overflowing with boxes. Observed that some had labels stating "Tiles".
- 5-19-25 Streetlight was out at 11909 Tazwell Drive and shade askew at 11921 Tazwell Drive.
- 5-20-25 Emailed Christopher Pierce asking that he have our route drivers pay special attention to the dumpster at 11921 Tazwell Drive. I stated that we have had complaints about it not being emptied. He replied that he would. He emailed later stating the dumpster had been emptied.
- 5-20-25 I reported the 2 streetlights to LG&E and work orders were put in.
- Read all May emails
- Attended city meeting
- Participated in radio check

***Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:***

- On April 25, I emailed the property owner about the house on Halifax Drive to address a broken gutter that needed attention, problem was fixed.
- I received an email about a fallen tree on Northumberland Drive. After asking for clarification, I learned that Metro had removed the tree and that the incident was actually at Lunenburg Court. The good news is that the situation was resolved.
- On April 26, a Middlesex Drive homeowner left a voicemail about a neighbor's unkempt property and agreed to send pictures. I never received them, but a few days later, I noticed the grass had been cut.
- On April 30, I reported a fallen tree in the greenspace to Harold and asked him to check for disease or insect issues.
- On May 6, Harold replied that the locust tree likely fell because its roots were affected by overgrowth. He plans to send a quote for its removal, but I haven't received it yet. I did receive the invoice for the work done in April 2025.
- On May 19, I received a voicemail from Bill at Evergreen stating that we need to contact the Louisville Water Company to remove the lock at the Westport entrance for sprinkler system access. I forwarded email to Mayor Stonum and the utilities commissioner.
- In the past few weeks, I drove around the neighborhood, including after the strong winds from Friday night. The next morning, residents were cleaning up fallen branches, but thankfully, there were no major damages reported.

**Road Commissioner Beville**

April 17, 2025 – Forwarded Mow Better Invoice # 6035, dated February 11,2025, to the City Clerk and Treasurer

April 23, 2025 – Reviewed the Derby City Protection reports for 4/03/2025 thru 4/18/2025

April 25, 2025 – Received call from a homeowner at 4:24pm about a tree which had fallen across Lunenberg Court. I spoke with Mayor Stonum and he advised that Metro public works was in the process of removing the tree and clearing the roadway. I passed along the information, including photographs to Commissioner Recendez and also called the homeowner back with an update

May 8, 2025 – Registered for the City Compliance and Security webinar and the Ethics for City Officials webinar.

May 15, 2025 – Forwarded a property owner’s phone call about his property taxes to the City Clerk and Treasurer

May 19, 2025 – Reviewed the reports sent by the Mayor and City Clerk for the upcoming city meeting

May 20, 2025 – Attended the City Compliance and Security seminar

**Safety Commissioner Metcalf:**

- Drove the City numerous times.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. on 5/13/25 and each Friday.
- 5/15/25 Mayor Stonum and I went to a JCLC meeting at Lyndon City Hall
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan Small’s office on two occasions and storage area on 2 occasions.
- 4/22/25 issued parking permits to 4515 Northumberland Dr.
- 5/1/25 issued parking permits to 12007
- Conducted Radio checks after last city meeting using channel 3 will conduct radio checks tonight on channel 4.

**Mayor Stonum**

- Advised commissioners to view website weekly

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.*

**Signatures:**

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

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

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

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