

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: May 16, 2023

Present: Robert Stonum Linda Beville Susan Maupin Crystal Adams
Steve Schwager Dan Small Bev Lush

Citizens Present: 2

Derby City Protection: 0

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

Citizens Concerns: None

Minutes: The May 2023 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The June 2023 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 Adams 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.

City Attorney:

- Tax Liens for 2021 and 2022 delinquent taxes are ready to record and mail notices to property owners.

Closed Session: Major Stonum initiated a motion for a closed session in regards to Anytime Waste. It was seconded by Commissioner Beville. Voting was unanimous. Everyone left the room except for the Mayor, Commissioners and the Attorney. When the subject changed during the Closed Session, Attorney Schwager left the room. When the Closed Session ended, there was a motion by Commissioner Adams to reopen the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Voting was unanimous. Motion was made by Mayor Stonum for Settlement and it was seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Voting was unanimous.

Old Business:

- Green Space Litter – Commissioner Adams got a quote for a lockable trash can. Also chain to picnic table or tree. \$1300 for the can and \$323.19 for shipping. Commissioner Maupin asked who will be in charge of the garbage bin and Mayor Stonum said he will for now. Mayor Stonum bought trash bags and took to Harold Hall with Maximus Lawn Care. He didn't accept them. The mayor set up a bag in green space. Bag was checked later and it is being used to collect garbage. The bags are being stored in the mayor's car. Commissioner Adams suggested to include green space trash pickup in the next lawn care contract in 2024.
- Commissioner Beville asked about Boydton issues. Revisited Boydton issue. Updated option sent by All Terrain. \$25,000 to put in new curb, drain, concrete skirt and adjust the size of the island. Discussion. Motion was made by Mayor Stonum to accept the quote from All Terrain and make sure of how many years it will be guaranteed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous

- *Speed humps have already been agreed upon. Still need hump painted in front day care. Just waiting on warmer weather.*
- *Need signs for Bristol Bay and Pacelli Place humps. Commissioner Beville will order those signs.*
- *Motion was made by Mayor Stonum to have 2 humps installed and 3 humps painted. Seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous. FYI – those funds come out of the restricted funds.*
- *Tax Ordinance #2 Series 2023 – Mayor Stonum would like to raise penalties. Checked with KLC and obtained a sample from Meadow Vale. Motion was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Adams to:*
 - o *Increase tax rate from .1625 to .1688 and that is still under the property tax revenue increase of 4%.*
 - o *Keep 2% discount rate*
 - o *Raise penalty amount to 12% starting on September 1.*
 - o *Increase each month additional penalty amount to 2% until paid.*
 - o *Add collection fee of \$50.*
- There was a roll call vote. Everyone voted in favor of these changes.*
 - o *FYI – in the lien process, property tax owners owing delinquent taxes would also be obligated for attorney fees and legal expenses.*
 - o *Discussion.*
- *Budget 2023 Adjustments*
 - o *Utilities*
 - *Sanitation and Lighting both need increases to cover May 2023 expenses*
 - *Motion made by Commissioner Adams to accept Budget 2023 May adjustments and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*
 - *More discussion on sprinkler system (water) being turned on this summer or not.*

Attorney Compensation Changes:

- *Mayor Stonum made a motion to change the way the city attorney is compensated for their time effective July 1, 2023. “Fee for Service” arrangement. Commissioner Beville asked about hourly rate. Mayor Stonum stated it has always been salaried. No way to confirm actual time spent working on COWH issues. We need to compile a list of attorney duties to include:*
 - o *attending city meetings*
 - o *creating and following through on ordinances*
 - o *etc.*
- *Discussion.*
- *Commissioner Beville suggested we enlist the help of Louisville Bar Association in interviewing possible candidates for new city attorney. Also suggested that all candidates be local and a member of Louisville Bar Association.*

Attorney Resignation:

- *Attorney Schwager will turn in his resignation letter at the June city meeting and make it effective July 1, 2023. He offered to help with transitioning to new attorney. His reason for resigning is to cut back on his workload.*

New Business:

- *2024 Budget – Discussion on changes including carryover be used to balance budget on necessary services and attorney expenses.*
- *Research Rumpke costs if COWH stops yard waste pickup from November – March.*
- *State Unemployment Insurance – rate should decrease due to not paying an attorney salary which accounts for a large portion of the SUI cost.*

Road Commissioner Beville:

- *4/19/2023 – Radio check with Commissioner Metcalfe – thank you for the new radio.*
- *4/26/2023 – Met with Evan from All Terrain and Mayor Stonum to discuss the additional Speed humps on Pacelli Place and Bristol Bay Drive.*

- Read and answered emails.

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 4-21 Voicemail and call from Mayor Stonum about a missing trash bin at 3913 Northumberland after trash pickup. I called Rumpke and the representative said that the owner needed to call and report. Also to request a new trash bin.
- 4-28 Voicemail from 4512 Lunenburg Dr reporting trash in bags on street at 4518 Lunenburg. She also stated that animals were ripping the trash bags open and spreading trash. I called her back and left voicemail. Mayor Stonum to contact homeowner.
- 5-6 Voicemail 4118 Northumberland inquiring about how to have a couch picked up by Rumpke. I called and spoke with him giving him instructions on how to dispose of couch. Also where to purchase plastic to wrap couch.
- 5-3 Voicemail 11919 Tazwell Dr regarding dumpster that is close to condos. It is causing flies and it smells. I called back and left voicemail
- 5-15 Voicemail 11900 Heathsville Ct reporting recycle bin has not been emptied for 2 weeks. I left voicemail.
- 5-15 Drove city for streetlight check. 11909 off then on also flickering. Reported to LG&E.
- 5-16 Call back from 11919 Tazwell and she stated a new dumpster had been dropped off, but not put back in its original space. Email sent to Christopher Pierce.
- Call back from 11900 Heathsville Ct. I told him an email was sent to Rumpke and I will get back with him.
- Attended city meeting, read emails, and radio check.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:

- There weren't any citizen calls or complaints this month.
- Advised Maximus Lawncare that Commissioner Beville was having Evergreen Irrigation mark the Boydton Court island with flags to mark the location of the sprinkler system.
- Will continue to monitor the bushes and landscaping. Most survived the winter, but some are damaged and are having trouble bouncing back. Pruning may be necessary.
- Maximus Lawncare advised that we water the plants when the summer gets hot. Will continue to monitor the temperature and the rain/storms to determine the need for the sprinklers to be turned on.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf (not in attendance to read his report):

- Drove the City on Multiple occasions.
- 5/4/23 issued parking permit to 4703 Rustburg PL.
- 5/6/23 issued parking permit to 11908 Halifax Dr.
- 5/6/23 issued parking permit to 12007 Rustburg Ct.
- 5/7/23 issued parking permit to 4400 Bay Garden Ct.
- 5/10/23 issued parking permit to 3902 Northumberland Dr.
- 5/12/23 issued parking permit to 4703 Rustburg Pl.
- 5/4/23 observed two Vehicles parked at Day Care Ctr. at 12:20 AM I reported the vehicles. One came back clear and the plates didn't match the car and plates had been removed from another car for not having insurance.
- 5/12 23 went to storage area with Mayor Stonum and picked up Yard Sale signs

Mayor's Comments

- *It's OK to delete spam, but not any emails addressed to COWH officials whether from each other and an outside sender.*

- *Open Records - updated guidelines were provided to all commission members, and Ky Department of Library and Archives includes emails in the retention schedule.*
- *He sets the bar rather high for himself and the commissioners performing their duties.*
 - o *No special privileges*
 - o *We set examples*
 - o *Don't ignore emails*
 - o *Be sure to return phone calls within a 24-48 hour timeframe during the week*
- *Sorry if that is hard on all of us. He feels some of these requirements come from his military training*

Additional Comments:

- *Commissioner Beville wants to be sure that Commissioner Adams advises Maximus Lawn Care what to do; he doesn't tell her what he plans to do.*
- *Commissioner Adams advised us that her car was stolen from a JCPS location on April 27, 2023. It was found on April 28 wrecked and totaled.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM with a motion by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____