

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** November 19, 2024

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

**Citizens Present: 7**

**Derby City Protection: 0**

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

**Introduction to our visitors**

**Citizens' Concerns:**

- 4102 Northumberland Drive – owner – complained of neighbors burning leaves, late parties, and on-street parking. Mayor Stonum advised her to report the burning to 911 as this is against Jefferson County regulations Open burning. As far as the on-street parking, our contracted security, if on duty, will write tickets. METRO police will not write tickets for on-street parking.
- Jennifer Amos –
  - o is concerned about the new speed sign in the yard of 4516 Lunenburg. This property belonged to her deceased father and she is getting ready to sell it. Feels this sign would be a deterrent to any buyers. She asked that the sign be moved down the street 5 houses past 2 streets. It was moved to the property line and she is not happy about that. She asked if speeders are speeding over the speed humps.
  - o Also concerned about the 2024 property tax bill. She didn't receive it so she called COWH in August. No one returned her call. In September, she called Mayor Stonum and requested a copy of the bill. She was sent the wrong attachment. In October, she talked with Mayor Stonum and met with him. COWH was using the wrong email address. It has been paid.

**Minutes:** The October 2024 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The October 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 Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous

**Expense Review:** The cover sheet of November 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/Contracting:**

- 4516 Lunenburg Dr. Mayor Stonum handed out copies of:
  - o emails, etc. re: Jennifer Amos. Her correct address was on the mailed tax bill.
  - o Emails from August
  - o COWH using wrong email address at one point.
  - o She requested CORRC on September 24, 2024
  - o \$285.76 due before October 1, 2024
  - o \$50.00 plus Interest and Penalty - \$54.29. \$54.29 was applied on October 1, 2024.

- Mayor Stonum made a motion to return \$54.29 to Ms. Amos. Seconded by Commissioner Beville. Roll call vote – Mayor Stonum – yes; Commissioner Metcalf – yes; Commissioner Adams – yes; Commissioner Maupin – yes; and Commissioner Beville – yes.
- Reimbursement check was issued to her at meeting.
- Currently there are 61 delinquent taxes. The 2024 list has been forwarded to Attorney DeWees along with a list for previous years. Sample letter has been approved and they will be mailed out by Attorney DeWees' office.

#### **Old Business:**

- Commissioner Adams updated us on the tree removal situation. Nothing has been done yet. Tree guy has been very busy. Harold Hall emailed the tree guy's quote to remove the 7 trees \$4200. Will move forward on this.
- Update on 3<sup>rd</sup> Radar Sign. The sign was installed at 4516 Lunenburg Drive because Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf have observed drivers going up Lunenburg Dr to Northumberland Dr @ the speed hump on hill are going about 35 mph. Moved sign per Jennifer Amos' request. Md. Amos had photos and suggestion as to where to move the signs. After some discussion about moving it again, it was decided to leave it at the new location. Motions and voting was not required.
- All radar signs that are installed in COWH are approximately 50 feet from speed humps, but the drivers still speed. Discussion on locations and why. Areas of speed problems. The radar signs are not a cure for speeding problems, merely deterrents.
- Mayor Stonum explained signs have information available to use on laptop for timing of patrols. Will start using this when new laptop is installed for the City Clerk.
- Derby City Protection has been given directives – rolling stops, no turn signals, head/tail lights out.
- Toilets that are put out for trash pickup need to be dismantled.
- Irrigation – Winterizing. Commissioner Adams advised that she had contacted Evergreen Irrigation and they were scheduled to be out by November 6. This meeting is on November 19 so Commissioner Adams will follow up if this has been done.
- Still no one interested in being on the Welcome Committee.
- Just a reminder that everyone should have their Job Duties List ready for the December meeting.
- As usual, all new commissioners will be sworn into office at the December meeting. Commissioner Adams will bring all of her commissioner items to turn over to new Property Commissioner. Positions for these Commissioners will be decided in January.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised radio check tonight will be on Channel 14.
- Mayor Stonum advised the trash bags in green space still working well.
- City Clerk Lush asked for update on new streetlights. Commissioner Maupin said that LG&E had sent out letters to the property owners to get their permission, but no responses. Property owners must give their permission for the lights to be installed in the easement.

#### **New Business:**

- Election Verify on agenda within 30 days.
- Oath of Office for new commissioners will take place at the December meeting. If not in office by January 1, 2025, they can't take office.
- Orientation is December 19, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Mayor Stonum will help with registration.
- Legal handbooks are given to Academy attendees. Additional ones can be ordered for \$50 each and Mayor Stonum feels we should definitely give one to Attorney DeWees.
- Commissioner Beville is concerned about receiving voicemails when no one responds when she answers. She called back and identified herself as city commissioner. She couldn't open his call on her PC so she reported as spam to VC3.
- Commissioner Maupin mentioned adding plants to the front island once the 2 trees are removed. She reminded us that this time of year, nurseries are having sales. Commissioner Beville suggested that the city hire a landscape architect to get a plan.
- City Clerk Lush asked that Commissioner Maupin again contact LG&E about the additional streetlights and getting owners' permission. Commissioner Maupin will do so.

#### **Commissioner Reports:**

**Utilities Commissioner Maupin:**

- 10-17 Contacted Louisville Water Co to request that the irrigation system be turned off. The representative informed me that there was an outstanding balance on our account. I took down the information and called Mayor Stonum. He called and took care of it.
- 10-28 Drove city for streetlight check
- 10-31 Voice mail – hang up
- 11-1 Voice mail reporting streetlight out Tazwell Dr. Treis Condos
- 11-2 Called LG&E and reported streetlight out Tazwell Dr behind dumpster at 11911
- 11-5 Email from Shawn Tapp wanting garbage pickup information
- 11-6 Emailed Shawn Tapp and gave garbage pickup information
- 11-8 Voicemail from resident at 4508 Lunenburg Dr requesting trash and recycle bins.
- 11-8 Voicemail about streetlight out Tazwell Drive Treis Condos
- 11-8 Returned call to resident at 4508 Lunenburg Dr. He stated that he only had a Waste Management bin. I told him that I would call and order them from Rumpke. Called Rumpke and ordered the trash and recycle bins.
- 11-8 Drove Tazwell Drive and light that was reported as out was illuminated
- 11-13 Voicemail reporting streetlight out. LG&E was there at Treis Condos and needed to fix the one by HOA Linda Beville.
- 11-13 Drove Tazwell Drive and light that was reported as out was illuminated
- 11-13 Received email from Kyana Property Management requesting information on changing streetlight bulbs to LED in Easy Bay Villas.
- 11-16 Emailed the information that I had from 2022 to Kyana Property Management. I told the representative that the prices probably have increased. Also East Bay would have to separate from COWH and pay privately if they chose to change the light fixtures and/or bulbs. The COWH Commission voted in 2022 to wait until streetlight bulbs burn out to replace with the LED bulbs.
- 11-19 Drove city for streetlight check. Observed streetlight at 11907 Tazwell Dr was on, and then off. I placed orange tape on the pole.
- 11-19 Email from Kyana Property Management thanking me for the streetlight information.
- 11-19 Reported streetlight at 11907 Tazwell Dr.
- 11-19 Attended city meeting and will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.

**Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:**

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – Oct. 15th.
- Completed the audit paperwork for Angela Morgan of Bramel & Ackley, PSC.

- Received a call from a real estate agent who had a buyer interested in purchasing property in COWH. Their client had questions about buying the property and building a second detached garage on the property. Referred the call to Mayor Stonum to research and respond. Mayor Stonum later responded that he called the real estate agent back and the property in question wasn't a COWH property.
- Received an email from a citizen on Arwine who was wondering if the grass was going to be mowed a final time on Arwine Island before the end of the mowing season. Harold of Maximus Lawncare was out of town so I had my daughter go down and mow Arwine Island. Additionally, when Harold of Maximus Lawncare got back in town on October 13th, he mowed, ran the weed eater, and blew off the Arwine Island area.
- This same citizen doesn't like the bushes we placed on Arwine Island and requested their removal.
- Drove around the city on several occasions to check on the status of plants on the landscaping islands.
- No citizen complaints, damage, trees, and/or large limbs down were reported to me after the high wind incident of September 27<sup>th</sup>. Maximus Lawncare hasn't reported any new trees or limbs down either.
- On October 13<sup>th</sup>, I verbally requested that Harold of Maximus Lawncare provide the quote his tree contractor put together for the removal of the trees on the front island. No quote was sent to me by October 14<sup>th</sup>, so I emailed and asked for it again.
- Maximus Lawncare said the remaining dead locust trees will have to be requoted by his tree contractor since we didn't accept the original bid when we had the other tree work done. Requested that he have the dead locust tree removal requoted so that I can present those numbers at the November city meeting.

***Safety Commissioner Metcalf:***

- Drove City on multiple occasions.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum each Friday.
- Went to storage with Mayor Stonum on 3 occasions.
- Answered one call concerning solicitors.
- Conducted radio checks after last City meeting using channel 12 will use channel 13.

***Road Commissioner Beville:***

- 9/18/2024 – Submitted my completed Related Party questionnaire to Angela Morgan at Bramel and Ackley, PSC
- 9/18/2024 – Spoke with Chad Chambers at Minor and Company and asked for a flat rate estimate rather than an hourly rate for winter road maintenance.
- 9/23/2024 – Spoke with Evan Myers at All Terrain about getting a quote for re-marking the four speed bumps on Bay Run Drive.
- 9/25/2024 – 10/2/2024 – Sent the quote from All Terrain's quote to the Commission and followed up regularly with updates on the project.
- 10/4/2024 – Forwarded the All Terrain invoice to the City Clerk and Treasurer.
- 10/10/2024 – Forwarded the flat rate estimates for snow removal I received from Mow Better and Minor to the Commission.
- 10/15/2024 – Attended the monthly Commission meeting

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Beville..*

***Signatures:***

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

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

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

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