

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: February 21, 2023

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

Citizens Present: 4

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 Metcalf. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

Financial Report: The February 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 Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Expense Review: The cover sheet of February 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.

State of the City – Mayor Stonum

Ordinances:

- First read of Tax Ordinance by Attorney Schwager
- First read of Budget Ordinance by Attorney Schwager
- First read of Insurance Ordinance by Attorney Schwager. Mayor Stonum explained the reason to possibly increase from 6% to 10% to be prepared in the event METRO increases their percentage. (If COWH stays at 6% and METRO increases to 10%, METRO would get the extra 4%).

City Attorney:

- None

Old Business:

- Mayor Stonum asked Attorney Schwager for the status on the 2022 delinquent tax notifications. Attorney Schwager will create a follow-up letter to property owners with delinquent taxes.
- 12128 Bay Run Speed Bump signage has been moved. Commissioner Beville confirmed. Waiting for Harold Hall's invoice. Commissioner Beville asked City Clerk Lush to be watching for this to arrive in mail.
- Commissioner Beville asked about the drainage issue for 11005 and 11007 Lunenburg Court. Open Records from MSD. 2002 the problem started. Rental property. MSD came again to fix. Commissioner Beville will meet with the property owner and MSD to advise owner who is responsible.
- Attorney Schwager updated COWH on the status of delinquent taxes owed by Joan Renee Ray. He received a check from her so she only owes taxes for one more year.
- Mayor Stonum informed COWH about the term "garaging". He has been in contact with Eric DeCampas – NACB. Garaging is a term meaning uninsured/underinsured vehicles. This is a form of insurance fraud and claims may be denied. When these vehicles are not registered in Kentucky, it affects COWH income. Our

website now has instructions on how someone can anonymously report these vehicles. Freddie FreeRoader. Mayor Stonum asked Attorney Schwager about what actions COWH can take about this issue and Attorney Schwager didn't know of any, but will research. Mayor Stonum will provide Attorney Schwager with a list of these out-of-state tag violators.

- Commissioner Metcalf will conduct the radio check tonight on Channel 11.
- Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf feel COWH should check into Faraday Shield Bags to protect our city radios in case of EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse)
- Mayor Stonum introduced a visitor – Beth from City of Fox Chase. Each member introduced themselves.

New Business:

- Commissioner Adams advised of a down tree behind 11016 and 11018 Lunenburg Court. It is right on the property line. 3 foot fence. The tree fell onto property on Pulaski Court and is the responsibility of the Lunenburg Court owners.
- Lunenburg Court owners will be informed they need to clean up the overgrowth. Maximus Lawn Care to be contacted to remove the part on city property. Commissioner Adams will notify property owner to clean up on their property. Codes and Regulations will product tickets to inform owner.
- Mayor Stonum read Resolution 01-2023 – City Elections should remain non-partisan. COWH is non-partisan. Attorney for The City of Henderson prepared this resolution for The City of Henderson, and it was edited to reflect City of Worthington Hills. If this is passed by COWH, the form will be signed and sent to Frankfort to be against partisan elections. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. There was a Roll Call Vote and it was unanimously Yes. Mayor Stonum declared the resolution adopted and signed.
- Mayor Stonum directed these next comments to Ms. Fischer from Baygarden HOA regarding 4401 & 4403 Baygarden Drive. More fencing has fallen. Asking if Baygarden HOA has moved forward on this. Mayor Stonum has a copy of the old Master Deed and Ms. Fischer advised there is a new one dated June 2021. Baygarden HOA collects fee to put into escrow for repairs. Some discussion on property lines and plats. Ms. Fischer will discuss with their attorney and the current map.
- Mayor Stonum informed COWH that he learned in a recent training session that COWH can produce their own tax bills. PVA charges \$6,000 to produce those bills and provide us with an Excel file. Suggested we research a new vendor. The commissioners approved Mayor Stonum doing this research.
- Mayor Stonum would like to establish a timeline for sending the 2023 delinquent tax letters.
- Stay informed from KLC – News Bulletin.
- Commissioner Beville is concerned over the property owner who has had delinquent taxes off and on since 1984 and has over 20 liens on their property. Finally pay and attorney releases liens.
- There was some discussion on vacant properties due to insurance won't pay claims on vacant properties.
- Pipeline Training is March 16. It will prepare us for emergencies. We have railroad tracks close to our city which could result in an emergency if a derailment/leak.
- Mayor Stonum explained EMP.

Road Commissioner Beville:

- January 17th –attended the first COWH Commission meeting for 2023 and was assigned the position of Road Commissioner.
- Did radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.
- January 18-20, 2023 attended the KLC academy in Lexington
- January 24th -Reached out to Mason with Mow Better and introduced myself. We discussed the protocol for treating the roads during inclement weather. I will work in tandem with Mason and Mayor Stonum to keep the streets safe during the winter.
- January 24th – Contacted Andrew with Saf-T-Co via email and asked about the status of replacing the missing stop sign and street signs at the intersection of Dickerson and Northumberland. He said he was waiting on the approval of the estimate of \$504.25. In the interim, I was advised that street signs were needed at the intersection of Baygarden Ct and Bay Run Dr. I requested a new estimate and for those to be installed at the same time the signage is replaced at Dickerson and Northumberland. The total cost for the signage plus labor is \$659.15.

- 1/30/2022 – Consulted with Mayor Stonum and Mason and had the streets treated prior to the snow event on the evening of 1/30/23. The following day, 70% of the surface areas were treated a second time. The cost was \$1570 for the initial treatment and \$1533 for the second treatment. The rate for a treatment after an event is \$2190 and 70% of that is \$1533.
- 2/5/2023 – Followed up with Harold Hall on having the speed bump sign at 11128 Bay Run Dr. relocated so homeowner can widen his driveway. Mr. Hall moved the sign on 2/6 and I am waiting on the cost so the COWH can bill the homeowner.
- 2/6/2023 – Contacted Andrew with Saf-T-Co and requested that street signs be installed atop the existing stop sign at Bay Run Drive and Baygarden Court and asked that this work be performed at the same time the new street signs and stop sign at Dickerson and Northumberland are installed.
- 2/7/2023 – Contacted 811 to get the Dickerson/Northumberland site marked and advised Saf-Ti-Co when it was cleared for installation. – The cost of all new signage and installation was \$659.15
- 2/15/2023 – I returned a phone call from the property owner at 11005 Lunenburg Dr. She is concerned about an ongoing problem of water standing in her driveway. The homeowner informed me that she has owned this rental property close to 40 years. She said she knew MSD had done some work a few months back, but she didn't know exactly what had been done. MSD was on site on 12/5/2022 and I completed an open records request with MSD in order to find out exactly what work was done at the location. In the 58 page report I received I read that MSD has graded the property between the apron and the catch basin at 11005 and the "hump" on the 11007 property, repeatedly since 2002, the most recent visit was on 12/5/2022. I took photos of the driveway this week and suggested to the homeowner that we set aside a time to meet with a rep from MSD and discuss in person what exactly needs to be done to resolve the issue of standing water. She is checking her schedule and will get back to me.

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 1-30-23 *Drove city for street light check*
- 2-9-23 *Registered for pipeline training*
- 2-13-23 *Drove city for street light check*
- 2-20-23 *Called resident at 4315 Lunenburg Drive. She stated this was in regards to her son hitting a light pole. She said she had spoke to Mayor Stonum and the matter has been taken care of.*
- *I called the Louisville Water Company in regards to the bill the city got in the amount of \$28.88. I spoke with Debbie. She stated it was the bill for irrigation at the island of 4119 Northumberland. She denied seeing any messages from me in regards to my request for shutoff in October. After an hour and 47 minutes, she admitted it was the water company's mistake and said we will be refunded and irrigation will be stopped.*
- 2-17-23 *Attended city meeting*
- *Read all February emails*
- *Will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf*

Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – February 21st.
- Met with Commissioner Beville to go over loose ends relating to open Road Commissioner issues.
- Visited the site to view the downed tree between 4616 and 4617 Pulaski Court that Mayor Stonum emailed me about. This tree is on the property of homeowners that live on Lunenburg Court.
- Called Metro 311 and put in tickets for Metro Codes & Regs for addresses 11016 Lunenburg Court and 11018 Lunenburg Court relating to the downed tree referenced above. In addition, each property has a large amount of overgrowth behind their fences. This has been reported to Metro Codes & Regs in the same tickets.
 - Ticket for 11016 Lunenburg Court is SRHWDS23018388.
 - Ticket for 11018 Lunenburg Court is SRHWDS23018393.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City on numerous occasions.
- Conducted radio checks after last City meeting.
- Mayor Stonum and I attended KLC Academy on 1/25,26 and 27 in Bowling Green Ky.
- On 2/27/23 I called 311 due to contractors placing a refrigerator outside with doors still attached at 4017 Northumberland Dr.
- Tuesday 2/7/23 Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O.
- 2/7/23 Mayor Stonum and I stopped at 4017 Northumberland and asked them to remove the refrigerator which they did.
- 2/16/23 attended a cyber security in service sponsored by Homeland Security.
- Will conduct radio checks tonight 2/21/23 after City meeting using channel 11.
- 3/16/23 I will attend a Pipe Line in service.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan office on one occasion

Mayor Stonum did not bring a report.

Mayor Stonum had a few closing remarks:

- *Financials – 2 pages based on tax rate. We can increase up to 4%. He advised this is something the commissioners should consider dues to increases in expenses.*
- *KLCC offers Zoom training.*
- *He attended cyber training last week.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

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