

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: November 16, 2021

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

Citizens Present: 3

Derby City Protection: 0

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.

Citizens' Concerns: None

Snow and Ice Bidder - Mason Carpenter

- Commissioner Adams is concerned over the low rate and wants to allow Mr. Carpenter to be able to amend his pricing if needed.
- Discussion on areas of our city that need early and special treatment during snow events
- This will be a 1-year contract – November 2021 through March 2022.
- Attorney Schwager will adjust this proposal into a contract.
- Motion to accept the snow and ice proposal from Mow Better was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

Minutes: The October 2021 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous

Financial Report: The October 2021 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 Maupin. 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.

Duplicate Tax Payments:

- Treasurer Small has 41 duplicate payments that need to be refunded to COWH property owners. In order to do this, he needs to place an order for another supply of checks

Damaged Fence Property and Costs:

- Mayor Stonum informed the Commissioners of work done on private property by Maximus Lawn Care. Commissioner Hall helped the property owner of 4516 Micklenburg Court clean up the mess from the downed tree from the green space and included this time on the monthly Maximus Lawn Care invoice. Mayor Stonum feels this invoice should be adjusted to not include this work since it was on private property. Commissioner Adams made a motion to advise Maximus Lawn Care to decrease their monthly invoice by \$350.00 and resubmit. This was seconded by Mayor Stonum and an individual vote was taken. Yes votes were submitted by

Commissioners Adams, Metcalf and Mayor Stonum. Commissioner Maupin voted No and Commissioner Hall abstained.

- *Along with the discussion on the downed tree work, it was also discussed about COWH offering to pay half of the cost to repair the damaged fence. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to contact the owner and offer to pay half of the \$975.00 fence repair bill. This was seconded by Commissioner Maupin and an individual vote was taken. Yes votes were submitted by Commissioners Adams, Maupin, Hall and Metcalf. Mayor Stonum voted No.*

City Attorney:

- *Opioid Settlement Review*
 - o *Mayor Stonum had sent all commissioners an email from KLC about how to be part of the settlement. He advised that he learned in the training that no proof of being affected is needed to be included in the settlement. Motion to opt in was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Vote was unanimous. There was some discussion that if COWH receives settlement, that it be used toward opioid issues in our area.*
- *Insurance Premium Tax Auditing*
 - o *Mayor Stonum explained about the quarterly tax payments COWH receives from insurance companies for the insurance premiums collected from the city's residents. He is concerned about notices we are receiving that some insurance companies don't owe us anything and/or are carrying an overpayment balance. Attorney Schwager will draft a letter to ask for details on overpayments from these insurance companies. These monies are a large part of our city's income.*

Old Business:

- *Commissioner Metcalf advised us about www.radarsign.com. The city is thinking about using HB 413 money to pay for speed signs. \$2800 - \$3600. Commissioner Metcalf explained about the sign details and will have more information for the December meeting.*
- *Radio check will be tonight on Channel 4*
- *Update on real property purchase survey with Alan Harley. He will be in the city mid-week to stake the proposed property. Documents are ready to be sent to Planning and Zoning. Estimates will be submitted on Monday November 29. Hope to finalize everything at the December meeting.*
- *Mayor Stonum advised that he has been in contact with Mr. Hoagland about the 2021 Audit and Mr. Hoagland plans to be at the December meeting.*

New Business:

- *Commissioner Hall gave a quote of approximately \$5,800 to remove 10 dead trees and trim 1 tree in the green space. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams to accept the bid and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Commissioner Hall asked when the Christmas decorations will be up at the Westport Road entrance to COWH. That will be the day after Thanksgiving.*
- *Mayor Stonum mentioned there are a few really dark spots in our city. He will contact LG&E about adding a few more lights and would like some input from us about exact locations.*
- *Delinquent Property Tax notices should go out by the end of the year from Attorney Schwager and be due by the end of January 2022. Obviously these property owners need to be reminded. Treasurer Small will provide updated delinquent list.*
- *Christmas decorating contest will have the same rules and regulations as last year. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.*
- *The Christmas decorating contest prize amounts will be increased this year. \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, \$100 for third place and \$100 for best window. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.*
- *Mayor Stonum will email Financial Interest Statement to the elected City Commission members, which are due back to the Ethics Board by December 31, 2021.*

Commissioner Reports:

Road Commissioner Adams:

- Went to the Post Office with Mayor Stonum several times.
- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – November 16th.
- There weren't any citizen inquiries or questions to respond to this month.
- Drove the roads of COWH to check for cracks and potholes.
- Met with Mason of MowBetterKY on October 20th about doing snow removal for Worthington Hills for the upcoming winter season. He provided us with a quote.
- Caden of Hall Paving did the paving of Middlesex. Speed humps still need to be installed but paving looks good and both Coldstream and COWH are pleased with the results.

Property Commissioner Hall:

- Mow - Primary City Property - 10/2, 10/9, 10/20
- Mow & Weed-eat - Secondary City Property - 10/3, 10/10
- Weed Man 9/7/2021. Late Summer fertilization - Weed Man came out and conducted early summer fertilizer - Boydton Court and The Flag Pole - 5 of 7 applications
- 10/21/2021 Weed Control - Weed Man came out and conducted early summer fertilizer - Boydton Court and The Flagpole - 6 of 7 applications
- General Clean Up
- 10/10/2021 Worked until dark on a Cherry tree that broke at its base on Saturday night. Trimmed the ditch lines and sidewalks at Lunenburg Holding Pond. Cleaned up front Island.
- 10/18/2021 Continued cutting up and removing the Cherry tree that broke at its base on Saturday night.
- 10/20/2021 Finished removing the Cherry tree out of the citizens back yard
- 10/21/2021 Disposed of all branches from the fallen Cherry Tree.
- 10/23/2021 Spread out fill dirt between Micklenburg, Queen Anne's and Lunenburg Courts. Put down Grass Seed and Straw. Cleaned out all the rock and paving stones in the Micklenburg access. Backfilled this area with fill dirt, seeded and strawed. Also got the large piles of fill dirt behind Rustburg Court leveled out. Took all rocks and pavers from Micklenburg access and put them in the sink holes behind Rustburg Place.
- 11/8/21 Replied to Megan Brangers – 4100 Northumberland Drive. She was inquiring about putting a POD in their driveway for a month and asked if the City had any restrictions on this type of item being in her driveway. I thanked her for asking and advised that there was no such limitation.
- 10/20/21 Had a contractor dump 6 loads of free dirt on the city green space.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City On Multiple occasions including patrols after dark.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. on several occasions.
- Answered 3 phone calls and issued parking permits at two locations.
- Talked to a resident on Arwine Ct. about a suspicious vehicle he observed in front of his house on 11/15/21. t 6:10 AM. I reported it to Derby City Protection.

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 11/5/21 – Spoke with Mayor Stonum about the streetlight between 12007 and 12008 Bay Run. He asked me to find out what the city is paying per month for that light that is out to recoup from AT&T. I contacted LG&E and after speaking with 2 reps and 45 minutes later, was unable to obtain that information. I called Mayor Stonum and told him that I was unable to get an amount on that particular lamppost. Mayor Stonum said that he had

someone to reach out to. He also asked to give feedback for additional lighting, and if any darker areas in the city.

- 11/8/21 – Mayor Stonum emailed stating the number for additional street lighting.
- 11/9/21 – I drove city for street light check. I took notes of areas that appeared a little darker than some.
 - o First curve on Middlesex
 - o Northumberland before and after the flagpole
 - o Lunenburg before Boynton
 - o The entrance to Luray Ct
- 11/15/21 – I drove the city for a street light check
- 11/16/21 – Radio check
- Read all November emails.

Citizen Concerns: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

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