

*Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills  
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*Date: October 17, 2023 UPDATED WITH COMMISSIONER MAUPIN'S REPORT*

*Present: Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Linda Beville                      Crystal Adams  
            Dan Small                              Bev Lush*  
*\*Commissioner Maupin was not in attendance.*

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

*Citizen Concerns: Mark Tabler attended our meeting just to check it out.*

*Minutes: The September 2023 minutes were brought up for approval. Commissioner Adams wanted it confirmed that her suggested correction had been made and City Clerk Lush verified it had. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.*

*Financial Report: The October 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 October 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 Services: None*

*Old Business:*

- Commissioner Adams updated on the purchased plants. They are still at her house being watered. She is waiting to hear back from 811 to mark islands. She has received advice from Maximus Lawncare as to where to plant each plant and she informed us as to which plants will be planted where.*
- Commissioner Beville advised that the parking situation on Pacelli Place has improved, however, there is a fresh oil spot.*
- Mayor Stonum updated us on 4711 Middlesex. One of the unpermitted structures had been removed, and he is not sure if Code Enforcement will require demolition of the other building.*
- Bank Lockbox – Brittany and Tracy have given COWH the ability to remove any archived files that we want by November 30.*
- Salary Plan – Commissioner Beville made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams to table this issue until next month since Commissioner Maupin wasn't in attendance to help make a decision.*
- COWH still needs 2 members for the "Welcome Ambassadors". Mayor Stonum has been asking residents with no volunteers so he will post on the city's website.*
- CORRC Fulfillment – Mayor Stonum presented his sheet of what he feels is the necessary information to be included when the requested tax requests are provided back to requestors. He hopes these information sheets will be provided to the buyers at the closings. He is especially concerned about violations to the R-4*

*Single Family Dwellings Residential Zoning which negates AirBNB – no short term rentals. Commissioner Adams suggested an addition to mention garbage/recycle/yard waste is picked up on Fridays. Motion to amend and provide this information with tax requests was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous.*

- *Commissioner Beville was concerned about the visitor she had at her door asking about apartment rental and how he possibly got her name.*
- *Nomination, Vote and Oath of Office for new member of Ethics Committee. Since Sylvia LaPorte passed away in August, Mayor Stonum had posted on COWH website for a new member. He asked Carol Campbell to join and she agreed. He asked the visitor if he was interested, but he wasn't. Commissioner Beville made a motion to nominate Carol Campbell as the new member and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Beville, Adams, Metcalf and Mayor Stonum all agreeing. Mayor Stonum administered the oath of office to Ms. Campbell and she was sworn in.*
- *Green Space Litter Problem – this was updated by Mayor Stonum as still clear and doing well.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised that this evening's Emergency Communications Equipment test would be conducted on Channel 1.*

#### *New Business:*

- *Commissioner Adams asked Mayor Stonum for the contact information for Evergreen Irrigation.*
- *2023 Delinquent Taxes*
  - o *Bree Fowler – paid her delinquent taxes today October 17, 2023. Commissioner Beville felt maybe the U S Mail delivery problem extends from how the city of LaGrange is spelled. Sometimes it's spelled Lagrange and sometimes La Grange.*
  - o *Treasurer Small's delinquent list shows unpaid taxes prior to 2019. Possibly a total of 6 properties. Mayor Stonum has updated Treasurer Small's list to include a column showing whether a lien has been filed or not. Discussion on how the property owners may react to being notified of such an old possibly unpaid bill.*
  - o *Discussion on past practices and when the 2015 hard drive failed. It would be difficult to actually prove if these taxes are unpaid or not.*
  - o *Discussion on the correct actual number of years we could legally pursue these monies. It was decided to pursue any delinquent taxes as far back as 2019 and any older delinquent taxes that had a lien filed on them.*
- *Mayor Stonum advised us on how to respond to complaint calls. He would like for each of us, should we receive a complaint, advise the person to send an email to [info@cityofworthingtonhillsky.gov](mailto:info@cityofworthingtonhillsky.gov) to have it in writing.*
  - o *He advised that he has heard again from Mr. Schelling regarding his car damage. The details of his story has now changed to blame it on the curb and not on the day care parking lot exit. Mayor Stonum wants us to know that any roads that have been added to COWH since the 1990's have curbs.*
- *FYI per Commissioner Adams that the Rooties Restaurant has now closed and the sign removed. Maybe COWH would want to purchase that building? It was mentioned that possibly Animal Care has already bought the land.*
- *Mayor Stonum asked if the commission would want to set a date and times for Halloween Trick or Treating. Commissioner Adams made the motion to have it on Tuesday October 31 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Metcalf and vote was unanimous.*
- *Mayor Stonum asked if the commission would like to not have the Christmas decoration contest this year. It seems we have the same winners each year. Commissioner Beville wanted to be sure COWH wasn't asking residents to not decorate; just wouldn't be a contest. Commissioner Beville made a motion to not have the contest and it was seconded by Mayor Stonum. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Beville and Metcalf along with Mayor Stonum voted in favor and Commissioner Adams voted against.*
- *Commissioner Adams had comments to make regarding the Louisville Water Company. It was noted that COWH had new water meters installed in the July-August timeframe. This included our islands. COWH did not have the meters turned on in Spring 2023 and has not used any water this summer since the rainfall was*

sufficient to cover our needs. It seems by looking over our water bill and usage that the water meter was turned on after these installations. At a previous meeting, Commissioner Maupin confirmed that our meters were turned off in the Fall of 2022. Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Adams feel that when the meters were replaced, the meters were turned on without our request, and with a water usage, there could possibly be a leak. Commissioner Adams was asked to have Evergreen Irrigation check for leaks and have our system winterized. Mayor Stonum will deal with the water company after Evergreen Irrigation checks the system.

### *Commissioners' Reports*

#### *Utilities Commissioner Maupin*

- 10-8-23 Drove city for streetlight check
- 10-15-23 Drove city for streetlight check. Streetlight out at 19115 Tazwell (going on and off)
- 10-16-23 Reported streetlight out on Tazwell to LG&E
- 10-17-23 Missed city meeting due to illness

#### *Safety Commissioner Metcalf:*

- Conducted radio checks after last city meeting. Will conduct Radio Checks tonight using channel one.
- Drove City on multiple occasions.
- Issued parking permits to 11908 Queen Annes Ct. for 10/7/23 and 3915 Northumberland Dr for 9/30/23
- On 9/28/23 Mayor Stonum and I went to a JCLC meeting in Middletown Ky.
- On 9/29/23 Mayor Stonum and I went to lunch at Independence Bank.
- Went to PO with Mayor Stonum on multiple occasions.
- Went to storage area with the Mayor on one occasion.
- Went to Dan Small's office with the Mayor on 10/13/23 to get checks signed.

#### *Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:*

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – Oct. 17th.
- There was one citizen phone call this month. This call was requesting information about planting a tree between the sidewalk and the street. Citizen lives on Micklenburg Court. I checked with Mayor Stonum who advised me that there is a utility easement between the sidewalk and the street and that the citizen could not plant a tree in this location. Advised citizen of this via email and also advised him that he could plant a tree elsewhere on his property but informed him to call 811 to get utility lines marked before doing so.
- Met with Maximus Lawncare to plan out where the new bushes will be planted. The plan is to plant the bushes in late October. In the meantime, the bushes are currently at my residence and are being watered regularly.
- Called 811 to get the Flagpole Island and the Boydton Island marked before we dig.

#### *Road Commissioner Beville:*

- 9/21/2023 - I opened a ticket with MSD after a homeowner at Treis notified me about a hole in the pavement by the storm drain located on the right side of the roadway between 11907 and 11909 Tazwell. I notified Commissioner Maupin and gave her the ticket number (5474753).
- 9/22/2023 – Contacted Commissioner Maupin by email to let her know about the work on the parking lots at the Treis Condos on September 26-28th, since Rumpke needed to skip the trash pickup during that time period.
- 9/22/2023 - The Mow Better contract for winter 2023-2024 was signed by the Mayor and returned on 9/28/2023. The services begin on November 1, 2023. There is an increase of \$120 per application from last year.
- I received a phone call from Steve Schelling on 9/30, reporting he damaged his vehicle in the driveway of the Academy. I returned his call and left a voicemail. He did not contact me a second time.

- 10/4/2023 – At the Mayor’s request I looked at the street repairs made by MSD on Lunenburg Drive. I compared them to similar but older repairs on Pacelli Place. The patch materials used and the crack seal application appeared to be similar and there have been no problems with the repairs on Pacelli. Mayor Stonum felt that the repairs would be ok since we have a Planned Sectional Paving schedule and the entire street will be repaved within three-five years.

*Mayor’s Comments – None this month*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM with a motion by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.*

*Commissioner Adams took a moment to mention to our visitor that she probably won’t be running for a commissioner position next November (moving out of city) so there will be an opening if he would be interested in running.*

*Signatures:*

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

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

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

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