

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: April 15, 2025

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Cristina Recendez Linda Beville
 Bev Lush Rob DeWees

Citizens Present: 0

Derby City Protection: 1

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

The Mayor, Commissioners, Treasurer, City Clerk and Attorney introduced themselves to our visitors.

Minutes: The March 2025 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Recendez to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The March 2025 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 Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous

Expense Review: The cover sheet of April 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. Suggestion was made that City Clerk Lush add the invoice numbers to the Expense Review. The motion was made by Commissioner Recendez and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Legal/Contracting:

Garbage bids –

-Any questions?

- Rumpke – Mayor Stonum asked if the 3 year contract would keep the same pricing? No other increases? Bid specs show 4 dumpsters for Treis Condos, but the contract shows 3 dumpsters. How do drivers handle containers placed incorrectly at the curb?
 - o Eco Tech – Mayor Stonum asked if the pricing is fixed for 3 years? Extra charge to resident if they request a 2nd bin.

-Discussion on options:

- Option #1 Trash, Recycle and Yard Waste – weekly
- Option #2 Trash – weekly. Recycle and Yard Waste – bi-weekly Yard Waste – April 1 – Nov 15.
- Option #3 Only Trash (2 bins) No Recycle or Yard Waste
- Pickup day will change to Wednesdays

-Voting on garbage bids

- Mayor Stonum – Eco Tech
- Commissioner Beville – Eco Tech
- Commissioner Recendez – Eco Tech
- Commissioner Metcalf – Eco Tech
- Mayor Stonum thanked Rumpke for their past services.
- Eco Tech will begin as our garbage service on June 30, 2025. Rumpke and Eco Tech will work together to schedule the exchange of waste bins. Eco Tech will send 2 mailers to our residents to

advise of the change in garbage pickup service. Mayor Stonum asked Eco Tech to provide a sample mailer to COWH prior to May city meeting.

- *No solicitation matter – Last month Mayor Stonum discussed a No Solicitation matter. Attorney DeWees advised that still no reply from the email sender.*
- *Mayor Stonum is concerned about the yard waste being brought into COWH and put at the curb by 2 residents for pickup by our garbage service. He will provide Attorney DeWees with the 2 involved addresses.*
- *Mayor Stonum did the first read on our Tax Ordinance.*
- *METRO's Undocumented Immigrants policy is to not contact Federal agencies.*
 - *Officer Mason told of traffic stop*
 - *No license*
 - *No insurance*
 - *Don't show up in court*
 - *They announce they are an illegal*
- *Mayor Stonum handed out a list of rental properties in COWH.*
- *Commissioner Beville had contact from property owner with a leaky pipe and wanted her to contact handyman*
- *Mayor Stonum made motion to approve Resolution 1 Series 2025. Commissioner Beville seconded the motion. Roll Call vote – Mayor Stonum – yes; Commissioner Metcalf – yes; Commissioner Recendez – yes; and Commissioner Beville – yes. Mayor Stonum passed around a copy of the official resolution for each Commissioner to mark their vote and sign. The resolution will be posted on our website.*
- *Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf had lunch with Detective Mason from Derby City Protection.*
 - o *Discussed upcoming contract renewal. Any increases? Yes - \$20/hour increase to hourly rate. That is still below the \$40,000 annual amount, which would require the bidding process.*
 - o *It was noted that COWH is about the only city that requires their police to actually work! Mayor Stonum is wondering what COWH can do to encourage officers to work. How about a Renumeration (award) Program? For example: Level 1 would be the highest and relate to violent felony. Detective Mason checked with METRO and this is legal. Award money would be paid to the security office on a quarterly basis (1099's to recipients) and use HB 413 money to pay for it. Mayor Stonum explained that all cities who have a security contract receive the HB 413 money from the state. Mayor Stonum asked commissioners to think about this and discuss next month.*
 - o *Motion was made by Mayor Stonum to renew contract with Derby City Protection and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous.*

Citizens Comments: None

Old Business:

- Commissioners Input – none
- New laptop for City Clerk - Mayor Stonum feels that COWH should move forward on the purchase of a new laptop prior to tariff increases. No later than June would be a good time to start. Get bid from previous provider. Build new one. Old one to be used to create reports from the speed signs. Suggested that Commissioner Beville's son might be interested in submitting a bid.
- Bike to Beat Cancer – Anyone contact them?
- 2026 Budget – Current budget working well. Renumeration would fall under Security.
- Road Funds – Commissioner Beville is watching the condition of our city roads and is concerned over Lunenburg. Mayor Stonum is watching asphalt prices.
- Welcome Committee information on website – No changes. No update.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised Channel 3 for radio check tonight.

New Business:

- No input from commissioners.
- City Yard Sale – Will be held on Saturday May 17 (Sunday May 18). 4 signs will be put out in the city and Mayor will post on website. Last year not much participation. Shall we continue? Saturday September 20 (Sunday September 21) is date of COWH's fall yard sale.
- 2025 Property Tax mailing
 - o Companies we have previously used – Louisville Mail is gone and Graphic Village has shut down.
 - o Kim with Mail Louisville provided two company names to check with plus Crystal Adams' employer.
 - o Maybe do ourselves, but we wouldn't be able to use bulk postage rate.
 - o Print "Tax Bill Enclosed" on the envelope.
 - o Motion was made by Mayor Stonum to approach these vendors for quotes. Commissioners said OK.
- Commissioner Beville wants to start looking in May for a new snow removal company even though there is a 3 year contract.
- Cable Commission currently with ComCast and there is a new company Lumos Fiber. Will wait for JCLCC to provide sample contract, show to Attorney DeWees and make decision for COWH.

Commissioner Reports:**Road Commissioner Beville**

3/20/2025 – Received an email from MowBetter regarding invoice # 6035 dated February 11, 2025 in the amount of \$1800 which had not been paid. I had forwarded that invoice on 2/12/2025 Bev and Dan, so I requested they contact MowBetter about the payment. Copied Mayor Stonum.

4/9/2025 – Received another email from MowBetter regarding invoice # 6035(2/12/25) in addition to invoice #6087 (2/21/25) for which they still have not received payment. Forwarded the email to Bev and Dan and copied Mayor Stonum.

Reviewed the waste disposal contracts and other documents for tonight's meeting.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:

- I received an email from Harold with an attached invoice for the work completed on the city's green space and islands for the month of March.
- I drove around the city in the past few weeks and did not find any problems that need attention. The downed tree on the Lunenburg Drive property, which I reported last month, has been cleared.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove City at various times
- Conducted radio checks after last city meeting using channel 2 and will conduct radio checks tonight using channel 3.

- Monitored COWH radio during Tornado warning on 4/3/25.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. each Friday.
- On 4/4/25 Mayor Stonum and I attended a meeting with Derby City Protection (Tate Mason).
- On 4/11/25 I issued parking permits to 12101 Bay Run Dr.

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 4/3 Drove city for street light check. Streetlight out at 11911 Tazwell Dr. Lamp shade askew at 11917 Tazwell Dr
- 4/4 Reported streetlights to LG&E. Work order submitted.
- 4/14 Drove city for streetlight check
- 4/15 Read all March emails
- I did not attend the city meeting due to an emergency.

No report from Mayor Stonum

Mayor Stonum explained about a problem with US Mail. The check we mailed to Attorney DeWees was delivered to us (as sender) as opposed to him (as recipient). Mayor Stonum contacted Independence Bank that Treasurer Small uses for bill pay. Seems USPS has issue with using the larger bar code for sender as opposed to smaller bar code as recipient.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm with a motion by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Recendez.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____