

*Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: April 21, 2026

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Susan Maupin Cristina Recendez
Linda Beville Dan Small Rob DeWees Bev Lush

Citizens Present: 1

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

Introductions were made for our visitor: Mayor, Commissioners, Treasurer, City Clerk and City Attorney

Citizen's Concerns:

- *Danny Madison, a long-time resident of COWH, attended the meeting to voice his concerns about his nextdoor neighbor. After the property has been taken care of for years, it is now a mess. The resident is now hoarding furniture, lawn mowers, weed eaters, bricks, etc. It is causing drainage issues for Mr. Madison. He has contacted METRO and LG&E. COWH advised him to contact the Health Department and Fire Department since Mr. Madison now has a rodent problem and he can tell from outside that windows (escapes) are blocked by furniture.*

Minutes: *The March 2026 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*

Financial Report: *The March 2026 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 Recendez. 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*

Legal:

- *As Mayor Stonum prepared to do the first reading of our 2026-2027 Tax Ordinance, there was some discussion.*
 - o *What percentage of tax increase should we pass for this year? Remember we are held to no more than 4% increase based on tax revenue. Keep in mind that Eco Tech, per their contract, will be increasing their annual fee about \$8,000 for the next year*
 - o *COWH should receive the appraisal information from PVA on Friday April 24, 2026.*
 - o *He asked the commissioners to look over the Proposed FY 2027 Budget to help decide on the tax percentage increase.*
 - o *Mayor Stonum did the first read on this tax ordinance and plans to do the second read at the May 19 meeting.*
- *Property Tax Liens*
 - o *Still a few current and COWH will be informed if any other people bring lien charges so we can be included.*

Old Business:

- *CD's through Independence Bank – They have been re-done and will mature in August 2026.*
- *Commissioners' input:*
 - o *Commissioner Beville advised that the Legislature made their decision and COWH was not awarded any funding. She said we don't have enough traffic or wrecks. She appreciated the opportunity to work on applying for this grant and would look forward to doing it again.*
 - o *Commissioner Beville has contacted Flynn Brothers Paving, Louisville Paving and All Terrain for estimates on paving the Lunenburg area. FYI – right now the cost per ton for asphalt is \$153.00. As recently as December 2025, the cost was \$72. All 3 companies said that when COWH is ready to do the paving, if the asphalt prices have dropped, they would decrease their estimates.*
 - o *2026 Budget Worksheet – need to revise the Security area to include FLOCK in order to pay their invoice. This motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Mayor Stonum spoke about the FY 2026 Annual Budget Worksheet.*
 - o *The city is doing well with the current budget with the current property tax revenue.*
 - o *We will be incurring the charge for PVA providing our tax bills.*
 - o *It is helping us a lot with being able to post only the message that we have passed an ordinance and where to find it on our website. Cheaper than posting the entire ordinance in the Courier Journal.*
 - o *FLOCK took 3 weeks and a day to install the cameras.*
 - o *No update to Welcome Ambassador.*
 - o *Commissioner Metcalf advised radio check would be on Channel 15 tonight.*

New Business:

- *Commissioner Maupin spoke about her email on April 13, 2026 regarding a resident concerned over the recycle pickup. The resident feels the pickup should be changed to weekly. Mayor Stonum advised that if we decide to look into changing recycle pickup to weekly, we would have to re-bid the issue.*
- *There have been complaints about paper, etc. flying out of the containers when Eco Tech empties them into their truck. Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf said that they run the neighborhood weekly and Rumpke left more mess after pickups than Eco Tech does. Make note – due to insurance rules, Eco Tech can't leave their truck to pick up items left outside of the containers. Jefferson County ordinance says that trash must be in containers in order to be picked up. Mayor Stonum noted that out of 574 dwellings, only a few take advantage of the recycle program.*
- *Commissioner Beville wanted it known that Eco Tech is doing a great job on the dumpsters.*
- *Tax bills and insert letter*
 - o *United Direct Solutions seems to be the only company available to do this project for us. Mayor Stonum asked if anyone knew of any other companies. None were mentioned so he will get an estimate from United Direct*
- *Mayor Stonum informed us that KLC will be having a legislature update webinar on May 18, 2026 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.*
- *It was brought to our attention that our flag in the island needs to be replaced. Commissioner Beville would like for us to get a taller flagpole – possibly 50-75 feet tall. Mayor Stonum will look into the pricing for taller pole and a larger – 4x6 flag. City Clerk Lush advised she may have a flag at home to donate. After sending text to her husband, he responded that all their flags are 3x5.*
- *Commissioner Recendez advised she contacted Johnson Light Company about replacing the damaged fixture in the front island. Their charge is \$150.00/hour plus parts.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf talked about FLOCK. He and the Mayor have been given the login so they can look to see some data. No real information; just details for number of cars travelling through our city and how many hits on their 'Hot List'. So far, there have been 4 hits. This information doesn't advise which camera picked up on these vehicles. For the days between April 10, 2026 and April 19, 2026, 78,000 vehicles have passed our FLOCK cameras.*

Commissioner Reports

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

4-5-26 Drove city for streetlight check

4-6-26 Voicemail. Could not understand message. Called number given. Left voicemail.

4-7-26 Email from City Clerk Lush in regards to 3 Louisville Water bills. All bills were for the irrigation system. February, March and April with total amount due \$198.03.

4-8-26 Called Louisville Water Co. I didn't have all the account information to ask about irrigation bill. Emailed City Clerk Lush and asked for email address, address, and phone number on file for the city's account.

4-9-26 City Clerk Lush replied to my email. She gave me her email address for City Clerk and Dan's city email address and phone number.

4-13-26 Called Louisville Water Co and spoke with Representative Crystal. She reported the complaint to the Signing Department and said someone would get back to me.

4-13-26 Email from resident on Bay Run Drive stating Ecotech's recycling truck was overflowing with trash and was spilling out. She stated that she and her neighbor had trash in their yard. She also stated the driver smashed the load in front of her house and then dumped her recycling. The resident stated that she then had to do his job and pick up garbage. She expressed how unhappy she was with Ecotech and told me that it was my job to report this. I drove the city immediately and started on Bay Run Dr. I photographed each block on Bay Run Dr. I saw seven pieces of paper and a small Amazon box in different locations on Bay Run Dr. I then proceeded to drive throughout the city and did not see any abundance of trash on the roadside or yards. I replied to the resident on Bay Run and provided the pictures in my email. I copied and/or added Connor Slade with Ecotech to our emails. Myself and the resident then exchanged a string of emails. She asked if I rode by her home because it wasn't in a photo. She asked if I drove the city. I replied that I drove up and down Bay Run 3 times, and that I had driven the city. She replied that other neighbors had complained about spilled trash, too.

4-20-26 Drove city for streetlight check. Lights are out at 4106 Pacelli Place and 4121 Pacelli Place.

4-21-26 Called LG&E to report the 2 streetlights that were out.

4-21-26 Called Louisville Water Co and spoke with Crystal in regards to the irrigation bill. I told her I was waiting on an update from my call on 4-13-26. She said that there was no update at this time and resubmitted my request to review our bill for the irrigation. Received call from Louisville Water Co representative Joanna Clayton. She stated our account charges for the irrigation had been waived due to a clerical error. Monies, if any, will be reimbursed.

4-21-26 I called Connor Slade with Ecotech to touch base in regards to the complaint we received on 4-13-26. Connor stated that he will continue to discuss our complaints with Operations. He also said that he did read the emails and wants our residents to be happy with Ecotech's services.

I read all of April emails.

I attended the city meeting and will participate in the radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.

Road Commissioner Beville:

03/17/2026 – Informed the Commission via email that the LARP (Local Assistance Road Program) application had been reviewed by the 2025-2026 KY Legislature and the COWH was not chosen to receive the grant money for which I applied in 2025. The COWH scored a 6 on the scoring matrix and as such, did not qualify. The criteria used, in part, was the frequency of accidents cause by the roadways and the volume of traffic. Neither of those are an issue in the COWH.

03/19/2026 – Completed and submitted the KLC member survey

04/15/2026 – Contacted Flynn Brothers, Louisville Paving and All Terrain Paving and asked for updated bids on repaving (full replacement) Lunenburg Drive. Discussed with the reps the current cost of asphalt and the

impact it would have on any bid we received. They all suggested waiting until late summer, early fall, to see if the price goes down.

4/18 – 4/20 – read emails in preparation for the April meeting

Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:

- April 8 – Evergreen Company has confirmed that the irrigation service will be turned on in early May.
- April 9 - I requested a quote from Johnson Electric Company to service a spotlight at the Westport entryway.
- I drove around the city to check the trees and landscaping.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City at various times.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. each Friday.
- Mayor Stonum, Dan Small, and myself went to Independence Bank to sign papers.
- Mayor Stonum and myself attended several Zoom meetings with Flock Safety.
- Mayor Sonum and I were on sight when the Flock Cameras were installed.
- 4/14/26 Mayor Stonum and I attended a Flock webinar titled (Law Enforcement Training)
- Mayor Stonum and I went to the Election Board

Mayor Stonum Report:

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Recendez.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

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