

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: February 17, 2026

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Linda Beville Susan Maupin
Cristina Recendez 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 Maupin 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.

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

Financial Report: The January 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 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 handed out copies of his "State of the City" address and read it.

Added discussion:

- Tax ordinance must be passed in May
- Worksheet from PVA will be received in late April

Legal:

- Ordinance #1 Series 2026 City Commissioners' Salary Increases – 2nd read. Read by Mayor Stonum. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Recendez. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Beville - yes, Commissioner Maupin – yes, Commissioner Metcalf – yes, Commissioner Recendez – yes and Mayor Stonum – yes.
- Ordinance for Insurance Premium Tax – 1st read. Read by Mayor Stonum. Explained this is just a precautionary ordinance in case City of Louisville raises their insurance premium tax percentage to an amount more than ours.
- Mayor Stonum brought up the issue of trash and household items left at the curb. He explained to Attorney DeWees about a recent trash pile in COWH. Reported it to Louisville Metro's Code Enforcement. Thinking of a plan for if/when this issue happens in the future. Possible visit from Louisville Metro's Code Enforcement although they seem to react slowly. Possible letter from legal. Commissioner Beville asked about a timeline. Motion made by Mayor Stonum to contact Attorney DeWees when necessary for intervention and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

- *Commissioner Beville gave an update on LARP Road Grant. COWH is still being considered. Commissioner Beville sent a letter to Bobbi Lewis with KTC. COWH should receive an answer by early April. \$92,000.*
- *Mayor Stonum advised no update on the Welcome Committee issue.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised the radio check tonight will be on Channel 13.*

New Business:

- *Proposed FY 2027 Budget Worksheet presented by Mayor Stonum. Copies handed out.*
 - o *On the front of the handout is the proposed FY 2027 Budget*
 - o *On the back of the handout is the Municipal Road Fund information**Mayor Stonum explained the numbers. Committee Beville asked about current delinquent tax numbers. Treasurer Small advised approximately 25 properties. Mayor Stonum will email the Excel sheet.*
- *FLOCK Safety – Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf*
 - o *Mayor Stonum advised they have pictures of the proposed camera locations. This issue will be voted on at the March meeting.*
 - o *\$3,000 cost per unit per year. Already provided for in the budget.*
 - o *FLOCK cameras are already in Fincastle and Coldstream.*
 - o *Will have more discussion in March.*
 - o *City Clerk Lush asked the mayor to explain what FLOCK is. ALRS is Auto License Reading System. He said cameras read license plates. LMPD will monitor our system.*
- *Mayor Stonum reminded us of the Pipeline Training March 10 and be sure to register if attending.*
- *Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program*
 - o *Mayor Stonum provided a copy of the annual letter. In the past, COWH has always turned down this program. COWH doesn't have the type of roads that would need this type of help. Road funds are based on gasoline sales taxes so currently no income from electric charging stations.*
- *City Audit 2026. Mayor Stonum explained how it costs less overall having annual audits verses submitting a bi-annual alternative with financial statements. He would like to speak with Bramel and Ackley to get a price for both 2026 and 2027. He made a motion to ask Stephanie with Ackley and Bramel to do 2026 audit and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous. Mayor Stonum will advise Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) that COWH requests to opt out of financial statements.*
- *KLC is offering Code Enforcement training on April 30. \$100 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Lexington. Commissioners Beville and Maupin asked what exactly is taught in this class. Mayor Stonum advised that any reported item must be visible: What they can do. Where they can go and can't go. This is similar to a pizza delivery man's rules. Since COWH has access to the green space which backs up to many property backyards, possible to see any violations in backyards.*

The one resident who attended tonight's meeting did so to 'see what the meeting is like'.

- *He had checked Coldstream's streets and our streets looked untouched. Commissioner Beville advised that Karrer Construction uses skid movers which fit into the cul-de-sacs with islands. The resident asked if COWH could possibly use the same company as Coldstream. Mayor Stonum explained that their contractor uses blow torchs on the asphalt. He also explained that the only services we get for our county taxes is the use of their Code Enforcement Department.*
- *The resident asked about Oakhurst being an HOA, but COWH isn't. Mayor Stonum explained the difference.*
- *The resident understands the need for Code Enforcement.*
- *The resident asked if the commissioners are appointed or vote upon. Commissioner Beville explained the procedure to become a commissioner by going through the voting process.*
- *The resident is concerned over the Ecotech contract and such poor quality. Commissioner Maupin advised that she contacts Ecotech with every complaint.*

Commissioner Reports

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

1-25-26 Email from resident asking if we would have trash pickup on Monday 1-26-26. I checked Ecotech's website posted that due to incimate weather, there would not be trash pickup. I returned email to resident and gave her that information.

1-25-26 Emailed Mayor Stonum and asked if he would post Ecotech's message on the city's website. He replied back stating that the information had been posted.

1-27-26 Found email in junk folder from resident asking if streets would be treated prior to snow. Email was from 1-24-26. I emailed the resident back and apologized for delay and explained email was in junk folder. I then forwarded the email to Commissioner Beville.

Road Commissioner Beville:

- January 22, 2026 – Emailed Senator Tichenor and Representative Bojanowski asking them for their support of my 2025 LARP Application To date I have not received a reply from either lady.
- January 23, 2026 – Spoke with Ryan Karrer about the forecast and got a plan together for pre treatment and plowing.
- January 24, 2026 – Asked Ryan Karrer to pretreat the streets in advance of the forecasted snow and ice. Notified the Commission when the work was completed. Also asked Mayor Stonum to put the information on the COWH website.
- January 25, 2026 – Stayed in touch with Ryan Karrer between the hours of 7:55 am and 4:50 pm with update on the plowing. Received an email from Bev Lush letting me know that I needed to let Karrer know that he needed to push the snow into the area next to 4519 Dickerson instead of 4521 Dickerson. I contacted him to pass along the information. Also received emails from Kathy Carwile on Boydton and Stanley Hazelwood on Luray about their driveways being blocked by the snow.
- January 27, 2026 – Received an email from Bev Lush letting me know that her husband had been told by the mail carrier that the COWH was the worse neighbor he had delivered in. According to Eddie Lush the carrier said there was about 6 feet of snow between the streets and the mailboxes.
- January 28, 2026 – Registered for the Pipeline Safety Excavator Program to be held on March 10, 2026.
- February 1, 2026 – Spoke with Ryan Karrer and was advised of the timeline for treating the streets.
- February 2, 2026 – Notified the Commission that Karrer would begin treating the streets after midnight and plow as needed in the morning.
- February 11, 2026 – Emailed Christie Ross at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to see if she had an update on the LARP Application. She is out of the office until further notice.
- February 12, 2026 – Emailed Bobbi Lewis at the KTC and she advised that I should watch for the release in early April of the House Joint resolutions.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:

- 1/30 A resident reported that the floodlight on our entry gate sign is burned out. I emailed Mayor Stonum, and it will be addressed after April 1st.
- 2/3 I received notification regarding a reported code violation for the property on Middlesex Drive.
- 2/16 I registered for the Pipeline program on March 10.
- 2/14 Received a complaint about tenants on Lunenburg Dr parking in the side yard. Reported to the landlord via email.
- I drove around the city to check the landscaping islands.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City at various times.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O.
- Conducted radio checks after last City Meeting using channel 12. Will use channel 12 tonight.
- Mayor Stonum and I attended a Zoom calls with Flock Safety on 2/11/26 and 2/13/26.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan Smalls office on 2/13/26 to get checks signed.
- Answered two calls from a resident inquiring if we had received his tax payment.

Mayor Stonum Report:

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Recendez.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

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