

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

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

Citizens Present: 11

Derby City Protection: 0

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.

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

Minutes: The June 2025 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 June 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 Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Expense Review: The cover sheet of July 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

- Audit – Kentucky amended audit so this decision is on hold
- Down tree limb in green space – The tree limb hangs between 2 properties. What are the legal obligations for COWH? Attorney DeWees advised that to clear the limbs through the easement bounds – not across owner's property lines. Mayor Stonum had a photo. Get permission of landowner, then OK to remove all. Commissioner Beville suggested asking Lunenburg Court owner. Take down and ground stump.
- Commissioner Recendez has a quote of \$1,000. Will ask the Lunenburg Court owner to pay 50%. Property owner was at the meeting. After discussion, it was decided to have Attorney DeWees send notice to Lunenburg Court owner. Motion to do so was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Recendez. Vote was unanimous.
- Renumeration Program is dead because LMPD changed their position on the issue. Commissioner Beville mentioned how police have no idea what issue may be in vehicle even when pulled over for simple violation. One attendee was concerned over how COWH talks about profiling cars. "Criminal looking people". Mayor Stonum said this wasn't said by us. (Later in the meeting, the Courier Journal reporter came back into our meeting and advised he found that the quote was from our security officer; not anyone on our commission). Much discussion. One resident of over 35 years asked Mayor Stonum for his definition of criminal looking people. One attendee asked why we wanted renumeration and Mayor Stonum explained why.
- Discussion on the radar speed signs.
- Resident concerned that recycle was not picked up this week. Also no yard waste pickup. We explained the new schedule with the new vendor.

Old Business:

- Laptop for City Clerk Lush was replaced last week and the clerk is working through scanner new software. FYI – new laptop was purchased through Transitional Technologies and the support will be handled by VC3.
- Banking/CD's – Mayor Stonum stated the balance in our account and should we get CD's. 3.15% is the current account rate. COWH is in the bank's top tier. To maintain that rating, we must maintain \$100,000. He suggested that our money market and road fund to get CD's to get the 4.1% for 3 months. We will have a 10 day grace period at the end of those 3 months to decide whether to keep the CD's or not. Either roll back to money market or new CD's. All accounts have collateral protection. More funds \$50,000 come into the city during August with the insurance premium tax. Use money now. Motion was made by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf to get CD's for each of these accounts now at the current rate and reevaluate at the end of 3 months. Vote was unanimous.
 - Road \$250,000 for 3 months
 - Money Market \$500,000 for 3 months
- Patriot Address – requires physical address for bank accounts – not public record. After getting Treasurer Small's approval, motion to use his office address was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous. Mayor Stonum, Commissioner Metcalf and Treasurer Small will go to the bank on Friday July 18, 2025.
- No changes on Bike to Beat Cancer or Welcoming Committee situations.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised we will be using Channel 6 tonight for radio check.

New Business:

- Commissioner Recendez advised she has a quote for \$1,000 for the downed locust tree from April 30. Now a couple more trees have fallen. \$800 quote for tree issue by the holding pond. \$1,000 quote for the cherry tree limb by picnic table. Now it seems the cherry tree is split so \$4,000 for entire tree. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Mayor Stonum to have all the work done with a total of \$2,900. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Recendez will contact Harold Hall with Maximus Lawncare.
- City Clerk Lush was concerned over the condition of some bush branches in the main entrance island looking dead. Mayor Stonum said they are growing.
- Mayor Stonum explained the revised 2025 Budget Worksheet. \$6,382 for 2 invoices – Maximus. Moved \$3,000 from Attorney to Open Space Maintenance. A motion to approve this revision was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous.
- No road fund change.
- Mayor Stonum advised that any 2025 expenses incurred prior to June 30, 2025 must be turned in no later than the August city meeting.

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 6-21-25 Call from Commissioner Metcalf stating he received a text from a resident asking why trash company had been changed. I returned her call and explained Ecotek had the best bid for our city.
- 6-24-25 Email forwarded from Mayor Stonum from resident requesting Ecotek to resend garbage pickup letters. She stated letters were mistaken for junk mail and thrown out, and they didn't get a magnet.
- 6-24-25 Voicemail from resident asking why they got a new garbage can. I left a voicemail explaining we have changed companies due to better pricing for our city.
- 6-25-25 Email from resident stating that they did not receive a letter from Ecotek. I emailed the letter to him.
- 6-26-25 Email from Commissioner Beville stating Rumpke had picked up dumpsters at Treis Condos.
- 6-27-25 Email from Mayor Stonum confirming Ecotek delivered dumpsters to Treis Condos Friday 6-27-25.
- 6-29-25 Drove city for streetlight check
- 6-30-25 Copied on email from Mayor Stonum to Christopher Pierce with Rumpke. It stated cans on Pacelli Place had not been picked up. Christopher Pierce replied stating he would let the route manager know. I verified the addresses.

- 6-30-25 Copied on email from Mayor Stonum to Connor Slade with Ecotek. Mayor Stonum stated he had added more items to the curbside guidelines.
- 7-11-25 Voicemail with no message
- 7-14-25 Drove city for streetlight check
- 7-15-25 Read July emails. Attended city meeting and will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf
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Road Commissioner Beville:

I have NOTHING at all to report this month.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:

- On June 23rd, I received the quote for removing the Locust tree and its stump.
- On June 23rd, code violations were reported on Arwine Court, Northumberland Drive, and Rustburg Pl.
- On July 6th, Harold emailed about two large limbs down in the green space: one by the Lunenburg Drive, a hackberry limb, and the other near the picnic tables, a cherry limb.
- On July 7th, I was informed about a large limb hanging over a property on Pulaski Ct. I emailed Harold to ask for a quote.
- On July 8th, the irrigation system was turned on at all three locations: Front Island, the flagpole, and Boydtown Ct.
- On July 11, a code violation was reported on Northumberland Drive.
- I drove around the city on several occasions to check on the status of plants on landscaping islands.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove City at various times.
- Mayor Stonum and I toured city after Friday Mail run to check for permit violations.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Independence Bank on two occasions
- Dan Small attended also on one occasion.
- Conducted radio checks after last City meeting using channel 5. Will use channel 6 tonight 7/15/25 for radio checks.
- Issued parking permits: 6/19/25 4601 Lunenburg Dr., 6/29/25 4011 Northumberland Dr. and 7/4/25 4004 Northumberland Dr.
- Mayor Stonum called me to check a house with loud music and a fire going in back yard. Checked and found nothing at that time. Received a report a party was planned for the following weekend. Didn't witness anything at time of check. I then made Derby City Protection aware of this.
- Cars parked on street without a permit. The location was on Luray Ct.

City Clerk Lush advised she had received 4 property tax payments at this meeting.

Mayor Stonum Report:

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Recendez.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

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