

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: March 19, 2024

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Susan Maupin Linda Beville
 Crystal Adams Dan Small Bev Lush

Citizens Present: 4

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: None

Minutes: The February 2024 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The March 2024 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 March 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.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Adams asked if Gardens of Bay Run is handling the tree per Kim Fischer. Yes – it is being taken care of.
- Delinquent Property Taxes – Treasurer Small says the collection of delinquent property taxes is going great. Total amount owed is down.
- Mayor Stonum explained the proposed 2024-2025 Budget
- Mayor Stonum advised still no one volunteering for the Welcome Ambassadors
- Mayor Stonum updated that all is still going well with keeping the green space clean
- Commissioner Metcalf advised we will be using Radio channel 6 tonight

New Business:

- Commissioner Beville brought up the subject of potholes. What is the dollar amount before bids? \$40,000.
- Plan is to repave in 2025 – Lunenburg Drive, North Pulaski and Jonel. Boydton?
- Commissioner Beville mentioned that the fence on end of Tazwell is falling down. It is now overgrown between Condos and Treis.
- Commissioner Adams asked about more speed detectors for COWH on Northumberland. \$3500 paid. Mayor Stonum advised COWH received an ad – 2 for \$8,000 and additional one free. To receive speeding reports, will need to download the app for speed detectors onto a city laptop (only city laptop is with City Clerk Lush). May wait until COWH gets a new laptop for our clerk and then use old one for speed detectors' app (no timetable is set at this time for this to happen).
- Commissioner Adams mentioned getting a bid from Maximus for rocks and removing rose bushes on Boydton. Maybe have no water lines. Commissioner Beville said plenty of plants. Commissioner Adams said

she will donate some of the lambs ear plants in her yard to COWH. Commissioner Beville feels the Westport Road entrance island needs to be cleaned up.

- *2 of the 8 plants that were purchased in summer 2023 have not yet been planted. It was mentioned to plant the remaining 2 behind Rustburg Ct. It was also mentioned to plant the remaining two on Bays End or Arwine. They get up to 8 feet tall. Maximus feels they should be planted soon. The plan to put the other 6 in Westport Road island, flag pole area and Boydton island has been done.*
- *Mayor Stonum said our water system should be turned on for the months of July, August and September if the lack of rain warrants it.*
- *Mayor Stonum did the following ordinance reads:*
 - o *1st Read of Amended Insurance Premium Ordinance – Ordinance # ____ Series 2024*
 - o *1st Read of Property Tax Ordinance – Ordinance # ____ Series 2024*
 - *2nd Read will be at the May meeting*
 - o *1st Read of Budget Ordinance for 2024-2025 – Ordinance # ____ Series 2024*
 - *2nd Read will be at the June meeting*
- *Mayor Stonum explained the January 1 assessment may result in being under the 4% rule for increase in property tax revenue.*
- *Mayor Stonum advised that COWH received the Ky Transportation Cabinet Invite Letter which pertains to road funds. “If you don’t use it, you lose it.” After discussion about if we need to join or not, it was made known that this covers emergency funding assistance for road issues. All of the drainage in COWH is covered by MSD and we have no bridges, etc so we would not use these funds. Commissioner Adams made a motion to not join and it was seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Ethics Board – Katie O’Bryan has moved out of COWH so we need to look into finding a replacement. To qualify to be a member of the board, must be at least a one year resident and in good standing. Board normally has 1-3 members. It’s OK to have only 2 members, but could cause a voting tie. Our current members are Carol Campbell and Jim Lancaster. Commissioner Beville thought that Dan Madison might be a good candidate and will speak with him.*
- *The subject was brought up about contracts with COWH expiring soon. We will need to start placing bid notification ads for waste removal in February 2025. It is OK to add the verbiage “Right to refund bids” into the ads such as Meadowvale has done.*
 - o *Maximus – 2024**
 - *Commissioner Adams thinks it’s 2025*
 - o *Derby City Protection – 2024*
 - o *Mow Better Snow and Ice removal – 2024* They also provide services to Treis and Garden Bay.*
 - o *Waste Removal – 2025. Chris Pierce will be invited to our April meeting to advise us of any fee increase for July 1 renewal. If they raise their rates, would possibly result in a tax increase for all COWH property owners.*
 - o ** These 2 services are done by residents’ companies*

Commissioners’ Reports

Road Commissioner Beville:

- *Read the alerts sent by the State Emergency Operations Systems and kept in touch with the Mayor and Safety Commissioner Metcalfe as needed.*
- *Contacted Evan Meyer with All Terrain paving about three potholes on Tazwell Drive and am waiting on an estimate for the repairs. Potholes vary in size as far as length by width, but they are deep and need to be repaired to prevent additional damage to the roadway.*
- *Contacted Commissioner Maupin to let her know LG&E had not yet fixed the shade on the yard light at 11919 Tazwell Dr.*
- *Read all the reports and ordinances in preparation for tonight’s meeting.*

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 2-21-24 Received a voicemail and email from resident at 12102 Bay Run Dr requesting a recycle bin. They have just moved in and didn't have one.
- 3-6-24 I emailed and called resident at 12102 Bay Run Drive and told them to call Rumpke and request a recycle bin due to that being Rumpke's policy. I continued this with Rumpke prior to leaving the messages.
- 3-6-24 Received email from Commissioner Beville about a streetlight out at 11907 & 11921 Tazwell Dr.
- 3-8-24 Reported lights out at Treis Condos
- 3-10-24 Drove city for streetlight check
- 3-12-24 Attended pipeline training
- 3-19-24 Drove city for streetlight check
- 3-19-24 Received email from Commissioner Beville about light shade being ajar at 11921 Tazwell Drive. Reported lights at 11905 and 11921 Tazwell Drive.
- 3-19-24 Attended city meeting. Will participate in Radio Check
- Read emails.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – Mar. 19th.
- There weren't any citizen concerns or issues this month.
- Checked in with Harold of Maximus Lawncare. Requested that he plant the two COWH euonymus plants in the greenspace. Requested estimate for improvements on Boydton. Advised him that Mayor Stonum said Maximus Lawncare's contract is up for renewal this summer.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Will participate in the radio checks with everyone tonight – Mar. 19th.
- There weren't any citizen concerns or issues this month.

Mayor's Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM with a motion by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____