

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** November 15, 2022

**Present:** Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Susan Maupin                      Crystal Adams  
                 Harold Hall                                  Dan Small                                  Bev Lush

**Citizens Present: 2**

**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 Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

- Treasurer Dan Small brought up a subject as a private citizen, not the treasurer. He believes the City does not have a crime issue and doesn't understand why so much time is spent discussing it. He had done some research and found that according to LMPD reported crimes, there have been less than 10 reported crimes since August 1, 2022. He presented his feelings on crime. Numbers just don't add up. If our city has such a crime issue why are they not reported? The vast majority of incidents from Derby City Protection are open garage doors. He feels the bottom line is: security is doing its job, and people should shut their garage doors and lock their car doors.
- One of our visitors is concerned about the time she had an incident and contacted police. No officer ever showed up.

**Minutes:** The October 2022 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The September 2022 Financials had been distributed to the Commission for review and posted on COWH website prior to the City Meeting. Not all commissioners had had a chance to review last month so those financials were to be approved this month. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

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**Expense Review:** The cover sheet of November 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.

**City Attorney:** Attorney Schwager was not present.

- Treasurer Dan Small advised that he had sent the list of 2022 Delinquent Taxes to Attorney Schwager. Just waiting to hear back from him.

**Old Business:**

- Commissioner Adams asked if snow contract has been signed. Mayor Stonum said yes and copy will be emailed to commissioners.
- Commissioner Adams asked about Hall Paving response. Nothing yet.

- *Christmas Decorating Contest – Commissioner Adams feels we should have the contest. Mayor Stonum suggested that a rule needs to be added stating that if an address won last year, not eligible this year. After some discussion, it was decided that the Commissioners only would be voting to determine the winners. Voting by Mayor and City Commissioners will be any night between December 15-18 with votes being turned into City Clerk Lush no later than Monday December 19. With votes being tabulated Tuesday December 20, the winners will be announced at the December City Meeting. Motion to accept all these changes was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised that our monthly radio check will be tonight on Channel 8.*
- *Commissioner Maupin updated us on the new streetlights. After conferring with Daniel Nall from LG&E, the following estimate was given:*
  - o *8 new lights @ \$59.36 each (LED Colonial style lights to match current ones)*
  - o *8 new poles @ \$125.76 each*
  - o *\$185.12 per month for 5 years*
  - o *\$1065.44 per month for 5 years*
  - o *Possible additional cost of \$906.00 for tunneling under sidewalks to run the wires.*
- *City Clerk Lush updated that she had applied with the Secretary of State to proceed with becoming a notary.*
- *Commissioner Adams contacted Caden with Hall Paving for updated estimate. No response yet.*
- *Commissioner Adams confirmed that the speed humps on Pacelli Place will be striped, not painted.*
- *Commissioner Adams updated on the 2 potholes. She contacted MSD and they said it wasn't their issue. She asked if she should proceed? After some discussion, not enough traffic on Bath to worry about. The other one on Baygarden Ct could be from a water line. Pavement not deteriorating yet. Commissioner Adams will contact Louisville Water and have them inspect and respond. 11006 Baygarden Ct was also discussed. Mayor Stonum asked everyone to report any road work they see happening in COWH so it can be checked to be sure it's being done correctly*

**New Business:**

- *Commissioner Hall informed us that he was narrowly missed by a falling maple tree behind Luray Court. It was full of carpenter ants and he has pictures. A sycamore tree and an ash tree both need to be removed. He has a \$3200 estimate to cut down and remove. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams to have those trees removed and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.*
  - *Commissioner Adams contacted 811 to advise of new signposts to have the utilities marked. Commissioner Hall asked for update on moving signs for driveway expansion. Mayor Stonum answered that that property owner needs to be sure to contact Jefferson County Planning and Zoning to get permission because of the utility easement. It was noted that the property owner has decided to wait until the spring.*
  - *Mayor Stonum was notified by Holiday Inn of a room rental rate increase effective January 1, 2023. From \$150 to \$175. He did research with following results:*
    - o *Aloft – only rent a room if at least 10 guest rooms are rented and related*
    - o *Drury Inn - \$600*
    - o *Hampton Inn - \$150. New manager is willing to provide room for that amount to get some exposure for the hotel. The room is expandable if more space is needed.*
- To change meeting location, there must be an ordinance. With the necessary timing, we would need to have the first reading of the ordinance tonight. Since we don't have it from Attorney Schwager yet, that will result in the need for a special meeting which must be at least 24 hours prior to the second reading. We hope to have the second reading at the December meeting so all will be in place to change locations starting in January 2023. Mayor Stonum made a motion to move our monthly city meetings to Hampton Inn starting January 2023 and was seconded by Commissioner Hall. Vote was not taken since we don't have the new ordinance in hand yet.*
- *Mayor Stonum informed the commission that he was contacted by KLC regarding cybersecurity for the city. We are eligible to receive a preparedness grant. The state advises us to keep up with this to keep insurance premiums steady. Mayor Stonum has already completed the necessary paperwork and submitted. According to contact at KLC, COWH may receive up to \$1500 which can be applied to web service costs which we have through VC3. VC3 helped with completing the paperwork. This grant will be unexpected money into our budget. There will be a free cybersecurity webinar on November 30.*

- Mayor Stonum advised that all commissioner candidates who filed for the election must complete the 30-Day Post General Election Finance Statement beginning December 9, 2022. The commission candidates filed for up to \$3,000 to be spent on the campaign and Mayor Stonum believes each one only spent the \$50 filing fee.
- KLC City Official Orientation – December 16 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Free. Prepares you for the KLC Academy. This year the Academy will be held at the Embassy Suites on Wednesday Jan 18 through Friday January 20. COWH has budgeted for paying the fee for elected City commission & city staff to attend this informative training. Mayor Stonum will enroll attendees after the December meeting. At this academy, everyone will receive the 2023 edition of the Kentucky League of Cities City Official Legal Handbook.
- Commissioner Hall has heard of shared grant money from the state for Louisville Metro Jefferson County government sidewalks. He asked if property owner removes sidewalk, is owner required to replace? Mayor Stonum advised that that would be written up by Jefferson County Code Enforcement.
- City Clerk Lush talked about getting a portable sign to place at the entrance to our city to keep residents updated and advised on current issues such as “time to remove election signs”, “Christmas Decorating Contest”, etc. Mayor Stonum advised her to check out the Jefferson County ordinance that addresses such signs.

**Utilities Commissioner Maupin:**

- October 21 - received email from resident on Lunenburg Drive that their yard waste had not been picked up for 2 weeks. I replied and let them know that I would contact Rumpke.
- October 24 – Received email from Daniel Nall with LG&E with contract, cost, and hidden hazard force for additional streetlights. I replied that I would present to the commission and get back with him.
- October 26 – I emailed Christopher Pierce with Rumpke and asked if he could contact his route driver for yard waste to pay special attention to Lunenburg Drive. A resident had complained that yard waste not picked up for 2 weeks.
- October 27 – Christopher Pierce with Rumpke replied back stating he would have the driver pick up yard waste on Friday. GPS showed Lunenburg was not serviced the Friday before. I emailed the resident and told them Rumpke had replied and would pick up their yard waste.
- October 30 – Drove city for streetlight check.
- November 5 – Contacted Commissioner Metcalf to ask if he would contact Detective Mason. A resident/neighbor notified me that another neighbor has attempted 3 times to enter her home, and then her car. She stated that she did not know this neighbor. She said she had contacted the police. She had contact family members to come and confront this neighbor. Commissioner Metcalf said he would contact Detective Mason and ride over.
- November 14 – Drove city for streetlight check
- Read all November emails and will do radio check.

**Property Maintenance Commissioner Hall:**

- 10/29/2022 Mow - Primary City Property - Leaf Removal
- 11/5/2022 Mow - Primary City Property - Leaf Removal
- 11/6/2022 Mow - Primary City Property - Leaf Removal Cont.
- 11/6/2022 General Clean Up - picked all sticks and downed limbs on the main greenspace. Started cutting up a tree that fell behind 12001 Luray Court.

**Road Commissioner Adams:**

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – November 15th.
- Drove the roads of COWH to check for cracks and potholes.
- I had zero citizen inquiries this month.

- Last month, I called MSD on the two potholes, the one at Bath Drive and Northumberland Drive and the one on Baygarden Court. MSD checked out those two areas and said they were not responsible for those issues.
- Per his request, I again sent our city attorney the contract bid for MowBetterKY to do our snow removal.
- Sent Caden of Hall Paving an email detailing the work that the Commission agreed upon at the September and October meetings so he can put it all together into one contract bid for Mayor Stonum to sign. Also had a phone call with him detailing the work needing done. Informed him we are doing striping on the new speed humps instead of yellow paint because he was unclear on that point.
- Called 811 about 12128 Bay Run where the speed hump warning sign needs moved. Maximus Lawncare will be handling the relocation of this sign. Informed Maximus Lawncare that the area has been marked and the sign can be moved any time after November 21st.
- Called 811 about the three locations where new signposts will be installed to have those areas marked. Those areas are Middlesex and Northumberland, Chesterfield and Northumberland, and Lunenburg Drive in the utility easement between houses 4701 and 4703. Caden from Hall Paving will be handling the signpost installations when he comes on-site to do the two new speed hump installations on Pacelli Place

**Safety Commissioner Metcalf:**

- Drove the City on multiple occasions.
- Conducted radio checks on 10/18/22 after City meeting using channel 7. Will conduct radio checks after city meeting 11/15/22 using channel 8.
- On 10/29/22 at 7:03 am I heard 8 rapid gun shots. I called LMPD and reported incident. Mayor Stonum called me and he heard the shots. He also called LMPD and reported incident.
- Mayor Stonum, Linda Beville and I attended a cyber security in-service.
- Answered a phone call about people parking in other people's designated parking spaces in Tres Condos. I spoke to Terry O'bryan.
- On 11/5 22 received a call from Commissioner Maupin that the individual that lives at 12110 East Bay Ct. attempted to break in a home at the corner of East Bay Ct. an Pacelli and then attempted to break in a car which was occupied. They called LMPD. The lady who lived in the home had also called her sons and they showed up at the scene. The perpetrator fled before the police arrived. I called Detective Tate Mason and he said he would see if he could expedite the arrival of the police. I stood by until an officer arrived. Shortly after the officer arrived the perpetrator was reported to be at the liquor store on Murphy Lane and was apprehended at that location.
- Went to the P.O. with Mayor Stonum on several occasions.
- Issued 4 parking permits for 3915 Northumberland Dr.

No further citizen concerns.

Mayor Stonum did advise the re-elected and new commission members will take the oath at the December 2022 meeting. Also the audit will be presented by the new company.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

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Signatures:

**City Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_