

*Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: November 18, 2025

*Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Susan Maupin
 Dan Small Bev Lush Rob DeWees*

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 Maupin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited; followed by a moment of silent prayer.

City Audit

- Conference call was made to Stephanie Hahn with Bramley and Ackley. She explained the provided handout created for the City Audit FY 2025. Motion was made to accept the City Audit FY 2025 by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Roll Call vote: Commissioner Maupin – Yes, Commissioner Metcalf – Yes, and Mayor Stonum – Yes. The handout shows that COWH followed the U.S. Accounting Principles. Ms. Hahn also explained that although it might be cheaper to do bi-annual audits, audits have to bring information up-to-date which increases the cost. Final audit report will be provided by Ms. Hahn to DLG on Wednesday November 19 with a copy to Mayor Stonum.*

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

Citizen's Concerns:

- Zach Waters brought his plans to build a Little Free Library box on his property to show the Commission. Mayor Stonum asked why he wanted to build this and he said it was because his wife wanted one and they both love to read. After his plans were presented, motion was made to allow this to be built by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*

Minutes: The October 2025 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The October 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 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

Legal:

Delinquent Property Taxes - 2025 and previous years.

- Treasurer Small has the 2025-2026 delinquent property tax listing to give to Attorney DeWees. There are 35 delinquent properties totalling \$11,700. Motion to give the listing to Attorney DeWees was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.*

- Duplicate tax payments have been received from 10 properties totaling \$3,043.64. A motion was made by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf to return these duplicate tax payments to the property owners. Treasurer Small would need to send monies to Kentucky State Unclaimed Property Department if previously issued checks have not been cashed.
- As far as delinquent property taxes from previous years, Attorney DeWees will contact previous city attorney, Stephen Schwager, to obtain previous records of any procedures/liens against those properties. Old liens roll over to new owners since the sale must have slipped through title search. Mayor Stonum suggested that Attorney DeWees contact Stephanie Hahn with Bramel and Ackley.

Old Business:

- Welcome Ambassador – no change/update
- Commissioner Maupin advised that she has still not heard back from Connor with EcoTech and the issue of extending yard waste pickup through January 5, 2026.
- Mayor Stonum informed the Commission that he had read an article about not raking leaves because they provide warmth and coverage for bugs, butterflies and birds. Commissioner Maupin suggested that COWH document the number of yard waste users to decide whether to keep providing yard waste pickup in the future.
- Mayor Stonum asked that Attorney DeWees check if COWH has received payment from property owner for their part of the cost of the tree removal.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised we will be using Channel 10 tonight for radio check.

New Business

- Mayor Stonum advised that it is time to decide on salary increase for the Commissioners. An agreed upon increase would become effective January 1, 2027, but must be decided by May 1, 2026. We will wait until December meeting when Commissioners Beville and Recendez are able to attend to begin discussion.
- Christmas decorations. When should the decorations be put up? Harold Hall used to help when he was a commissioner. Mayor Stonum suggested that we asked Mr. Hall to help again and to find out how much he would charge. Motion to do so was made by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Reports

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

10/22 Email from Dan Small asking if I would ask Ecotech if the city's September payment had been received.

10/25 Email from resident at 4505 Dickerson reporting a streetlight out. I replied that I would report the light to LG&E.

10/26 Drove city for streetlight check. Streetlights out at 4501 and 4505 Dickerson CT.

10/27 Reported streetlights out on Dickerson Court to LG&E.

10/27 Voice-mail from resident at 4703 Rustburg Place. He asked why his garbage was not picked up? He asked that I return his call. I called resident back and told him I would report it right away. Emailed Connor Slade with Ecotech and he replied that he would report to operations. He said the trash would be picked up by 10/28.

10/29 Email from Bev Lush reporting streetlights out on Dickerson CT. I replied telling her the lights had been reported to LG&E.

11/14 Email from resident at 4505 Dickerson Court stating that streetlights were still out. I called LG&E and the rep stated there was a national supply and parts back order. The rep said LG&E was hopeful that order would be filled in a week. I emailed the resident and gave update on streetlights.

11/17 Drove city for streetlight check. Streetlight out at 4610 Lunenburg Dr.

11/18 Reported out at 4610 Lunenburg Drive to LG&E.

Read all of November Email.

Attended city meeting

Participated in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove city at various times.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. each Friday.
- On 11/13/25 I returned a call from a resident living at 12002 Halifax Dr. concerning someone in his car the previous night. Nothing was taken.
- After last city meeting, conducted radio checks using channel 9. Will conduct Radio checks tonight using channel 10.
- 11/14/25 Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan Small's office to get checks signed.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:

- Nov. 10 – I received a voicemail message from someone who just left the contact number. I called back; no answer.
- Nov. 11 – I received a voicemail from a homeowner about a citation. I returned the call and advised them to contact the listed inspector for further instructions.
- I drove around the city on several occasions to check on landscaping islands, and there were no issues to report this month.

Road Commissioner Beville:

- 10/22/2025 – Received the Certificate of Insurance and W-9 form from Karrer Construction and forwarded them to the Clerk and Treasurer.
- 10/27/2025 – Received the contract for winter road maintenance from Ryan Karrer and forwarded it to Mayor Stonum for his signature.
- 10/29/2025 – Received an email from Josh Wood who identifies himself as the Watchdog/New Report for the Courier Journal. He wanted to confirm that it was me he heard speaking before the Mayor called for the vote on removing the tagline "not a sanctuary city" from the city's website. I called him and confirmed I was the speaker. I also sent the Mayor and my fellow commissioners an email advising them that I had spoken with him.
- 10/31/2025 – Contacted Treasurer Small about the option of paying Karrer electronically rather than by paper check as the number of thefts involving paper checks sent via USPS is especially bad during the holiday season. He was going to contact them and see if it could be set up.
- 11/05/2025 – Received the voice mail Bev forwarded from the property owner thanking us for removing the tag line.
- 11/09/2025 – Returned Ryan Karrer's phone call about snow prediction. He suggested holding off treating the streets and I agreed.
- 11/11/2025 - Reviewed the October minutes and sent Bev my corrections
- 11/13/2025 – Received and reviewed the audit documents from Bramel & Achley
- 11/17/2025 – Received and reviewed the documents for tonight's meeting

Mayor Stonum Report:

- None

City Clerk Lush commented about a vacant property where the recycle bin is overflowing. Is it possible someone could move that bin to the curb for the next pickup? Mayor Stonum advised we are not allowed on private property.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____