

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: September 15, 2020

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Linda Beville Carol Campbell
Harold Hall Steve Schwager Dan Smith Bev Lush

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Citizens Participation: There were 3 residents present, but no representative from Derby City Protection.

Minutes: The August 2020 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Beville to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The August Financials had been distributed to the Commission for review and posted on COWH website prior to the City Meeting. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Expense Review: The cover sheet of September 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.

Presentation by City Attorney:

- Attorney Schwager read the 10-year Spectrum Franchise ordinance. Roll Call approval vote was conducted and all commissioners voted yes.
- Mayor Stonum brought up the subject of property taxes not being charged/paid by the condominium associations on the land. He had printed 3 PVA documents and they only show land improvements; no taxes on land. Wondered if Jefferson County is receiving any taxes on this land. Attorney Schwager will check that COWH is receiving all taxes due on land. Condominium owners only own the land improvements; not the land itself. Mayor Stonum stated that COWH's open spaces are owned by the city and have land value, but no taxes are collected on government property. There are 3 sets of condominiums in COWH – Treis, Eastbay Villas, and Bay Garden. Attorney Schwager will see if any tax bills have been sent out for the 3 condominium land areas. The one set of business condominiums in COWH has land value.
- Ground Effects – Attorney Schwager contacted and advised Kyle that they may be in violation of the 2017 lighting, chemical and noise ordinances. "Wall to be erected" – Ryan said not in budget. No escaping chemicals after being checked by EPA during the day. Middle of the night there is less breeze so it can be noticeable. EPA needs to check in middle of the night. Attorney Schwager found there was a meeting of 5 residents and planting a line of trees was suggested. Trees don't help – need a wall. Ground Effects will be discussed at the Metro Government Department Meeting Enforcement Board.
- Why was MSD the only local entity contacted to approve the permit to pave the easement? Easement is also for phone, water, etc? Commissioner Hall said power lines also run through that easement. Attorney Schwager is fired up about this issue and will update the commission.

Old Business:

- Mayor Stonum asked if any commissioners had any concerns.
- Commissioner Campbell brought us up-to-date on the Welcome Kits. She has 3 kits to be delivered this week and the Commission OK'd for her to purchase enough items for 10 more kits.

- *Staff Salaries – Attorney Schwager had done some research and suggested that City Clerk Bev Lush and Treasurer Dan Small both need a bump in their salaries. Mayor Stonum said budget was passed and figures are fixed. These are salary positions. To change someone’s salary at this time would require the budget to be amended. One or more commissioners would need to give up some budgeted money from their department(s) for these additional salary monies. Salaries can’t be funded from COWH bank account – must come from current year’s income. Commissioner Beville offered to give up her salary that averages only \$8.00 per day. Mayor Stonum said she can’t do that because she is an elected official and salary can’t be changed. It was mentioned that City Clerk and Treasurer have no set hours for COWH work and can work around their personal life and their own schedule. Mayor Stonum stated that he wished it would have been discussed in private instead of public. During budget period in early 2021, salary increases can be brought up.*
- *It was noted that the segregation of duties that was put in place by new administration is working well.*

New Business:

- *Mayor Stonum asked if any commissioners had any concerns.*
- *Mayor Stonum mentioned he received a request for commissioner names, phone numbers and email address. He answered this request and now we are receiving SPAM.*
- *Mayor Stonum suggested that we no longer accept email Open Record Requests for items other than tax information. Must be US Mailed or hand delivered. Email requests would be answered saying must be in writing. Attorney Schwager will check statutes to see what we need to do to make this a new policy.*
- *Halloween Trick or Treat – discussed and decided hours will be 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Vote was unanimous. This information will be posted on COWH web-site.*

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities Commissioner Beville

Did weekly streetlight checks on 8/14, 8/11, 8/19, 8/25, 9/1 and 9/8. No outages to report.

Returned two phone calls about garbage collection and met with a constituent who had a complaint about a new property owner who had piles of cardboard in their front yard. The problem was resolved when the homeowner put the cardboard in the trunk of his car.

I appreciate Mayor Stonum’s help with notifying the resident at 11008 Lunenburg Court about Rumpke’s protocol for disposing of mattresses.

Road Commissioner Campbell

The Welcome Bags have been gratefully received by new residents. Information such as city website (which includes the phone numbers/names of city commissioners and employees), time and location of city meetings, Rumpke’s garbage guidelines, etc. I also ask if they have any questions and urge them to call if and when they need information.

I also participated in/worked on the following items:

- *August 24, 2020 – Delivered Welcome Bags to the new residents at 4114 Northumberland Drive and 4117 Northumberland Drive.*
- *September 10, 2020 – Received call from Sylvia LaPorte informing me that two new residents had moved in on Bay Run Drive. I will be delivering their Welcome Bags this week.*

Property: Commissioner Hall

- Mowed - Primary City Property 8/23, 8/30, 9/8, 9/14
- Mowed & Weed-eated- Secondary City Property 8/22, 8/29, 9/7

General Clean Up

- 8/18/2020 Pulled weeds at front entrance and picked up trash
- 8/23/2020 Removed large diseased cherry tree from Lunenburg holding pond.
- 9/7/2020 Large Green Space - trimmed weeds in ditch behind Pulaski Court and around trees & fence lines. Between Micklenburg, Queen Anne Court and Lunenburg Court - trimmed weeds on fence lines and around trees. Lunenburg Drive holding pond. Raked out tree stump debris and planted an oak tree. Also trimmed weeds in ditch behind Pulaski Court and around trees.
- 8/25/2020 Queen Anne's Court and Rustburg Court - Trimmed around trees cut back more bittersweet and poison ivy vines

Fertilized

- 8/20/2020 Weed Man came out and conducted Late Summer Fertilization on Boydton Court and The Flagpole - 4 of 6 applications
- 9/14/2020 Contacted Weed Man to ask for some attention to be paid to the amount of nutsedge that has not been killed off on the Boydton Court and Flagpole Islands.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf

1. Drove the City on multiple occasions.
2. Mayor Stonum and I went to storage locker on one occasion.
3. Mayor Stonum and I lowered the flag to half-staff on 9/11.
4. Mayor Stonum and I went to the Post Office each Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____