

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: September 21, 2021

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

Citizens Present: 1 **Derby City Protection:** 0

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with motion by Commissioner Hall 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.

Citizens' Concerns: None

Minutes: The August 2021 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous

Financial Report: The August 2021 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 Hall and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. 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.

City Attorney:

- Attorney Schwager advised that no bids were submitted for snow and ice removal. This means we now need to search and Commissioner Adams agreed to begin making calls. Commissioner Hall may be interested.
- Attorney Schwager told us that his actions are resulting in delinquent tax money coming into the city. Previous Mayor and Treasurer did not advise Attorney Schwager of delinquent taxes so quite a chore to bring lists up-to-date. A couple large tax amounts have been received.
- He has prepared a Real Estate Purchase Contract for the purchase of the property on Westport Road. COWH will hire a surveyor. Community Center for meetings and to rent out.
- Rental/Vacant Registrations – METRO also requires properties to be registered. Attorney Schwager will prepare letters to non-compliant property owners.
- Mayor Stonum advised Treasurer Small that he will soon need to give the city a list of 2021 delinquent tax property owners so we can move forward to get them paid.
- Commissioner Hall wonders if the troublesome properties match up with delinquent tax owners.

Old Business:

- Attorney Schwager read the Real Estate Purchase Contract. Mayor Stonum asked for any discussion. Commissioner Hall asked to have the term "Local Customs" explained. Paying cash so no closing costs. Only expense will be for the surveyor. Mayor Stonum made a motion to purchase the property and Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Roll Call Voting was unanimously in favor.
- Mayor Stonum checked into surveyors and only one responded – Jason Graves. His estimated charge would be \$2750.00. The Mayor also contacted a previously used surveyor – Alan Hartley. His estimated charge would be \$2300.00. Mayor Stonum made a motion to hire Mr. Hartley and it was seconded by Commissioner Hall. Vote

was unanimous. Commissioner Hall asked that Mr. Hartley be asked to confirm exact locations to determine whose property the dead trees are on – property owner or COWH.

- Radio checks tonight on Channel 3.
- Shred event is on the schedule for Saturday September 25 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 pm. We need to make sure that the shredding area is left very clean after the event. The affected neighbors have had bad experiences in the past with a mess and damages.
 - o Mayor Stonum will be in charge of confirming addresses.
 - o Commissioner Maupin will direct traffic.
 - o We will have our radios available in case they are needed.
 - o The shredding company requires a 3-hour minimum at \$150/hour.
 - o All Commissioners and employees are asked to work at the event.
- Food truck event has been cancelled. Commissioner Hall thinks this would be a great idea to get people together and he will do some research for the future.
- Disaster Preparedness – no update

New Business:

- Just to reiterate – No snow and ice removal bids so Commissioner Adams will research.
- Welcome Kit Delivery – Carol Campbell provided COWH with the addresses of the new residents to whom she has delivered welcome kits. After some discussion, Commissioner Adams made a motion to pay Ms. Campbell \$5.00 per household to which she had delivered. Commissioner Maupin seconded. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maupin suggested that Ms. Campbell be acknowledged on our website.
- Commissioner Maupin suggested since the food truck event was cancelled, maybe COWH should have a Halloween house decorating contest. Mayor Stonum was not in favor because of the few entries and votes in last year's Christmas decorating contest. After some discussion, Commissioner Hall will come up with an idea, present at the next meeting, and we would have voting. If it passes, prizes would be decided at that time.
- Water Meter and Irrigation System – Mayor Stonum suggested that the systems be turned off around October 1 at the 3 locations.
- There was some discussion over who would be responsible for the upkeep on the new property. COWH would be in charge of maintaining that property.

Commissioner Reports:

Road Commissioner Adams:

- Went to the Post Office with Mayor Stonum several times.
- Went to the Storage Shed with Mayor Stonum once.
- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – September 21st.
- There weren't any citizen inquiries or questions to respond to this month.
- Drove the roads of COWH to check for cracks and potholes.
- Mayor Stonum and I attended the City of Coldstream meeting on August 19th where they also voted to select Hall Paving for the Middlesex paving project.
- Hall Paving sent us the contract which Mayor Stonum signed. Paving work for Middlesex is scheduled to be done in October.
- Discussed the snow removal bid with Mayor Stonum and approved for advertisement print into the Courier Journal.
- Had a conversation with Commissioner Maupin about the food truck event. She stated that the food truck vendors were now requesting a minimum payment for our event due to possible low numbers turnout due to Covid19. Mayor Stonum, Commissioner Maupin, and I discussed and have decided to cancel the food truck event at this time.
- Ad was placed in the Courier Journal for snow removal contract. I directly contacted the City of Coldstream's snow removal vendor and told him about the bid. However, after looking over our city's map, he called back and said that he would have to decline bidding on the project. He stated he was at max capacity and didn't think he'd be able to provide adequate and timely service for snow removal.

- *Contacted Jeremy who subcontracted with Minor & Company last year to let him know that we are looking for a snow vendor. Left message. He did not return my call.*
- *No other vendors contacted me to inquire about putting bids in on the snow removal contract.*

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

8/30/21 Commissioner Hall emailed in regards to the holding pond filling up on Queen Anne CT. He asked if I would contact MSD about clearing debris from the culvert pipes to avoid flooding. I called and requested that debris be cleared at 4701 and 4703 Lunenberg. A work order was put in per MSD.

9/9 I drove city for street light check.

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9/25 I attended the city Shred event.

Also did Radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.

Read all September emails.

Property Commissioner Hall:

Mow - Primary City Property - 8/29, 9/5, 9/12

Mow & Weed-eat - Secondary City Property - 8/21, 8/29, 9/6, 9/12

9/5/2021 - General Clean Up - Removed large tree limbs that fell 1. Large Cherry Tree Limb against Lunenburg fence line in holding pond between Rustburg and Queen Anne's 2. Large Locust tree limb between Luray and Micklinburg Courts. Also picked up all sticks in these areas.

9/12/2021 - General Clean Up - Trimmed Ditch line and sidewalks in Lunenburg Holding Pond. Also trimmed weeds on the large green space around trees, utilities, and ditch line.

8-26-21 Spoke to Melanie and Tom Masterson about a dead tree behind their fence. I advised that they have their property lines surveyed as I was pretty sure the tree was not on their neighbor's property.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

Drove the City on multiple occasions with increased nighttime patrols.

Called LMPD on one occasion when I witnessed suspicious activity.

Called Derby City Protection on 3 occasions and talked to Tate Mason.

Called Tate Mason about a car parked in East Bay Villas which was reported to me by Commissioner Maupin. Tate placed a tag on vehicle and it was gone on the following Saturday. Not sure if the owner moved the car or if it was towed.

Mayor Stonum and I checked on damage to mulch around new trees at edge of Ground Effect's parking lot due to RCS driver driving recklessly and jumping the curb. Mayor Stonum took photos.

Went to the Post Office on one occasion with Mayor Stonum.

Citizen Concerns: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm with a motion by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

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