

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: December 17, 2024

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

Citizens Present: 3

Derby City Protection: 0

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Adams. 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 November 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 November 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 Maupin. Vote was unanimous

Expense Review: The cover sheet of December 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.

Oath of Office:

All incoming commissioners took the oath of office administered by Mayor Stonum. They included Linda Beville, Christina Recendez, Susan Maupin and Dennis Metcalf. They are authorized to take office on January 1, 2025.

Legal/Contracting:

- **2024 Tax Delinquent Letters** – It has been discovered that some of the 2024 tax payments were incorrectly deposited as insurance premium monies instead of property taxes. This has resulted in some properties being listed on the delinquent tax report wrongly per Treasurer Small. Attorney DeWees discussed the delinquent letters that were sent out in error per the tax delinquency report. Discussion on how this happened and how to prevent in 2025. We still have some tax delinquencies on our books from previous years.
- Discussion on the attorney's invoice since not all notices were needed. Commissioner Maupin was just concerned that we be sure to pay the attorney for all postage costs. Motion to pay the attorney's invoice in the adjusted amount of \$2209.31 was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Roll call vote was taken. Mayor Stonum – yes; Commissioner Metcalf – yes; Commissioner Maupin – yes; Commissioner Beville – yes; and Commissioner Adams – no.
- Attorney Dewees explained that the delinquency letters are sent to the property owner at the property address, property owner's address (if different) and any additional address per PVA.
- Some property owners have short-paid their tax bills and they have been contacted and they are working on these one-on-one.

Old Business:

Commissioner Beville asked Mayor Stonum to explain the Homestead Act.

- o Disability*
- o Live in property*
- o If sold, Homestead discount is removed by PVA.*
- *KLC City Officials Academy in January in Lexington and COWH will provide new book to Attorney Dewees.*
- *Tree Removal – Commissioner Adams stated that the front island trees and stumps have been removed \$1980. \$4200 for 7 locust trees that were also removed.*
- *Commissioner Adams offered referral of landscape architect. Will be added to January agenda to discuss. This architect only draws the plans; doesn't do the work. Tabb Ormsby. We would need to contact a landscape company to do the work. Commissioner Beville also has a couple names to suggest.*
- *Job Duties – Commissioner Beville handed in her listing to City Clerk Lush and was advised to also email it.*
- *KLC Training at the Arterburn Thursday December 19-24 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.*
- *Welcome Committee – City Clerk Lush suggested that there has been no response from the residents due to no one looks at the website.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf announced that the radio check tonight will be on Channel 15.*
- *Commissioner Maupin updated on streetlight project. She will be contacting the new contact.*
- *Commissioner Adams advised that Evergreen Irrigation did their work in the city on November 6, 2024 as scheduled. All is winterized and the invoice includes the fee for turning back on in Spring 2025.*

New Business:

- *Commissioners Beville and Maupin inquired about a form needing to be completed. Mayor Stonum explained the requested information is needed for submitting the ordained City Commissioner payroll adjustment.*

Commissioner Reports:

Road Commissioner Beville:

11/25/2024 – Reviewed the Derby City Protection reports provided by Det. Mason and contacted him via email to express my appreciation for all DCP is doing to keep the streets in the COWH safe.

12/2/2024 - Declined to have Mow Better treat the roadways

12/4/2024 – Forwarded Mow Better's new email address to the Commission

12/5/2024 – Asked Mow Better to treat the streets ahead of the predicted wintry mix

12/6/2024 – Closed my 2024 campaign spending account with the State Board of Elections

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- *12-2-24 Drove city for streetlight check*
- *12-5-24 Email from Samantha Hartman with East Bay Villas reporting a streetlight out on Pacelli Place. I replied and told her that I would report the light. I drove to check on light and to get address.*
- *12-6-24 Reported streetlight at 4001 Pacelli Place*
- *12-16-24 Drove city for streetlight check. Observed that the streetlight on Pacelli Place was still out. Will check after 12-17-24 city meeting, and report it on 12-18-24 if it has not been repaired.*
- *12-17-24 Emailed Daniel Nall with LG&E with regards to additional streetlights for the city. He replied stating that he is no longer with Outdoor Lighting. He copied a new contractor and gave me her information. I will email her on 12-18-24.*
- *12-17-24 Emailed Christopher Pierce in regards to recycle bins being placed in the street after emptying. I received an automated email stating that he is out of office at this time.*
- *12-17-24 Read all December emails*
- *12-17-24 Attended the city meeting*
- *12-17-24 Will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.*

Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – Dec. 17th.
- There weren't any citizen concerns or issues this month.
 - Followed up with Evergreen Irrigation to find out the date they were out in Worthington Hills to do the irrigation system winterization. They were out on Nov. 6th.
- Authorized Harold of Maximus Lawncare to have his tree contractor cut down the Bradford Pear trees on the Front Island and also the seven dead locust trees. All trees were removed and the stumps ground out.
- Corresponded with landscape architect, Tabb Ormsby, about the changes and improvements to the Front Island. Shared her contact info with the Commission.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City on multiple occasions.
- 12/10/24 observed a blue KIA Soul parked crossways in the driving lane at Northumberland and Halifax. The car had substantial front end damage. I called LMPD and the car was towed.
- On 11/25/24 issued parking permits to 4004 Northumberland Dr.
- On 11/27/24 issued parking permits to 12010 Luray Ct.
- On 11/19/24 conducted radio checks using channel 14.
- Tonight 12/17/24 will conduct radio checks using channel 15.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum each Friday.
- Went to Storage on one occasion with the Mayor.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan Small's office on one occasion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Adams..

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____