

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: January 21, 2025

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

Citizens Present: 1

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 Metcalf. 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 December 2024 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The December 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 Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous

Expense Review: The cover sheet of January 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/Contracting:

- Snow Removal Issues -Mow Better didn't attend this meeting. Commissioner Beville commented that this situation can't happen again and Mow Better should be prepared next time. Discussion over the events and the conditions not being taken care of. Discussion on what should have been prepared and ready.
- Upcoming bids – Rumpke and Derby City Protection.
 - o Mayor Stonum requested tonnage information from Rumpke. Second request on January 18, 2025, but still no response.
 - o Attorney DeWees agreed to look over the contracts when we receive from both companies.
 - o COWH will not need to bid if Derby City Protection's annual renewal cost is less than \$40,000.

Old Business:

- Efile to Kentucky – all completed
- Welcome Committee – still no response from any volunteers
- Commissioner Metcalf advised radio check tonight will be on Channel 16.
- Mayor Stonum advised everyone that even though they had turned in their "List of Duties", they are to feel free to add to that list at any time.

New Business:

- Bike to Beat Cancer – This group has requested that they route their bike event through COWH. Mayor Stonum handed out a copy of their email and possible route map. Mayor Stonum suggested adjusting their route to continue on Halifax; then Northumberland instead of Lunenburg. After some discussion, it was agreed that the adjusted route would be safer. Mayor Stonum made the motion to change the route and

- Commissioner Metcalf seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mayor Stonum will respond to them. It was noted that even if the organizers don't want to adjust the route, COWH still approves them riding through our city.*
- *Budget Mid-Year Adjustments. Mayor Stonum explained the changes. Motion to accept the mid-year adjustments was made by Commissioner Recendez and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*
 - o *Open Space needs more money for tree removal*
 - o *Snow Removal needs more money and it will come from Sanitation.*
 - *Commissioner Positions – With the new year after elections, it was decided that the following commissioners would cover the following areas:*
 - o *Road Commissioner – Linda Beville*
 - o *Utility Commissioner - Susan Maupin*
 - o *Safety Commissioner – Dennis Metcalf*
 - o *Property Commissioner – Cristina Recendez*
 - o *Mayor Pro-Tem – Dennis Metcalf*
- These positions were voted on and approved.*
- *Open Meetings – Open Records. Mayor Stonum will hand out KLC Academy slides and provide the slides via email.*
 - *Open Records Requests – Any requests that a commissioner might receive needs to be forwarded to Clerk Lush so she can respond in the proper timeframe making sure they submit the correct form and possible fee..*
 - o *If the requestor is a company or representing a company, they must follow the instructions on our web-site for CORRC.*
 - o *If the requestor is a property owner, they must also follow the instructions on our web-site for "Request to Inspect Public Records".*
 - *Mayor Stonum explained any social media texts/emails are all subject to open records. Must learn to use BCC with emails so it doesn't look like discussions are making decisions or trying to influence decisions.*
 - *Commissioner Beville advised that she used "Nextdoor" to update on street conditions and respond to personal attacks and incorrect information that had been posted.*
 - *Since 2019 when new commission took over, emails have been replied to within 24 hours.*
 - *CORE Pipeline Training is in March for anyone who wants to register.*

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 12-23-24 Email from Samantha Hardman with Kyana Property Management asking if I had reported the streetlight out at 4000 Pacelli Place.
- 12-24-24 I replied to Samantha Hardman and told her I did follow up with LG&E and reported it again. No explanation was given for the delay. The representative with LG&E said the wrong address may have been taken the first time.
- 12-30-24 Mayor Stonum emailed reporting two streetlights out at 4308 Arwine Court and 12009 Bay Run Dr. I reported the lights and replied to Mayor Stonum.
- 12-30-24 Voice mail – hang up
- 12-31-24 Email Mayor Stonum stating light staying on at 12124 Bay Run Dr. Reported to LG&E.
- 1-7-25 Asked Mayor Stonum to post on website that Rumpke service may be delayed due to snow and ice.
- 1-9-25 Received email from Christopher Pierce with Rumpke. He stated that Rumpke will try and run pickup on Friday 1-10-25.
- 1-13-25 Drove city for streetlight check

- 1-20-25 Drove city for streetlight check. Streetlights out at 11917 Tazwell Dr. At 11900 Boydton Court, streetlight broken from pole.
- 1-21-25 Attended city meeting, and will participate in radio check with Commissioner Metcalf.
- Read all January emails.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

1. Checked City on multiple occasions.
2. Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. each Friday.
3. Conducted radio checks after last City meeting using channel 15. Will conduct radio checks tonight 1/21/25 using channel 16.
4. On 12/25/24 issued parking permits to 4004 Northumberland Dr.
5. On 12/24 /24 issued permits to 3915 Northumberland Dr.
6. On 12/25/24 issued permits to 11908 Queen Annes Ct.
7. On 12/28/24 issued permits to 4512 Micklenburg Ct.
8. Mayor Stonum and I attended KLC Academy in Lexington, Ky on 1/15-16-17/25.
9. Answered numerous phone calls .
10. Mayor Stonum and I went to storage area on one occasion.
11. Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan Small's Office on 1/17/25.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:

1/2/2025 THURSDAY 1/5/2025 SUNDAY 1/8/2025 TUESDAY 1/13/2025 TO 1/20/2025 I successfully set up my email account in Outlook for the Property Commissioner. I informed Mayor Stonum and confirmed that the test email was sent without any issues. I checked my email during the winter storm event, and there were no new messages regarding property maintenance on this day. I drove slowly around the city to check the trees and landscaping. These areas showed no signs of damages, as there is still a lot of snow accumulated as of Tuesday. Over the past week, I drove around the city several occasions , no issues to report. There have been no concerns/messages by citizens regarding trees or landscaping matters.

Road Commissioner Beville:

12/20/2024 – Completed and submitted to Mayor Stonum my 2024 Statement of Financial Interest form.

1/04/2025 – Contacted Mow Better at 12:40 PM and asked him to treat the streets in the COWH

1/05/2025 – At 1:30 PM I requested that Mow Better begin plowing the streets and I received a text at 1:59PM confirming that the plows would plow everything once. Shortly before 8:00 PM I received a phone call from a homeowner on Bays End Ct asking when the streets and the cul de sacs would be plowed. I answered that to my knowledge the plows had been out since earlier in the afternoon.

Between 1/06 and 1/11/2025 – I returned 33 phone calls and replied to 25 emails from homeowners concerning the condition of their street.

1/06/2025 – I received the first phone call about the streets not being plowed or partially plowed at 8:31AM. I reached out to Mow Better and passed along the information I had been given by Mayor Stonum, the streets needed to be plowed, curb to curb, not just in the middle and he replied that all the streets would be plowed “sometime tonight”. At 11:13 PM I received a text from a homeowner who told me that only half of her street had been plowed.

1/07/2025 –I reached out to Mow Better asked for an update on the plowing and was told the crew had put a bunch of salt along the main roads and the slush would be pushed off early tomorrow. He apologized and said the “event” had caught them unprepared. I sent an email to Mow Better and asked for an update and was told there was a truck on the way.

1/08/2025 – Contacted Mow Better this morning about the complaints that I had received about ice on Rustburg, Old Pulaski, and Luray because the person plowing would raise the blade when he got to the circle part and was missing the ice on the pavement. I asked him to send the truck back to redo these cul de sacs and to also include the cul de sacs in East Bay Villas. He replied that he would.

1/09/2025 –Reached out to Mow Better about the plows leaving snow and ice in front of mailboxes and driveways which had been cleared. The Chief Operating Officer replied that they were plowing the roadways curb to curb as I

requested which caused the snow to go in front of the driveways and that was why they only plowed the center of the street to begin with. A homeowner on Halifax called because Halifax from Lunenburg to the entrance of the COWH had not been salted or plowed. I contacted Mow Better and that part of Halifax was plowed.

1/10/2025 – Contacted Mow Better at 7:10 AM and asked for his plan ahead of the prediction of additional snow and was told they had finished salting and once the snow reaches a depth of 3” they would plow. Was also told there would be 2 or more trucks plowing. Received a call from a homeowner on Arwine mid-afternoon that their street had not been salted or plowed.

1/11/2025 – Received a phone call at 2:34 AM about the plow being on Pulaski but that it was driving with the blade up. I immediately tried to contact Mow Better but got no answer so I sent a text message. I received a reply at 5:56 AM telling me the trucks “should be around here now getting it done”. When I asked for confirmation that the trucks were out plowing, I was told the work was in progress.

1/18/2025 – Contacted Mow Better at 2:36PM and asked for the streets to be treated ahead of the wintery mix forecast to begin after midnight.

1/19/2025 – Received an email confirming the streets had been treated and were clear of any snow or ice.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____