

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date, June 18, 2019

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Carol Campbell
 Steve Schwager Linda Beville Dawn Eichenberger Bev Lush

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

Citizens Participation: There were 11 citizens present with questions & concerns including:

- Estelle Quisenberry mentioned about a loose dog behind her house that is very frightening. Bushes need to be trimmed. 4532 Pulaski Court
- Audrey Beasley – 45 year resident – Concerned about rental house at 12002 Rustburg Court. Seems to be a slum lord who owns the house and they have now bought 4606 Lunenburg Drive. Seems to be more than a single family living there. She wondered if there are ordinances in force now for gravel lot in front yard, street parking, or Pit Bulls and puppies. Mayor Stonum advised that the second and final reading of the rental ordinance was scheduled to be handled during this meeting. Also advised dog breeding requires a Metro Louisville permit. Call 311 with concerns.
- COWH Code Enforcement subject came up. Mayor Stonum asking for volunteers. A resident asked about the duties of Code Enforcement.
- Mr. Jagers from Rustburg Court spoke of 12002 Rustburg Court. Mr. Jagers has issues with the man's dog. Incident when the dog ran into Mr. Jagers garage and wouldn't leave. The Jagers have lived here for many years, but have decided to move because of the dog and feeling it will affect his home value.
- Pete Monaco told that his wife won't go into the front yard because of this dog. Discussed limits on fence heights. Advised to call animal control.
- Discussed gravel pad at the same location.

Minutes: The May 2019 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Beville to approve the minutes. Voting was unanimous.

Financial Report: The Financials were posted on COWH website for the Commissioners to read. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Voting was unanimous.

Expense Review: The spreadsheet of June invoices along with the cover sheet was passed around for the Commissioners to review and initial. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was unanimous.

Presentation by City Attorney:

- Attorney Schwager apologized for his outburst and comments at the May meeting.
- Mentioned the very nice WWII program at Memorial Auditorium at their annual convention.
- Had the second reading of Ordinance 3 Series 2019 regarding rental property. Noted that the Rental Form has been posted on the web-site. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Voting was unanimous.
- Security Services Agreement – The cost has increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. Since the new bidding ceiling has increased to \$30,000, it's OK to renew this contract without bidding. It will be made into an annual contract. We have a total of 4 officers rotating shifts to patrol in our city. Motion to continue with Derby City was made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf to approve this new contract. Voting was unanimous. Contract was signed by both Officer Mason and Mayor Stonum.
- Betty and Roy Coleman's unemployment claims: They both resigned. Mrs. Coleman's request was denied and she has filed an appeal. Mr. Coleman's hearing was held today (June 18, 2019) and city is awaiting notification of the decision. Attorney Schwager feels confident COWH will win.
- Attorney Schwager had the first reading of the Safety Ordinance regarding vacant COWH houses. Concerned about the diminished value and the property must be maintained.
- Attorney Schwager mentioned we have another ordinance in the works concerning a special election in the fall to elect Dawn Eichenberger.

- 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance – 2nd reading. Mayor Stonum explained line items and proposed budget amounts. After adjusting a couple line items, budget was balanced. Motion to accept the balanced budget in the form of Ordinance #4 Series 2019 was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Voting was unanimous. It was noted that our road funds are not being distributed to COWH at this time because we haven't caught up with our audits. As soon as 2016 and 2017 audits plus 2018 financial statements are completed, those funds will be distributed to COWH.

Old Business:

- Work on the city's backup drives has been completed. Treasurer Small and Mayor Stonum are looking at QuickBooks.
- Girls Scouts – The younger scouts are painting the white rectangles on the streets and the older scouts are stenciling the house numbers. Work is being done as weather permits.

New Business:

- Mayor Stonum told of a meeting this morning at Ground Effects regarding their noise and lighting violations. Residents in Bay Run have sleep issues. Ground Effects is expanding their business into the next building which will result in East Bay Villa residents being affected the same way. MSD mandated this meeting be held before Ground Effects could move ahead with expansion.
- Street lights – Commissioner Beville is handling the new street lights. LG&E now has LED lights for lease. There was a study done and it showed COWH needs to add 8 new lights. If work must be done on private property to install these lights, must obtain property owner's permission. After discussion on the additional cost, motion was made to move forward with the needed lights by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Voting was unanimous
- Rumpke is having a price increase effective July 1 resulting in a 1.9% increase in our bill.
- Mayor Stonum told of the Clerk's training being held in Lexington in July and needs Commissioners' approval to send Bev Lush. It was approved including paying for hotel room and dinners. Voting was unanimous.
- Bev Lush brought up having meetings once a quarter on Saturdays.
- Someone has hit the lights in the island at COWH's Westport Road entrance. KLC insurance would be \$285/year with \$500 deductible for this liability coverage. Motion to include this coverage was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Voting was unanimous.
- Ms. Quisenberry suggested adding stripe at the intersection of Northumberland and Westport Road to denote 2 lanes plus right and left turning arrows. Commissioner Campbell will speak to Steve Triplett about the lines and arrows.
- Mayor Stonum suggested that the city increase their Surety Bond coverage to \$1 million with tax bill season and extra money coming into the city's accounts. Approximately \$300/year additional premium. Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger to approve this increase. Voting was unanimous.
- Reach Alert – Annual invoice of \$1,000.50 is due July 1. Can we really justify the cost of using this system when we only have 160 of our residents signed up? Motion was made to not renew by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Voting was unanimous.
- Tax bills are printed and ready to be mailed. OK'd to include the sample insert.
- Delinquent tax payers – Attorney Schwager said the last notice he was given by COWH regarding delinquent taxes was in 2016 so no liens have been filed since then. He feels that \$150 attorney fee should be added and passed along to the delinquent payers to record tax liens.
- To make a note – City Clerk Bev Lush deposits all checks into the Money Market account and Treasurer Small moves the money to the General Fund when needed to pay bills.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Property Maintenance: Commissioner Eichenberger

- May 23 – Per Attorney Schwager, had the City Clerk generate a letter to a resident regarding the city easement.
- May 27 – Requested City Clerk to send a letter to owners of 4522 Dickerson Court regarding fence repair.
- May 31 – Received email from resident regarding property with cars parked in yard and trash everywhere. Advised she would contact Code Enforcement. Per Commissioner Metcalf, he advised this has been done numerous times and until we get rental ordinance in place, nothing we can do.
- June 8 – Contacted the city arborist office and was advised, due to limited staffing, not able to send an arborist out. Provided the web-site www.louisvilleky.gov division of community forestry.
- June 12 to 14 – Per Maximus Lawn Care, Tree Care came back out today and removed 5 stumps and advised should be finished very soon.
- June 15 – Per Maximus Lawn Care, Weed Man came and performed the 2nd treatment on the islands.

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Safety: Commissioner Metcalf

- 1) Drove streets on multiple occasions.
- 2) Called by a resident at 1210 Luray Ct about a truck parked partially on grass in front of his house. He stated he didn't know who the truck belonged to. I checked location and found a late model Dodge pickup parked at that location. Truck had Carter County plates. I called Metro police non-emergency number and reported it to them. Police responded and they found owner and the truck was moved.
- 3) Issued parking permits to 3 individuals.
- 4) Attended, with Mayor Stonum, Unemployment Mediation Hearings at Attorney Schwager's Office for Roy Coleman and Betty Coleman.

Derby City Activity Report 5/22/19 to 5/29/19

Parking Violations--3

Traffic stops--3

Pedestrian Stop-- 1

Utilities: Commissioner Beville

- Did light checks on 5/1, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, and 5/29
- Did mail run with the Clerk on 5/14
- Contacted Sophicity and had an updated version of the Rumpke guidelines put onto the web page on 5/13
- Answered emails regarding the Rumpke yard waste pickup. One resident on Bay Run Court said he felt Rumpke "passed his street up" because neighbors had their yards done. I spoke with Chris at Rumpke and he said he would make certain the drivers serviced all the streets and didn't just "glance down them" looking for yard waste. Chris Pierce had a route supervisor run a report and it showed the truck had been down the street at 10:15 am.
- Another resident was upset because Rumpke did not take her yard waste, but after looking at the photos she sent me, I explained that they would not take loose leaves placed in a garbage cart just because it had a note which said "yard waste" taped to it.
- Sent post cards to three residents on Lunenburg who had limbs in their yard and a neighbor had complained because Rumpke was not picking them up.
- After a complaint from a concerned party, I contacted a resident who had a washer and dryer at the end of her driveway. She had made arrangements with Rumpke to have them picked up.

Road Maintenance: Commissioner Campbell

- In talking with Steve Triplett from All Terrain Paving, pavement and road repair work has been delayed due to weather.
- I participated in/worked on the following items:
 - o 5/28/19 and 6/18/19 – made mail runs with Bev Lush, City Clerk
 - o 6/6/19 – Saf-Ti-Co installed signs and straightened a leaning Stop Sign post, however, the street signs for Rustburg Court and Pulaski Court were not installed. Talked with Andrew Friebert on 6/10/19 and learned that the installers were unable to remove the old signs due to corrosion, etc. They will have to be replaced jointly with the corresponding street sign (Pulaski Court/Lunenburg Drive and Rustburg Place/Halifax Drive). Those two additional signs have been ordered. Have also asked that the No Parking on Street Anytime be moved from the sign pole at Northumberland Drive/Chesterfield to across the street and attach it to the Speed Bumps Ahead sign post in front of 3902 Northumberland Drive. Andrew Friebert assured me that this would be done.
 - o 6-7-19 – Talked with Steve Triplett with All Terrain Paving. Explained that the repair work on the streets must start before the end of our fiscal year which is June 30, 2019. It can be concluded during the following two months.
 - o 6-14-19 – Talked with Steve Triplett from All Terrain Paving. He has scheduled our work. Asphalt repair work will take place on 6-21-19 and pavement repair work will take place from 7-1-19 thru 7-3-19.

Citizens Participation:

- Mr. McFarland commented that he appreciated the letter that he received from Attorney Schwager.
- Officer Mason has contacted 311 for the resident with the fence issues and the dogs at 4522 Dickerson Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM with a motion by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was unanimous.

Sign:

City Clerk: _____ *Date:* _____

Mayor: _____ *Date:* _____