

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: March 21, 2023

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

Citizens Present: 4

Derby City Protection: 0

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

Minutes: The February 2023 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The March 2023 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 Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

Expense Review: The cover sheet of March 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. Treasurer Small mentioned that even if an invoice is received in error/not owed, it should be included on monthly expense review as official record such as Louisville Water this month.

City Attorney:

- Re: taxes on "garaging" vehicles – He has contacted the County Clerk and will contact the Sheriff's office. Mayor Stonum again explained "garaging" and how insurance is affected plus our insurance premiums income. Mayor Stonum asked Attorney Schwager to ask the sheriff's office to sit in school lots to watch for cars on a daily basis with out of state tags. There was discussion that Attorney Schwager feels they do not have probable cause.
- Update on responses from the 2022 and 2021 delinquent tax letters that were sent out. Attorney Schwager advised he has been receiving a few payments.
- Attorney Schwager has released tax liens on J. Ray's property. She still owes one year.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Adams advised the tree issue on Pulaski Court has been cleaned up.
- Commissioner Maupin again contacted the Louisville Water Company concerning the over-charge invoice we have received. The water company representative said they would research the tape of the 95 minute conversation Commissioner Maupin previously had with them on February 21. She was called back and it was agreed to waive the fee again plus the new charges we have been billed. She will watch the account.
- Resident – Kim Fischer from Gardens at Bay Run – read a statement (copy attached).
 - o Fence has been fixed
 - o COWH reporting the fence issue to Codes and Regs after only 3 days. Some of this was vandalism and some was wind damage.
 - o Of fences in need of further repair, the fences will probably be removed due to repair cost.
 - o Wind caused more damage to the fence.
 - o Asked to be informed of COWH's grace period time on fence damages.

- Please direct any further correspondence to GardensatBayRun@gmail.com
- Commissioner Adams stated the fence in COWH open space behind Micklenburg is an owner's fence.
- Commissioner Adams asked if she should contact the owners of damaged fence with stuff in the easement between Jonel and Micklenburg. She was advised to do so.
- Commissioner Adams asked if there is a grace period as asked by Kim Fisher.
- Property Taxes – Mayor Stonum did research and found that the PVA says if we use any of their information to create tax bills, it is a violation of law. Must use their department to produce bills.
- Mayor Stonum wants to set the timeline for sending out delinquent tax notices for 2023. It was decided by Attorney Schwager and Bev Lush to have Treasurer Small provide the delinquent list to them by October 31, 2023 and the delinquent letters to be mailed by November 15, 2023.
- Commissioner Metcalf informed us to use Channel 12 for the radio check tonight.
- Commissioner Maupin advised she is still waiting to hear from LG&E regarding the permission letters from property owners to install additional streetlights.
- Update on Westport Road property purchase – Can't move forward on this because an owner is still refusing to sign the contract.
 - Commissioner Adams had questions about unsigned contract:
 - Is the original contract now dead?
 - Will the price increase?
 - What about the ordinance that we passed that said contracts must be signed within 60 days?
- City Clerk asked about once the Community Center is built:
 - Who will manage?
 - Who will handle the reservations/payments/maintenance once the building is built?
 - Mayor Stonum responded:
 - P3 Program - Private Public Partnership – (Private Contractor) would manage the property for 10 years. They also handle the upkeep. COWH would receive a percentage of the income. For funds to improve the property (build the building, etc), COWH would apply for grants and bonds. COWH would use the building for city meetings and dry storage.

New Business:

- Mayor Stonum asked for a decision on which company to use for our 2023 audit. It was suggested that we again use Bramel & Ackley, P.S.C. Motion to use the same company was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.
- Mayor Stonum wanted discussion on our proposed 2023 Budget Worksheet. Notice the -\$18,364 bottom line if we don't make any adjustments. Attorney Schwager will research to see if we must offer the 2% early payment discount. 75 – 80% of our property owners pay the discounted amount. Mayor Stonum suggested raising the "insurance" rate from 6 – 8%. The approval must be in Frankfort by March 23, 2023. After much discussion, Commissioner Beville suggested looking over the proposed budget worksheet to find this extra needed income before increasing the insurance taxes. Attorney Schwager had the 2nd reading of Ordinance 1 Series 2023 increasing the Insurance Premium Tax from 6 – 8%. Motion to increase Premium Insurance Tax from 6 – 8% on all insurance lines was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Adams, Metcalf and Mayor Stonum voted Yes. Commissioner Maupin voted No and Commissioner Beville abstained. It passed and will be effective July 1, 2023.
- Commissioner Adams informed us she received correspondence from a citizen wanting a garbage can placed by the picnic table in the green space to cut down on litter. FYI - There is a garbage bag tied to the picnic table, however, this doesn't seem to encourage visitors to use it and not put garbage on the lawn.

Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – March 21st.
- Regarding the tree that fell between 4614 and 4616 Pulaski Ct., Maximus Lawncare was going to clear the tree out of our COWH property area but requested that we survey and mark the property lines first. Called Mayor Stonum and informed him of this.
- Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf went onsite to check on the downed tree situation between 4614 & 4616 Pulaski Ct. and found that the downed tree that the citizen complained about last month had been totally removed. They informed me of this so I didn't have to have Maximus Lawncare do any work to clear it out of COWH property.
- Citizen called about a tree being down between her Oakhurst neighbor and her property. Informed citizen that the removal of the tree is going to have to be handled between her and her Oakhurst neighbor.
- Received a call from a citizen about trash in the easement near the picnic table area. Looking into getting a trash receptacle placed in this area.
- Maximus Lawncare performed the following work:
 - o Split some wood from the maple tree behind 12001 Luray Ct.
 - o Surveyed the storm damage and got an estimate together from his tree contractor to clean up the areas of the greenspace damaged by the recent storms.

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove the City on multiple occasions.
- Conducted radio checks on 2/21/23 using channel 11.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum each Friday.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum on Tuesday 3/14/23.
- Observed the radar sign on Northumberland not working I checked it and reconnected the power cord.
- On 3/16/23 at 8:00pm I checked into GMRS radio net with call sign WRK1278.
- I went to storage area with Mayor Stonum on 3/17/23.
- Issued one parking permit on 3/8/23 for 3908 Northumberland.
- Will conduct radio checks tonight 3/21/23 using channel 12.
- On 3/16/23 I attended CORE PIPELINE SAFETY TRAINING For First Responders.

Road Commissioner Beville:

- Radio Check with Safety Commissioner Metcalf
- 2/24/2023 – Followed-up with the homeowner at 11005 Lunenburg Ct. about her concerns with the drainage problems on her property. She still has not returned my call to schedule a time for us to meet with a representative from MSD.
- 3/16/2023 – Attended the Coordinated Response Pipeline Safety Program.
- 3/17/2023 – Contacted the homeowner at 12128 Bay Run and provided him with the cost of moving the speed bump sign in his yard to accommodate the widening of his driveway. Informed him the Clerk would be sending him a copy of the invoice.

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

- 3/1/2023 - Email from Bev in regards to another water bill with an additional charge of \$14.40 added to the amount that I had disputed on the February bill.
- 3/2/2023 - Called the water company and spoke with the customer service lead. She saw no record of the rep I spoke with in February. She said that she would have to listen to the previous recordings and would call me back.
- 3/3/2023 - The customer service lead from the water co called back stating that she had listened to the original request in September to shut off irrigation. She said that the rep and I agreed on the addresses of shutting off the irrigation. The addresses were not spoken, but the fee would be waived.
- 3/4/2023 - Commissioner Metcalf reported a leaning light pole at the corner of Lunenburg and Bay Run.
- 3/6/2023 - Reported leaning light pole to LG&E
- 3/10/2023 - Street light check. Street light pole still leaning at Bay Run.

- 3/11/2023 - Voicemail from new resident in regards to a yard waste bin. Called back and resident had already spoken to Rumpke.
- 3/11/2023 - Reported lean light pole again. Given and confirmed address.
- 3/16/2023 - Attended Pipeline training
- Read March emails
- Attended City meeting and will participate in the radio check

City Clerk Bev Lush noted that we had skipped the agenda item asking Attorney Schwager for an update on Anytime Waste issue. Mayor Stonum updated the commission on the current status of the issue with Anytime Waste. He had spoken with Attorney Schwager earlier today. Schwager feels the settlement may be around \$9,000.00. Of the awarded amount, Schwager would be paid 25%. Case settlement date is unknown at this time. Of course, there is the possibility that COWH would not win.

Commissioner Adams addressed City Clerk Bev Lush as to her current rate of pay and how much she would request as a raise. She said they would take an approved raise into consideration.

Commissioner Adams also asked about a raise for the commissioners since no raise since 2015. Mayor Stonum advised that if there is an approved increase, it would not be effective until after the next commissioner election.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM with a motion by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____