

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: October 15, 2024

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Susan Maupin Crystal Adams
Linda Beville Dan Small

Citizens Present: 4

Derby City Protection: 0

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

FY 2024 City Audit Presentation: Ms. Hahn – Auditor with Bramel & Ackley, PSC did the FY 2023 Audit Presentation. No questions. Mayor Stonum asked Ms. Hahn to file this report to Frankfort. Motion to accept the 2023 Audit was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

Introduction to our visitors

Citizens' Concerns: None

Minutes: The September 2024 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The September 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 Beville and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous

Expense Review: The cover sheet of October 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:

- Commissioner Beville presented the two proposals from the companies that responded to her "flat rate" request for snow plowing, which were from Mow Better Lawnscares, LLC and Minor and Company, Inc. Motion to accept the proposal from Mow Better Lawnscares, LLC was made by Mayor Stonum and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Beville updated that the thermoplastic had been put down on the speed humps on Bay Run
- Tree Removal Update. Commissioner Adams
 - o There was no additional tree damage during the passage of Hurricane Helene on September 28th.
 - o She requested the previous quote of \$4200 for the 6 dead locust trees needing to be removed by updated, but she had not received it from Maximus Lawncare, Had obtained an \$1980 estimate for tree removal of the Bradford Pear trees in the Westport Road entrance Island. Discussion on removing trees and putting the rocks back; then leave alone until spring.
- Commissioner Beville informed us that there is a tree down against the fence on the Treis property. It would be a Treis removal. LG&E trimmed trees that were blocking the dumpster and power line areas.

- *Mayor Stonum made a motion regarding giving Commission Adams permission to proceed with removal of the locust trees and any additional trees in our green space if the cost was no more than \$5000, and to proceed with the removal of the Bradford Pear trees for \$1980. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous*
- *Mayor Stonum advised of an upcoming KLC meeting in which they will be discussing the METRO tree canopy. They feel COWH is low on their canopy and Mayor Stonum thinks we have plenty of land if METRO wants to pay for and plant the trees.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised the last new speed sign location has not been decided upon. Mayor Stonum mentioned that because of the speed humps, it is difficult to decide on a good location.*
- *Commissioner Beville asked about ordering traffic signs. Mayor Stonum advised that he and Commissioner Metcalf will make a final check and then get with her to place the order using the City credit card.*
- *Welcome Committee – still no interest*
- *Mayor Stonum reminded everyone to be working on their “duties” list.*
- *Discussion on city radios being on during severe weather.*
- *Commissioner Metcalf advised radio check will be on channel 13 tonight.*

New Business:

- *Commissioner Adams advised of a resident on Arwine that doesn't like the bushes that were planted because the neighbors used to have picnics out there and children would play there. She would like the bushes to be removed and the grass to be cut more frequently. Possible problem in the spring for the new commissioner. Will ask Harold Hall's opinion on best time to remove/prune.*
- *Discussion on 2 places on Bay Run with overgrown stuff...Commissioner Adams had contacted 311 in the past. It's all sticks at 3810 Northumberland Drive and was taken care of. 3808 Northumberland Drive has been reported and Mayor Stonum had spoken with Code Enforcement.*
- *Commissioner Beville advised Treis Condos will be replacing all staircases and she wanted to know who to contact for permits. Mayor Stonum advised Jefferson County.*
- *Mayor Stonum advised he had forgotten to address the irrigation systems at last month's meeting, but had turned them off after the rain we had at the end of September. Commissioner Adams said she would contact Evergreen Irrigation. Commission Maupin indicated she would contact Louisville Water Company to shut off the water to the meters. There was no objections from the other City Commission members, so this matter will be completed as indicated.*
- *Mayor Stonum wanted to thank Carol Campbell for reporting a citizen down due to water meter cover had given away. Commissioner Maupin looked in the hole and contacted the Water Company who came out the same day and put up barriers. Citizen was bruised and scraped.*

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities Commissioner Maupin:

2024 October Utility Commissioner Report

- 9/25 - Voice mail - hung up
- 9/30 - Voice mail - hung up
- 10/1 - Voice mail - hung up
Email from Bev regarding additional charges on the October Rumpke invoice for \$10 and \$45
I replied telling her that I would email Christopher Pierce.
Drove city for street light check
- 10/2 - I emailed Christopher Pierce inquiring about the additional charges on the city's October invoice
He replied stating the charges had been deleted from the bill
That the charges may have been an increase from a few months ago for city carts and dumpsters
Or, a work order submitted for the Treis Condos dumpsters
But the charges were taken off our bill

Email from Commissioner Beville stating the trees over a Dumpster had been trimmed, and their Dumpster should go back in it's space

- 10/3 - I replied to Commissioner Beville that I would let Christopher Pierce know
I emailed Christopher Pierce thanking him for the billing clarification, and asked for the Treis Condos dumpster to be moved back to it's place
Observed street light on the ground at 4026 Pacelli Place
I called LG&E and reported the street light to the emergency line. A work order was put in
I emailed Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf and let them know the street light had been reported
- 10/4 - Christopher Pierce replied back.
He said that he has asked the router manager and driver to put dumpsters back in their place
Voice mail from Kyana Property management reporting the down street light at 4026 Pacelli Place
- 10/5 - Returned phone call to Kyana Property Management to inform them the street light at 4026 Pacelli Place had been reported.
- 10/6 - Received email from Treis Codos president Linda Beville that the placement of dumpsters were blocking assigned parking spaces at 11911 and 11913 Tazwell Dr.
- 10/8 - Received text from Commissioner Beville with photos of where Rumpke had moved Treis Condos dumpsters that morning.
I emailed Christopher Pierce and attached the Treis Condos emails with Commissioner Beville's photos.
Christopher Pierce replied stating that he would pass the information on to his route manager and driver.
Voice-mail from resident requesting garbage information. No name or phone number given.
Returned call no answer.
- 10/11 - Called the phone number again and left garbage information.
- 10/12 - Phone call from Mayor Stonum stating a resident had fallen through a water meter at 3802 Northumberland Dr.
He said the resident was walking, and stepped on the meter and fell in the hole, and the resident was "pretty bruised up".
I drove to the site and observed a large stick, sticking out of the open meter on the side walk.
I called Louisville Water Co. and left a voice mail on the emergency line.
The water company called back and a work order was placed.
The representative said a person would be out to investigate and repair immediately.
The representative asked for information on the injured resident and I told him I didn't know any at that time.
Except that the person was "bruised up".
I called Mayor Stonum back for more information.
He said that another resident was driving by and witnessed the person sitting on the sidewalk.
He stated that he would have the resident who witnessed the incident email me.
She emailed saying that she was coming home and saw a man on the ground and 3 other people.
She called Mayor Stonum immediately.
Drove to 3802 Northumberland again early evening and observed that Louisville Water company had been there and had secured the meter.
- 10/13 - Drove city for street light check.
- 10/15 - Read October emails
Attended city meeting, and will participate in the radio check with Commissioner Metcalf

Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:

- Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – Oct. 15th.
- Completed the audit paperwork for Angela Morgan of Bramel & Ackley, PSC.
- Received a call from a real estate agent who had a buyer interested in purchasing property in COWH. Their client had questions about buying the property and building a second detached garage on the property. Referred the call to Mayor Stonum to research and respond. Mayor Stonum later responded that he called the real estate agent back and the property in question wasn't a COWH property.

- Received an email from a citizen on Arwine who was wondering if the grass was going to be mowed a final time on Arwine Island before the end of the mowing season. Harold of Maximus Lawncare was out of town so I had my daughter go down and mow Arwine Island. Additionally, when Harold of Maximus Lawncare got back in town on October 13th, he mowed, ran the weed eater, and blew off the Arwine Island area.
- This same citizen doesn't like the bushes we placed on Arwine Island and requested their removal.
- Drove around the city on several occasions to check on the status of plants on the landscaping islands.
- No citizen complaints, damage, trees, and/or large limbs down were reported to me after the high wind incident of September 27th. Maximus Lawncare hasn't reported any new trees or limbs down either.
- On October 13th, I verbally requested that Harold of Maximus Lawncare provide the quote his tree contractor put together for the removal of the trees on the front island. No quote was sent to me by October 14th, so I emailed and asked for it again.
- Maximus Lawncare said the remaining dead locust trees will have to be requoted by his tree contractor since we didn't accept the original bid when we had the other tree work done. Requested that he have the dead locust tree removal requoted so that I can present those numbers at the November city meeting.

Road Commissioner Beville:

- 9/18/2024 – Submitted my completed Related Party questionnaire to Angela Morgan at Bramel and Ackley, PSC
- 9/18/2024 – Spoke with Chad Chambers at Minor and Company and asked for a flat rate estimate rather than an hourly rate for winter road maintenance.
- 9/23/2024 – Spoke with Evan Myers at All Terrain about getting a quote for re-marking the four speed bumps on Bay Run Drive.
- 9/25/2024 – 10/2/2024 – Sent the quote from All Terrain's quote to the Commission and followed up regularly with updates on the project.
- 10/4/2024 – Forwarded the All Terrain invoice to the City Clerk and Treasurer.
- 10/10/2024 – Forwarded the flat rate estimates for snow removal I received from Mow Better and Minor to the Commission.
- 10/15/2024 – Attended the monthly Commission meeting

Safety Commissioner Metcalf:

- Drove City on multiple occasions.
- Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum each Friday.
- Went to storage with Mayor Stonum on 3 occasions.
- Answered one call concerning solicitors.
- Conducted radio checks after last City meeting using channel 12 will use channel 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Date: _____