

**City of Hills and Dales
Minutes of the City Commission Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

The Commission met in regular session on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive. City officials present were Mayor Andreas Wokutch, Commissioners Roger Owen and Kathy Weisbach, Treasurer Joan Taylor and City Clerk Jeanne Keats. Commissioners Jeff Burnett and Barbara Rogers were absent. Mayor Wokutch called the meeting to order.

Approval of June 12, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes

Mayor Wokutch made a motion to approve the June 12, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Owen seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Resident Comments

The Commission reviewed a July 1 email from resident Bill Bowman expressing concerns that yard and garage sales might unintentionally invite non-residents with criminal intent into our community. The Commission tabled any action until the full Commission could discuss the issue further.

Treasurer's Report

Financials

Treasurer Taylor reported total City assets as of June 30, 2025 of \$339,156.94 and the City has no liabilities. The City's total income for June was \$1,456.21. Total expenses were \$3,579.26. Fiscal year 2024-2025 income was 107% greater than budget and 2024-2025 expenses were 76.4% less than budget. Fiscal year 2024-2025 income was 19.7% greater than 2023-2024 income and expenses was less than 1% greater.

Mayor Wokutch made a motion to approve the financials through fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Commissioner Weisbach seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Virtual Session with Special Guest

Carla Sandusky, Director of State Government Affairs, Charter Communications

At 7:15 p.m. the Commission joined Director Sandusky in a virtual session for a preliminary discussion regarding the renewal of the City's franchise agreement for cable TV services with Charter Communications (dba Spectrum Communications). This agreement does not expire until November of 2027. Mayor Wokutch told Director Sandusky she would be contacted after the full Commission had discussed the franchise agreement further.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Governance and Legal

Ethics Administrator's Annual Report to Commission

Mayor Wokutch reported that as per the City's Ethics Ordinance 2024-3, the Ethics Administrator, Byron Leet, must submit a report to the Commission by August 31, 2025, summarizing any activities such complaints of ethics violations, decisions and/or advisory opinions from the prior fiscal year. Since he did not take office until January 9, 2025, his report will be from that date until the close of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, June 30, 2025. Mayor Wokutch said he would remind Mr. Leet of this reporting requirement.

Communications and Neighborhood

Survey Monkey Results

Commissioner Rogers was absent; however, she had emailed the results of the recent Survey Monkey to the Commission prior to this meeting. The survey's intent was to find out from residents if they felt that certain ordinances were needed in our City. The Commission agreed that a general summary of the statistical results from the nine survey questions should be shared with the residents. The Commission will discuss this topic further the next time the full Commission meets.

Snow Removal, Roads and Signage

Letter from Louisville Paving

Commissioner Burnett was absent; however, he sent the Commission an email he received from Lee Gettings of Louisville Paving after they recently met to review our City's roads. The email included a budget for repairing two areas in the roads as well as crack filling. The Commission will discuss this topic further the next time the full Commission meets.

Maintenance, Utilities and Beautification

Invasive Honeysuckle Containment Project (ARPA funded)

Commissioner Owen reported that this fall Green Up LLC will provide the 21 work hours remaining on its original contract with the City for removal of invasive honeysuckle in the entrance woods. He also reported that he will have a second contract related to the continuation of this project for the Commission to review at the August meeting. Some of the work outlined in the second contract will be performed this fall and the remainder will be performed in 2026. All ARPA funds must be spent by December 31, 2026.

Partial Removal of Forsythia Bushes in Public Roads Right of Way

Commissioner Owen presented a quote from Green Up LLC to remove some of the Forsythia bushes in the public roads right of way between the homes at 3412 and 3420 Mt. Rainier Drive. The \$948.35 proposal would include digging out the Forsythia bushes back 18 feet from the road, preparing the area, and seeding. The project would be done in the fall when the weather is more favorable for grass germination.

Technology Services and Community Security

Solicitor in the Neighborhood

Commissioner Weisbach reported that the entrance cameras did not pick up any suspicious activity on the evening of June 17 when a young male was in the community soliciting door-to-door. He was unlicensed, so he was asked to leave and reportedly left the community on foot.

Commissioner Weisbach did find video of the car driven by four other unlicensed solicitors who were in the neighborhood from about 6-7 p.m. the evening of July 9. For the record, a photo of two of the four solicitors and the license plate number of the car they arrived and departed in was provided to LMPD.

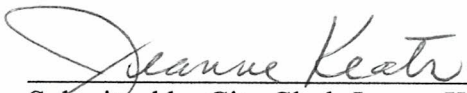
Other Business

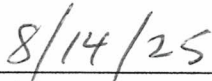
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Mayor Wokutch made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Owen seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Approved by Mayor Andreas Wokutch


Date


Submitted by City Clerk Jeanne Keats


Date

***NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Treasurer Taylor at 3300 Mt. Rainer Drive***