

City of Hills and Dales
Minutes of the City Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2024
7:00 p.m.

The Commission met in regular session on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive. City officials present were Mayor Andreas Wokutch, Commissioners Michael Adair, Bill Bowman, Roger Owen and Barbara Rogers, Treasurer Joan Taylor and City Clerk Jeanne Keats. Mayor Wokutch called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the July 11, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Adair so moved, Commissioner Owen seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Resident Comments

There were no residents in attendance.

Special Guest

At the invitation of Commissioner Rogers, Louisville Metro Police Department, 8th Division District Resource Officer, Brittany Rausch, visited with the Commission. She answered questions about illegal soliciting and said it was important to call 911 and report incidents of suspicious person(s) soliciting and or trespassing. She recommended that in addition to the “No Soliciting” sign at the entrance to our community, we also post a “No Trespassing” sign. She also said residents can sign up for a newsletter on the LMPD website/8th Division to get helpful security tips and information about what is going on in our area.

Treasurer’s Report

Financials

Treasurer Taylor reported total City assets as of July 31, 2024 of \$313,034.26, and the City has no liabilities. June’s total income was \$943.40 and total expenses were \$8,615.55. The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report showed Interest Income 30.4% over budget; however, Treasurer Taylor said she did not anticipate strong interest income will continue over the long term. She also reported that Neighborhood/Office was 43.3% over budget due to the payment of a late expense reimbursement request.

Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the financials through July 31, 2024, Commissioner Bowman so moved, Commissioner Adair seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Review of Procedures for Expense Reimbursements to City Officials

Treasurer Taylor reminded city officials that all requests for expense reimbursement must be submitted to her in a timely manner and during the budget cycle in which the expense was incurred and budgeted.

Reminder Re: Deadline for Committing ARPA Project Funds

Treasurer Taylor reminded the Commission that all ARPA funds must be committed (under contract) by the end of this calendar year. Commissioner Owen said he still plans to move forward with the project to remove the invasive honeysuckle in the entrance woods. However, he said this plant will be much easier to identify in the fall after other plants and the trees have lost their leaves. At that time, he will obtain a quote and present it to the Commission. He expects to have this project under contract before the December 31, 2024, deadline.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Governance and Legal

Status – Engagement of Attorney John Singler for Legal Review of Selected City Documents

Mayor Wokutch reported that attorney John Singler told him that his heavy current workload is going to make it difficult for him to get to our document review project in a timely manner. However, he said that there is another attorney in his office who may be able to work with us sooner. Mayor Wokutch will keep the Commission informed as to any progress on this project.

Roads, Snow Removal and Signage

Commissioner Bowman reported that it appears that LG&E has s straightened a couple of leaning street light poles along the Mt. Rainier Drive entrance hill, and he will keep the Commission advised of any other maintenance work LG&E performs on the street light poles.

Maintenance, Utilities and Beautification

Commissioner Owen reported that he met with Lopez Tree and was given a quote of \$1,400 to remove a tree along the entrance woods that was damaged in a recent storm.

Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the Lopez quote for \$1,400 to remove the damaged tree, Commissioner Bowman so moved, Commissioner Adair seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Technology Services and Community Security

Incident Reported by Resident

Commissioner Adair told the Commission that a resident reported a vehicular accident that occurred on July 31, and the resident thought any related video footage might be useful to LMPD. It is believed the vehicle was stolen. While the traffic accident occurred out of range of our City's security cameras, the cameras did show the female driver entering our community on foot, seemingly to evade police. The cameras showed her again later, walking back down to U.S. 42 where she was picked up by another driver. The license plate recognition camera did not provide a clear picture of the vehicle's license plate number. Commissioner Adair has contacted Unified Technologies regarding the problem. The police continue to investigate.

Communications and Neighborhood

Commissioner Rogers and the Commission discussed looking into a "No Trespassing" sign for the entrance as recommended by Officer Rausch. City Clerk Keats said she would research some options and report to the Commission.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Owen so moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



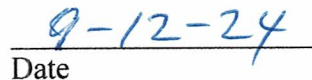
Approved by
Mayor Andreas Wokutch



Date



Submitted by
City Clerk Jeanne Keats



Date

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
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