

**City of Hills and Dales
Minutes of the City Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The Commission met in regular session on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive. City officials present were Mayor Pro Tem Roger Owen, Commissioners Michael Adair, Bill Bowman and Barbara Rogers, Treasurer Joan Taylor and City Clerk Jeanne Keats. Mayor Andreas Wokutch was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Owen called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Owen called for a motion to approve the September 12, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowman so moved, Commissioner Adair seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Resident Comments

There were no residents in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Financials

Treasurer Taylor reported total City assets as of September 30, 2024, of \$322,695.04 and the City has no liabilities. The City's total income for September was \$8,141.87 and total expenses were \$3,521.98. The P&L Budget v. Actual report through September showed Insurance Premium Tax Receipts and Interest Income above budget and Neighborhood/Office expenses above budget due to a late expense reimbursement from a prior budget cycle.

Mayor Pro Tem Owen called for a motion to approve the financials through September 30, 2024, Commissioner Rogers so moved, Commissioner Adair seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Governance and Legal

First Reading – First Amended Ethics Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Owen called on City Clerk Keats. City Clerk Keats referenced the draft amended ethics ordinance which she emailed to the Commission on September 9, 2024 and to attorney John Singler on September 16, 2024. On September 23, 2024, attorney Singler emailed City Clerk Keats that he had compared the draft amended ethics ordinance to KRS 65.003 and had found that it meets the minimums stated in the statute.

The Commission then had the first reading of Ordinance 2024-3, which will be known as the "First Amended City of Hills and Dales Code of Ethics". The second reading and passage will take place at the November 14 Commission meeting.

Roads, Snow Removal and Signage

Entrance Water Main Break

Commissioner Bowman told the Commission that water bubbling out of the ground in the entrance lawn area was reported to the Louisville Water Company on September 30. The bubbling water was the result of a water main break, which Louisville Water Company repaired the next day. Commissioner Bowman said he spoke with a Water Company representative who told him the repairs would be at no cost to our City.

Maintenance, Utilities and Beautification

Irrigation System

Commissioner Owen said the entrance irrigation system might not be working. However, he told the Commission that Hebel Irrigation will be winterizing the irrigation system shortly and, at that time, the system will be thoroughly checked to be certain that it is functioning properly.

Discussion – Potential ARPA Funded Projects

Treasurer Taylor told the Commission that the City still has approximately \$18,000 of ARPA funds available, and the Commission knows that the funds must be committed by December 31, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Owen and the Commission then discussed the following potential projects, all of which would be considered acceptable uses of ARPA funds under the guidelines:

1. **Additional Rip Rap for the Drainage Channel.** Commissioner Owen said he received a quote from Green Up LLC of \$935 for the delivery and placement of two loads of rip rap. This rip rap is used for erosion and storm water control and has to be supplemented periodically.

Commissioner Owen called for a motion to move forward with this project for the quoted amount of \$935. Commissioner Adair so moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

2. **Removal of Invasive Honeysuckle in Woods.** Commissioner Owen received a quote from Green Up LLC of \$31,000 to remove the invasive honeysuckle in the woods along the entrance road; however, the Commission does not have sufficient ARPA funds go forward with the project as it is currently specified.

After the Commission discussed other proposed ARPA funded projects (#'s 3 and 4 listed below), Commissioner Owen said he would get a new quote from Green Up LLC for a less costly, scaled down version of the project to remove the invasive honeysuckle. He will present the revised quote at the November 14 Commission meeting.

3. Improved Entrance Lighting for Safety and Security. The Commission discussed replacing the existing coach lamps at the entrance with lamps that would provide more illumination for improved safety and security. Commissioner Bowman said he would get a quote and specifications from Brecher Lighting for two coach lamps (installed) and present this information at the November 14 Commission meeting.

4. Upgraded License Plate Recognition Camera. Commissioner Adair told the Commission that the City's license plate recognition camera does not capture license plate information adequately, and an upgraded camera is recommended. He said he would contact Unified Technologies and get a quote for an upgraded camera (installed), and present this information at the November 14 meeting.

Technology Services and Community Security

Update on Cameras and Security System

(See Discussion – Potential ARPA Funded Projects #4 above.)

Dogs Incident – Wednesday, September 25

Commissioner Adair talked about his encounter with three unrestrained dogs on September 24. On that date, the dogs came out of the yard at 3309 Mt. Rainier Drive, into the street, and charged at him and his dog. His dog was on a leash and, as he attempted to keep his dog under his control, he sustained a hand injury. He expressed concerns that this could have been much more serious, and he encouraged the commission to take steps to protect residents from dogs that are not properly restricted to their own property. (See more under Communications and Neighborhood)

Communications and Neighborhood

News Flyer Topics

Commissioner Rogers discussed some of the topics that will be included in the next community news flyer. They include the November 5 election of City Commissioners, issues related to dog control in our community, and a "save the date" note about the community's annual holiday gathering. David and Cindy Daunhauer have again agreed to host the event which is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 13.

Discussion – Animal Control Issues in our Community

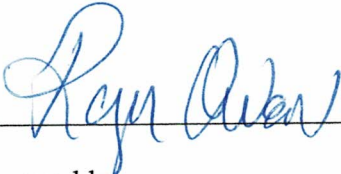
Commissioner Rogers said she and other city officials have been receiving more and more frequent complaints that dog owners are violating Louisville Metro Animal ordinances. The most frequent complaints are about dog owners who allow their dogs to charge at, and even injure residents; who allow their dogs to run at large in the streets and/or on private property; who ignore the Louisville Metro leash laws; and who leave their dog's feces in the public roadways or on private property.

Commissioner Rogers said the Commission is taking these complaints seriously and will seek legal counsel regarding the best options to address these issues going forward. One option is for the Commission to enact a local animal control ordinance with penalties for violations.

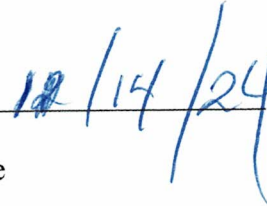
Other Business

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Pro Tem Owen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Rogers so moved, Commissioner Bowman seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Approved by
Mayor Pro Tem Roger Owen



Date



Submitted by
City Clerk Jeanne Keats



Date

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.
At the home of Treasurer, Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive