

**City of Hills and Dales
Minutes of the City Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

The Commission met in regular session on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Commissioner Roger Owen, 3315 Mt. Rainier Drive. City officials present were Mayor Andreas Wokutch, Commissioners Jeff Burnett, Roger Owen, Barbara Rogers and Kathy Weisbach, and Treasurer Joan Taylor and City Clerk Jeanne Keats. Mayor Wokutch called the meeting to order.

Approval of May 8, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes

Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the May 8, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Rogers so moved, Commissioner Owen 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 May 31, 2025 of \$341,278.99 and the City has no liabilities. The City's total income for May was \$3,039.75. Total expenses were \$2,926.65.

Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve the financials through May 31, 2025, Commissioner Burnett so moved, Mayor Wokutch seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Property Tax Rate

Following discussion, Mayor Wokutch called for a motion to approve a property tax rate of 20.5 cents for fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Commissioner Owen so moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance

Mayor Wokutch then called for a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 of \$92,028.00. Commissioner Burnett so moved, Commissioner Weisbach seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2026-2026 Property Tax Ordinance

Mayor Wokutch made a motion to approve the Property Tax Ordinance for fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with a rate of 20.5 cents. Commissioner Owen seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Note: City Clerk Keats will send the approved budget and property tax ordinances to all residents by first-class mail as per the KRS requirements to "publish".

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Governance and Legal

Mayor Wokutch reminded the Commission that Carla Sandusky, Director of State Government Affairs for Charter Communications, will she speak with the Commission virtually at its meeting on July 10, 2025 to discuss renewal of the City's franchise agreement with Charter which expires in September 2027.

Communications and Neighborhood

Ordinance Topics for Consideration

Commissioner Rogers discussed possible city ordinances to consider as per the checklist she provided the Commission prior to the meeting. She also reviewed selected resident responses from the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Survey Monkeys on topics such as property maintenance and animal control. She suggested that before the Commission considers any new ordinances, it might be useful to hear from residents about their current levels of satisfaction on these and other issues.

After discussion, Mayor Wokutch called for a motion for Commissioner Rogers to conduct another survey similar to those conducted in past years to learn more about residents' current levels of satisfaction on various issues. Commissioner Owen so moved, Commissioner Burnett seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Snow Removal, Roads and Signage

Letter from Louisville Paving

Commissioner Burnett said he will be meeting with a representative from Louisville Paving next week to review our City's roads and to hear their recommendations for future maintenance.

Update – Sinking Asphalt in Front of 3311 Mt. Rainier Drive

Commissioner Burnett said MSD looked at the sinking asphalt in front of 3311 Mt. Rainier Drive and reported that this was not an MSD issues, but a private issue for the City of Hills and Dales to address. Commissioner Owen said ground penetrating radar (GPR) might help the Commission find out what is going on beneath the sinking asphalt. Commissioner Burnett said he would check into who does GPR and try to obtain some cost estimates.

Maintenance, Utilities and Beautification

Invasive Honeysuckle Containment Project (ARPA funded)

Commissioner Owen said he did not yet have a timeline for when 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 had not yet discussed a second contract with Green Up LLC for the completion of this project in the fall. The second contract would use the City's remaining ARPA funds.

Partial Removal of Forsythia Bushes in Public Roads Right of Way

Commissioner Owen discussed possibly removing some of the Forsythia bushes in the public roads right of way between 3412 and 3420 Mt. Rainier Drive to keep it off the road. The project was tabled for future consideration.

Technology Services and Community Security

Any Issues with Security Camera System

Commissioner Weisbach reported that the camera system is working well, and there have been no further outages.

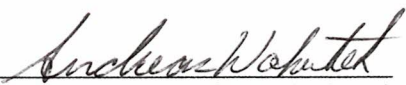
Any Issues with Website or City Email Accounts

Commissioner Weisbach also reported that she is unaware of any problems with the website or the city email accounts. She told City Treasurer Taylor she has learned that the monthly Google invoice for the Google Workspace will increase slightly in August.

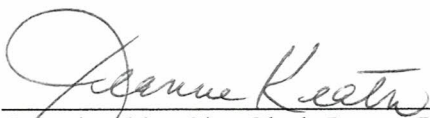
Other Business

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Wokutch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Burnett seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


Approved by Mayor Andreas Wokutch

7/10/25
Date


Submitted by City Clerk Jeanne Keats

7-10-25
Date

***NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Treasurer Taylor at 3300 Mt. Rainer Drive***