

City of Hills and Dales
Minutes of the City Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2026
7:00 p.m.

The Commission met in regular session on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive. City officials present were Commissioners Jeff Burnett, Roger Owen, Barbara Rogers and Kathy Weisbach and Treasurer Joan Taylor and City Clerk Jeanne Keats. Mayor Andreas Wokutch was absent. In the absence of Mayor Wokutch, Mayor Pro Tem Roger Owen called the meeting to order.

Approval of January 8, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Owen called for a motion to approve the January 8, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Weisbach so moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

Resident Comments

There were no resident comments.

Treasurer's Report

Financials

Treasurer Taylor reported total City assets as of January 31, 2026 of \$378,189.47 and the City has no liabilities. The City's total income for January was \$1,564.05 and total expenses were \$8,848.29. The Budget v. Actual report presented no concerns. The Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison showed revenues up 3.7% and expenses up 1.8%.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve the financials through January 31, 2026, Commissioner Burnett seconded and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Governance and Legal

No report.

Communications and Neighborhood

Continued Discussion of Legal Issues Related to Ordinances

Commission Rogers discussed the need to resolve some ordinance enforcement issues before the Animal Control and Property Maintenance and Restriction of Nuisances ordinances could be enacted. However, attorney John Singler suggested that the Commission could go forward with a second reading even though these issues are still being researched. Kentucky statutes require a minimum of two readings

before an ordinance is passed, but statutes do not prohibit more than two readings. In addition, the readings do not have to be at consecutive commission meetings.

Second Reading - Animal Control Ordinance

The Commission reviewed the Animal Control Ordinance for the second reading. There were no substantive changes. A standard severability clause was added at the end.

Second Reading - Property Maintenance and Restriction of Nuisances Ordinance

The Commission reviewed the Property Maintenance and Restrictions of Nuisances Ordinance for the second reading. There were some clerical edits but no substantive changes.

Snow Removal, Roads and Signage

Snow Removal Update

Commissioner Burnett reported that Nalley's Lawn Service and Landscaping, LLC did a good job during the recent snow and ice events. He said he sent a message to all residents communicating via neighbors@hillsanddales.city to inform them of Nalley's snow removal efforts. He said there were no resident complaints and he was not aware of any problems.

Roads

He said that he would review the roads for any new maintenance problems in the near future.

Maintenance, Utilities, Beautification

Hebel Irrigation Contract

Mayor Pro Tem Owen reviewed the new one-year Hebel Irrigation contract which includes services related to the City's entrance irrigation system. The contract price of \$481.07 is the same as last year's contract and the services are the same. He approved the contract for Treasurer Taylor to pay.

Expenditure of Remaining ARPA Funds

Mayor Pro Tem Owen reported that Green Up, LLC recently did work along the entrance woods/lawn interface removing some burning bush (another invasive species), clearing out downfalls and dead branches over the drainage channel and cutting down or limbing up a few trees as necessary to allow the lawn to receive sufficient sunlight. This work was paid from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and the cost was \$2,120.

Mayor Pro Tem Owen recommended spending the remaining \$3,872 of ARPA funds to 1) remove the forsythia hedge facing U.S. 42 to the left of the City's entrance sign and 2) clear the growth off the rock face that abuts the rip rap run going up the hill behind the Hills and Dales entry sign.

He suggested that if any ARPA funds remained after these projects, they could be used to remove any invasive honeysuckle that comes up in the early spring. The Commission expressed support for these uses of the City's final ARPA funds.

Annual Spring Cleanup of Common Areas

GreenUp LLC will perform the usual spring cleanup of the City's common areas in the coming months.

Technology Services and Security

New Group Email

Commissioner Weisbach reported that Commissioner Burnett's use of the new group email neighbors@hillsanddales.city to communicate with residents during the recent snow events highlighted the purpose of this communication tool. She said one other resident used it during the snows.

Website Change

She also told the Commission that City Clerk Keats asked her to remove David Daunhauer's name as a member of the Planning Committee because he and his wife, Cindy, have moved away from Hills and Dales.

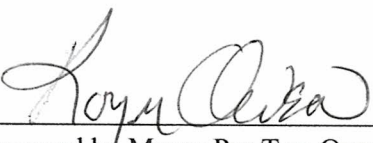
Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Owen called for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Rogers so moved, Commissioner Burnett seconded, and the Commission approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Approved by Mayor Pro Tem Owen

3/12/26
Date



Submitted by City Clerk Jeanne Keats

3-12-26
Date

***The next Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12
at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Treasurer Joan Taylor, 3300 Mt. Rainier Drive***