

City of Meadow Vale

JULY-2020



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Chief Ray Spann
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July is here and it is summer...

Construction has begun on the new buildings in the Plaza. The next thing we know, there will be two new buildings to enhance our city.

Hounz Lane Park has many updates with the tennis courts being resurfaced and new pickleball courts. It is exciting to know there are plans for more improvements. We are very fortunate to have a park so close that we can utilize.

Independence Day is upon us; one of the most important holidays of the year. We celebrate and salute the people who paved the way before us. Many of us come from humble beginnings and were fortunate to be given the intellectual tools and opportunities to advance ourselves. It wasn't money or material wealth.



We were taught if you work hard, were willing to make sacrifices and share your talent with others, life would reward you. Too often it gets translated to imply a monetary reward. At times that seems very sad, really. At those times we need to remind ourselves that being a part of family, sharing with friends, and believing in oneself to do good, no matter how small, still goes a long way. Therein lies the real reward. Things may not be what they used to be, but that common-sense advice still has meaning for today.

While you celebrate our freedoms this July 4th, be considerate of your neighbors, stay safe and remember... Meadow Vale is a wonderful place in which to live.

~ Mayor Hornek



OFFICER PHIL PETERS

Newest member of the force, Officer Phil Peters, took a moment to pose for the camera. He received his Class A police uniform recently.

If you have a chance to see him in your part of the city, take some time and say hello. You will find him in the black sedan.

**CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BY TELECONFERENCING – STATE OF EMERGENCY
06-15-2020
7:00PM – 7:37PM**

The Commission met in regular session through teleconferencing with Mayor Mary Hornek and the following Commissioners:

Commissioner Matt Hammond
Commissioner Mike Jones
Commissioner Cathy Morrow – **absent due to connectivity issues with ZOOM**
Commissioner Diane Roberts

Others present: City Treasurer Chris Lusher, City Attorney Carrie Ritsert and City Clerk Barbie Bryant.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 05-18-2020 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE MINUTES FOR 05-18-2020 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet for May. Discussion included research for Check #6530, dated 10-20-2019, that has not cleared and the need to void the check for Tire Discount. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR MAY WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.** The minutes will reflect that Commissioner Jones completed the oversight checklist and that the bank statements were available for review.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Spann had emailed his updates to the Commissioners for their review. There was no further discussion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hornek presented the list from Kentucky League of Cities that shows the allotment of \$54,865.00 funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES ACT) for any COVID-19 pandemic expenses incurred by the City of Meadow Vale. Once Resolution No. 22 is approved, the Mayor will begin submitting applications, on a regular basis, for those expense reimbursements. She will continue to monitor any changes at the Federal, State and Metro levels for additional federal funds eligibilities.

The location for the July meeting will be determined as the date draws nearer. There is still an issue with the ZOOM account's website accepting our monthly auto payment.

The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) annual insurance payment is due in the amount of

\$15,177.48, which includes a 12% discount for the police department. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE AMOUNT OF \$15,177.48 TO PURCHASE THE ANNUAL INSURANCE POLICY WITH KLC WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

The estimate for the purchase of computers for the Police Department and City Hall was presented in the amount of \$2,326.56. This purchase will be reimbursed by CARES Act funds. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS THE AMOUNT OF \$2,326.56 TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CITY HALL WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

The estimate from Motorola Solutions to purchase new radios for the Police Department was presented, in the amount of \$12,463.40. A portion of the amount will be reimbursed by CARES Act funds and the pricing follows the guidelines from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES THE AMOUNT OF \$12,463.40 TO PURCHASE RADIOS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

The grant paperwork was submitted to Homeland Security for reimbursement on two ballistic vests. The cost was \$1,445 and we will receive \$1,330 in grant award monies. Two, no-contact thermometers have been ordered for City Hall and the Police Department. Face masks and face shields will also be ordered.

Joint Board of Ethics members, Jimmy Hogan and Gary Sparks, were sworn in on 6-9-2020. Shannon Stafford is expected to be sworn in by the end of this month.

CHARTER – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Mayor Hornek has still not received a signed contract from Charter for the renewal of the franchise agreement. The rates from the contract on file are still in effect.

JOINT BOARD OF ETHICS – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

City Attorney Ritsert sent the signed agreement to the Mayor, which showed final approval from the Dept of Local Government for the Joint Board of Ethics (Cities of Meadow Vale, Rolling Hills and Westwood).

RUMPKE GARBAGE - ANNUAL CONTRACT

Mayor Hornek received the Rumpke contract and it appears to have a different rate than in the 2018-2019 contract, page 3 section 5, which allows a renewal at the same rate. Commissioner Roberts did a comparison and the newest contract has an increase of about \$1.20 per household (\$4,200). The Mayor will contact their office to discuss the contract.

RESOLUTION #22 – C.A.R.E.S. RELIEF FUNDS

City Clerk Bryant read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 22

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION (“CITY”) AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (“CRF”) APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INCURRED EXPENSES IN CRF FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOV-

ERNMENT (“DLG”); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY DLG TO REIMBURSE THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

WHEREAS, City of Meadow Vale desires reimbursement for expenses incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) on behalf of the residents of Meadow Vale; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that CRF funds are available to the City, pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), and impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the City that require among other things:

1. Approval of a satisfactory application by the City transmitted to DLG for approval; and
2. Other obligations of the City in connection with receiving the CRF funds for the purposes stated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this 15th day of June, 2020, by the COMMISSION:

That a CRF application on behalf of the City for CRF funds for reimbursement of expenses incurred by City due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 shall be submitted to DLG; the Mayor shall provide such additional information and furnish such documentation as may be required; and authorize the Mayor to act as the authorized correspondent for reimbursement.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, RESOLUTION NO. 22 CARES RELIEF FUNDS WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

ORDINANCE #24 – TAX ORDINANCE FOR FY 2020-2021

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **COMMISSIONER HAMMOND MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #24, TAX ORDINANCE FOR FY 2020-2021. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS.**

THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER JONES	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER HAMMOND	-	AYE
MAYOR HORNEK	-	AYE

ORDINANCE #25 – FY 2020-2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **COMMISSIONER HAMMOND MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #25, FY 2020-2021 ANNUAL BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES.**

THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER JONES	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER HAMMOND	-	AYE
MAYOR HORNEK	-	AYE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Hammond has set the date of June 28th, 2:00pm, to paint the berm.

Commissioner Roberts had presented her report by email with the following reference: MSD has been in city, but citizens have initiated service on their own. As they should. I believe MVC should reconsider this commission designation or at least refine description of duties.

Commissioner Jones reported that the protests held on the four corners of Westport Road and N. Hurstborne Lane were peaceful and without incidents.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 7:37pm when all were disconnected from ZOOM.

*****These are unofficial meeting minutes pending Commission approval*****

HISTORY ON HOUNZ LANE PARK

William Haunz (actual name Wilhelm Haunz) The family owned or added farm property that went as far as Brownsboro Rd. They grew potatoes, other crops and had a large orchard. They also had livestock. The original land record are not available (plate maps.) The office that houses those records was closed in February for renovation and hasn't reopened because of the virus. Note: We are not sure where the original homestead was located. We couldn't find why or how the name became Hounz instead of Haunz, but much of our research referred to them as HAUNZ.

January 6, 1888 – William Haunz I was killed by an explosion while blasting stumps. Most likely the stumps would have been somewhere in modern day Meadow Vale.

March 26, 1892 – Haunz family purchased property that is today Rolling Hills.

December 8, 1895 Haunz and other local farmer take Lakeland (Now Central State) to court because they believed that Lakeland was polluting Goose Creek. Farmers reported animals getting sick and declining crops. The judge dismissed the case because, at that time, a state institution could not be sued. Note: The mental institution was disposing of human waste and amounts of Mercury. The mercury most likely was the crop killer but the waste carried tuberculosis and other illnesses. In June, 1897 sewage issues were being addressed. Articles talk about chemists being sent to Goose Creek and it was ruled that the water was bad and that filters should be put in at any expense. No articles on if this was ever done.

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It was not clear if Haunz sold or owned the property where Central State is located, but in another article a neighboring farmhand wanted “revenge” and a fight ensued between the farmhand, William Haunz and his son William Haunz II. The farmhand and William Jr. were taken to jail downtown. Note: The younger (William Haunz II) may have been suffering from development problems due to mercury poisoning.

November 16, 1889 – the first sale of Haunz property which is now Keenland and Rolling Hills.

October, 1906 William Haunz Sr. passed and Martha Haunz Yeger sues William Haunz Jr. over distribution of land from the will.

November, 1929 – William Haunz II married Fannie Kline.

March, 1921 -Youngest daughter of William Haunz I dies and the funeral was held at Holy Trinity Church.

March, 1929 - 36 acres of land for sale by family. Could be what is now Anchorage

September, 1929 – Family is involved in a law suit with St. Mathews agriculture over a bad potato crop

And Finally:

In 1946 Land is sold with intent to build a subdivisions the ad boost the easy access to Anchorage water line. “New homes with Brick Veneer (Meadow Vale)” were advertised.

August, 1949 – Proposed Bill set before Louisville City Council to widen Hounz Lane. Note: name was mistakenly (???) misspelled and it has been that way ever since.

November , 1959 - A permit was issued for the establishment of the park.

September 26, 1971 - The new EP Tom Sawyer Park announced plans for a larger parking area. This same article sited high pollution level in Goose Creek.

An interesting fact that has nothing to do with the Haunz Family:

On April, 1891 the Herr Family (homestead across from Westport middle school) held a wedding reception for their daughter. 90 people ate poison mushrooms. 26 died (including the groom) and one slave was lynched. There were many articles about this because it was the highest death toll in Louisville since the Civil War. Some say it was accidental. Some said it was revenge by a sister who loved the groom. I am not sure why the slave was killed.

~Submitted by Commissioner Morrow



Other Numbers

Jefferson County Emergency
911

Lyndon Fire Department
502-425-7474

Rumpke Sanitation
502-568-3800

Louisville Gas & Electric
502-589-3500

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COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY MEETING

City Commissioners of Meadow Vale meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at City Hall (9408 Blossom Ln, Suite A). The meeting is open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend. *Due to the recent Executive order by Governor Beshear, future meetings will be held via teleconferencing.. We will have instructions on how to join a meeting posted on City Hall's door.*



The Cities of Meadow Vale, Rolling Hills and Westwood recently decided to participate together to form a Joint Board of Ethics. The three members who volunteered to represent the City of Meadow, were sworn in during the month of June. They are, from left to right, Gary Sparks, Jimmy Hogan and Shannon Stafford.

RUMPKE

Several residents received a bill from Rumpke for services. This was done in **ERROR!!** Please do not pay the bill and please call

Rumpke to let them know about this issue. 502-568-3800