

City of Meadow Vale

OCTOBER–2020



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It is October 2020 and it is difficult for me to believe we are only a couple of months away from the end of the year ...

Normally, we would be preparing for Halloween with trick-or-treating and parties. We should be keeping our porch lights on for the neighborhood children to know we are participating in the festivities. Since we are still in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, this year will be quite different. It is yet another reminder of the difficult circumstance to which we've had to become adjusted.

The CDC has released their recommended guidelines for us to follow while observing Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meadow Vale will follow these procedures. As always, each individual resident can make the decision on how to observe their family holiday season doing as they see fit. The important thing is to act wisely and safely so that the season does not become a bad memory.

I want to take a moment to thank our police officers, city staff and volunteers for all the help they have been throughout this challenging year. The City would not be the same without their hard work and dedication to you, the residents of Meadow Vale.

I would also like to thank the many residents and area businesses who maintain their landscaping and/or engage in remodeling to enhance the area. Such effort helps increase the property values in addition to enhancing the curb appeal of the area.

Finally, I want to share with you that I, along with all of you, are concerned about the Louisville Metro community in which we live. This has been a time of stress and concern for each of us in that we each may have friends on one side of the equation or the other. It can create tension that becomes difficult to handle. However, only as we are able to listen to and support one another will we be able to move on to the next chapter of our lives; a time in which we all feel respected, safe, and comforted.

Thank you, everyone, for caring and keeping us a wonderful place to live.

~ Mayor Hornek

New Home for the 8th Division

Many have noticed construction taking place along Goose Creek Road between Blossom Lane and Westport Road. The building being constructed will be the new home of LMPD's 8th Division, located for many years in the East Government Center on Juneau Drive. The projected move date is November of this year.



**CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BY TELECONFERENCING – STATE OF EMERGENCY
09-21-2020**

**09-21-2020
7:00PM – 7:40PM**

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
Commissioner Diane Roberts

Others present: City Treasurer Chris Lusher, City Attorney Carrie Ritsert, City Clerk Barbie Bryant and Code Enforcement Officer George Stewart.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 08-17-2020 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORROW, THE MINUTES FOR 08-17-2020 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet for July and August. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MORROW, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR JULY AND AUGUST WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.** The minutes will reflect that Commissioner Jones will complete 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. Discussion will be provided during Commissioner Jones' monthly report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart reported the issue on Boxford Way was still ongoing. Both the Meadow Vale Police Department and LMPD were aware of the issues. A grass and shrubs issue on Lanesboro have been addressed. Commissioner Roberts requested Mr. Stewart follow up with updates to several MV citizens about former complaints. The October newsletter will remind the residents about nuisance issues and how to maintain their properties.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hornek will purchase a web camera and conference speaker for the TV in City Hall. This purchase will be reimbursed through CARES funds. The Interlocal Agreement to join the KLC Investment Pool Plus program will be mailed this week to KLC. Once the agreement has been documented by the Kentucky Department of Local Government, the current funds with Baird Investments will be transferred.

Mayor Hornek has been informed by Chase Bank that safety deposit boxes will no longer be housed at the branch in Westport Plaza, effective 12-31-2020. Alternate plans will be discussed in future meetings once she has had an opportunity to discuss this issue with the bank.

Since future meetings will continue through Zoom, Commissioner Jones requested that the Commissioners' annual salary checks be mailed in November.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Hammond reported it took a total of 8 gallons of white paint to paint the berm wall. He also took time to trim the landscape in and around the berm.

Commissioner Roberts had no report.

Commissioner Morrow had no report but a plan concerning Halloween traditions for the City of Meadow Vale was discussed at length. Updates and procedures will be addressed in the October Newsletter.

Commissioner Jones reported the Police Department is strongly on target for accreditation by the end of December. An ongoing issue concerning on street parking in Rolling Hills and Meadow Vale is being handled. Each city has a different ordinance that pertains to this issue. Shoplifting continues to be monitored at Harbor Freight and Ollies. LMPD has requested backup from local city police departments if situations arise from the Breona Taylor verdict, which is due out on 9-22-2020.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40PM WAS APPROVED CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR CITY COMMISSION

MIKE JONES

Mike and his wife Mary have been residents of Meadow Vale since April 2014. They have three adult children, five grandchildren and a grand-dog all living in the Louisville area. Mike is a retired senior IT leader but continues to do IT consulting on a contract basis. He also offers handyman services to neighborhoods surrounding Meadow Vale. Mary is a retired school teacher but still does substitute teaching. Mary and Mike have been members of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church for forty-one years.

Mike has served as Meadow Vale's Safety/Police Commissioner since January 2019.

MATT HAMMOND

My name is Matt Hammond and I'm running for a second term as City Commissioner for the City of Meadow Vale. I have served the City of Meadow Vale in different capacities. I have served as the City Clerk from December 2015 until December 2018. I was sworn in as the City Commissioner in January 2019. I serve as the Commissioner overseeing City roads, signs, sidewalks and road signs. I have replaced and fixed numerous signs damaged from wind, age and vandalism throughout Meadow Vale. You might have seen me in my blue F-150 doing repairs throughout our neighborhood.

I have attended Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) continuing education programs. I received my KLC accreditation as a certified/trained Commissioner/Councilman in 2019. I attended a free seminar in Lexington regarding sidewalk lawsuit liability for Kentucky cities. I was able to secure Precision Concrete, the premier contractor to come out and remediate the section of sidewalk along Hounz Lane to be in compliance with Federal and State.

I have spear-headed the rejuvenation of the concrete wall section of the berm along Hurstbourne Parkway, painting it in the fall of 2018, a touch up in the fall of 2019, graffiti removal in the winter of 2019 and a complete new coating in August of 2020. I look forward to serving the City of Meadow Vale in whatever capacity best suits the needs of the City in the future.

LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY



Louisville Water wants to give small businesses a greater opportunity to work with us. As we deliver water to our customers every day, we create jobs for hundreds of large and small businesses. We are looking for suppliers and contractors who can deliver great quality work. If you are a small business, we want to work with you.

We encourage small businesses to [apply to be a qualified Louisville Water Small Business Equity \(SBE\) program member](#). Only Louisville Water SBE program members can bid on certain Louisville Water projects, and Louisville Water will determine what those projects are. Our SBE program generally includes bidding on construction, professional services, or general services contracts for more than \$30,000 but less than \$250,000.

Visit LouisvilleWater.com/procurement-sbe for benefits of the program, how to apply, FAQs, and information on training sessions.

ELECTION INFORMATION

A Message from State Representative Jason Nemes

Before I discuss Jefferson County's plan, I'd like my Oldham County constituents to note that Oldham County has had its plan for weeks now. You may access it [here](#).

After the Jefferson County Board of Elections announced that it would have 8 polling locations across the entire county on Election Day, I immediately called elected officials in Jefferson County--Republicans and Democrats--and asked them to stand with me to fight for more polling locations. I was happy to join with many of them to stand with me to fight for more polling locations. I was happy to join with many of them from all over Louisville. I also immediately reached out to the Secretary of State and the Governor, who would have had to approve the plan for it to go into effect, and asked them to send the plan back for revision.

I am happy to report that Secretary of State Michael Adams has done just that, and now we have 20 locations at which to vote on Election Day. A hearty thanks for JCPS Superintendent Marty Pollio for making our school buildings available.

It is important to note that this plan is not 100 percent final because it has not been officially signed by the Governor and Secretary of State, but every indication points to approval. So, absent a court challenge, the following are the locations at which you may vote on Election Day.

You may vote at any of these locations, as they are all what we call Election Super-Centers. In other words, you will not be assigned a location; you may choose the one that best fits your needs. (cont.)

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1. KY Exposition Center
 2. YUM Center
 3. KY Center for African American Heritage
 4. Louisville Marriott East
 5. Carter Duvall Elementary School
 6. Meyzeek Middle
 7. Western High
 8. Iroquois High
 9. Southern High
 10. Seneca High
 11. Waggener High
 12. Crosby Middle
 13. Fern Creek High
 14. Fairdale High
 15. Jeffersontown High
 16. Ballard High
 17. Valley High
 18. Shawnee High
 19. Thomas Jefferson Middle
 20. There were only 19 listed in the plan, but it said there were 20, so I assume the 20th is at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office

Pre-Election Day Polling Locations

In addition to voting on Election Day, you may vote in-person at the following sites from October 13 to November 2. Again, you may vote at any of the sites.

1. KY Exposition Center
2. YUM Center
3. KY Center for African American Heritage
4. Louisville Marriott East

Voting Absentee By Mail

You may still vote absentee by mail if you prefer. you need to make your request for a ballot by October 8. If you want to vote absentee by mail, you may request a ballot [here](#).

If you vote this way, you can either return your ballot via the U.S. Post Office or you can drop it off yourself at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office.

Register to Vote

The deadline to register to vote for the General Election is October 5. You are able to register and vote as long as you will be eligible by Election Day, so if you turn 18 between October 5 and November 3 (Election Day), you may still register to vote. It is very simple and takes just a few minutes. You can register [here](#)

CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Halloween

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

Lower risk activities -- These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with

Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house

Moderate risk activities

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)

If you are preparing goodie bags, [wash your hands](#) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags.

- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
- A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
- If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

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- o Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- o Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart
- o If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on [hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#).

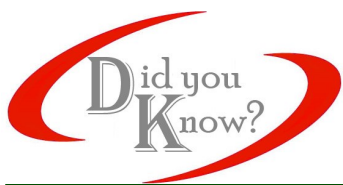
Higher risk activities -- Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household

Using [alcohol or drugs](#), which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors

Traveling to a [rural](#) fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19

For All Holiday Recommendations, please go to:



cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html

§ 92.06 CERTAIN CONDITIONS DECLARED A NUISANCES.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person having control or management of any land within the city to permit a public nuisance to develop thereon.

(B) The following conditions are declared to be public nuisances;

(1) *Environmental nuisance.*

(a) The outdoor storage of display of appliances and household items;

(b) Any tree, stack, or other object standing in such a condition that it is likely to, if the condition is allowed to continue, endanger the life, limb or property of, or cause hurt, damage or injury to persons or property by the falling thereof or of parts thereof;

(c) An accumulation on any premises of filth, refuse, trash, garbage or other waste material which endangers the public health, welfare or safety, or materially interferes with the peaceful enjoyment by owners or occupants of adjacent property because of the danger that it will catch or communicate fire, attract and propagate vermin, rodents or insects, or blow rubbish into any street, sidewalk or property of another;

(d) Any grass growth exceeding six inches in height, excessive accumulations of grass, weeds, rubbish, leaves, dead trees, flowers, bushes or other ornamental plants; and

(e) Disposal or accumulation of any foul, decaying or putrescent substances or other offensive materials in or on any lot, tract of land, street, highway or any sidewalk or alley abutting any of these which shall be reason of such offensive odor.

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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.*

- (2) *Health hazard.* Any accumulation of rubbish, plant material, scrap metal, car parts, appliances or any other material which attracts vermin, rodents or insects or is otherwise injurious to the public health.
- (3) *Interference with use of others.* Any condition that materially interferes with the peaceful enjoyment by owners/occupants of adjacent property.
- (4) *Storage of explosives.* The storage of explosive material that creates a safety hazard to other property or persons in the vicinity.
- (5) *Open wells.* The maintenance of any open, uncovered or insecurely covered cistern, cellar, well, pit, excavation or vault situated upon private premises in any open or unfenced lot or place.
- (6) *Trees and shrubbery obstructing streets, sidewalks and drainage.* The growing and maintenance of trees or shrubbery that in any way interferes with the use, construction or maintenance of streets or sidewalks, causes injury to streets or sidewalks or constitutes an obstruction to drainage.
- (7) *Keeping of animals.* The failure to keep sanitary conditions and free from preventable offensive odors.
- (8) *Junk; scrap metal; motor vehicles.* The storage of motor vehicles in an inoperative condition, motor vehicles unfit for further use, automobile parts or scrap metal within the city limits except on premises authorized by the city for such purposes.

(Ordinance 3, Series 2008-2009, passed 6-16-2008)