

City of Meadow Vale

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November 2020 — it is time to reflect and be grateful for what we have...

The Thanksgiving holiday will be different from years past for many in our neighborhood as well as others across our country and around the world. We are in a situation none of us asked for but all of us must navigate in some way. Still, in all of this, I'm confident each of us can find several things to be thankful for.



If your family chooses to follow CDC guidelines, try a Zoom call or other communications platform to socialize with family and friends. Several people have reported how this helps in easing the sense of being separated.

If your family chooses to gather despite the CDC recommendations, take care to protect all who are vulnerable to contracting COVID-19 or seasonal influenza. In Jefferson County, our numbers are increasing at an alarming rate and one cannot be certain as to who is and who isn't a carrier.

November is also our national and local election time; a general election. Please get out and vote if you have not already done so. We have a great country and many privileges other countries do not enjoy. Do your part to protect those rights and services of that are of value and never take them for granted.

A final thought for this holiday is to remember — happiness comes from within and not from others or things. Thanks to all for caring and keeping us a wonderful place to live. I am grateful for the great efforts many of you make. Trust me, it is noticed.

Happy Thanksgiving

~ Mayor Hornek

LOU HEALTH COVID-19 Helpline: 502-912-8598

If you received a positive test, please call us

- Waiting for COVID19 test results and not sure what to do?
- Questions about symptoms?
- Were you in close contact with someone who tested positive and need to know what to do?
- Have questions about safely isolating or quarantining at home?
- Have questions about contact tracing?

The helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Language translation services available.



More information: [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.kycovid19.ky.gov) | www.louisvilleky.gov/covid19

**CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BY TELECONFERENCING – STATE OF EMERGENCY
10-19-2020
7:00PM – 7:34PM**

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 09-21-2020 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, THE MINUTES FOR 09-21-2020 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet for September. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORROW, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR SEPTEMBER WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.** The minutes will reflect that Commissioner Hammond 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 had been turned over to Louisville Metro Police Code Enforcement as of October 12th. The property on Somerford Court will receive a citation after receiving two warnings.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hornek submitted a second request of \$14,677 to DLG for a CARE funds reimbursement. The request was approved on 10-12-2020. The Mayor has received an estimate of \$2,500.00 from Strategic Communications to wire the City Hall TV and speaker for future meetings.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS' ESTIMATE OF \$2500 WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Still waiting on approval from DLG for an Interlocal Agreement to participate in the KLC Investments. The annual financial statements were sent to DLG in September. We received confirmation all documentation submitted was acceptable. We have submitted the KLC safety grant for half the cost of the Police Department Accreditation. If the grant is approved, we will be eligible to receive up to \$1,380.00. The KLC safety grant is based on a first come first served basis. The Kentucky Department of Homeland Security deposited grant money for two ballistic vests in the amount of \$1,330.00 in September. The Police Department's accreditation application has been submitted.

Discussion followed concerning the closing of the Chase Bank in the Westport Plaza. Mayor Hornek will research several options and report her findings at the November meeting.

At the end of September, 60% of property taxes had been received. A reminder will be mailed to current outstanding property owners and the City Attorney will address habitual property owners who have not paid the tax for several years.

RESOLUTION #25, KLC SAFETY GRANT

City Clerk Bryant read the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON APPROVAL, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES (KLC), TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS THAT ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY KLC TO FACILITATE AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The City of Meadow Vale is insured by the Kentucky League of Cities and KLC safety and liability reviews recommend that agencies become KACP accredited: and

WHEREAS, this accreditation process reviews a wide area of police operations. This status has been found to lower exposure to agencies in the area of lawsuits: and

WHEREAS, there is a KLC safety grant that will assist with the cost of becoming accredited: and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that an application for and approval of KLC funds impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the city:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this 19th day of October 2020, by the legislative body of the City of Meadow Vale, Kentucky, that:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and furnish all required documentation, including a memorandum of agreement, as may be required by KLC for the furtherance of the above referenced project and to act as the authorized correspondent for said project

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #25, KLC SAFETY GRANT WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Hammond reported that lights are all working, no new graffiti and the berm is still looking good with the new paint.

Commissioner Roberts had no report.

Commissioner Morrow had no report.

Commissioner Jones asked if any Commissioner had questions concerning the Chief's monthly report. There were none. Shoplifting continues to be on the rise. The Chief would like the "Caring Neighborhood Program" to continue into the coming months. The November newsletter will again highlight the program.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:34PM WAS APPROVED CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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

SAFETY MEASURES

Between the end of daylight-saving time and traditionally foot traffic-heavy holidays like Halloween, now is a time when pedestrians of all ages need to be cautious when crossing the road. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a pedestrian is killed every 90 minutes on average.

As the sun sets earlier and adults and kids hit the streets for exercise and entertainment, keep the following tips in mind:

Wear light colors. Donning dark clothing makes you more difficult for drivers to see at night. If you are out after dark, wear something that makes you stand out.

Consider reflective tape. Bicycle clothing often includes reflective materials that improve cyclists' visibility in the dark. Pedestrians can benefit from this same precaution when walking at night.

Use marked paths. Day or night, jaywalking and walking in parts of the road reserved for cars increase the likelihood of an accident. When you have the option, it is always best to walk on the sidewalk or use a crosswalk.

Walk against traffic. If you are walking on a section of road with no marked path, you should walk on the side of the road and travel in the opposite direction of oncoming traffic. This gives you a full view of the vehicles that are approaching you.

Pay attention to road signs and signals. Before you cross the road or move through an intersection, look not only at nearby traffic but what drivers are expected to do. A driver's behavior at a stop sign or red light may be different than at a yield sign or turn arrow, so make note of the signs and proceed with caution.

Stay alert. Whether you're crossing the street or walking in a parking lot, it is important to be aware of nearby vehicles. Look both ways, listen for traffic, and watch for headlights when you're walking after dark.

Travel in well-lit areas. Any time you are walking after dark, it is much better to stay on paths illuminated by streetlights, the lights of local businesses, etc. Vehicle headlights stay focused on the road ahead, and it may be difficult for even the most attentive driver to spot a pedestrian in an area with little to no light.

Don't text and walk. Distractions aren't just a hazard for drivers. If you text or talk on the phone while walking, your attention will be dangerously divided. If you want to read and respond to a text or take a phone call, stop walking and stand out of the way of other pedestrians.

Watch for cars in reverse. If you're walking in a parking lot or past a driveway, watch for the telltale white lights. Even at the typically slow speeds of driving in reverse, pedestrians can still be seriously injured if a car backs over them.

Set a good example for your kids. Children model the behavior of their parents in many different ways. One of the earliest childhood lessons is how to cross the street safely. Any time you're out for a walk is a chance to lead by example; teach kids by showing them what to do.

Whether you're out for a daytime stroll or you're walking after sunset, vigilance is key for any pedestrian activity. We hope these tips are helpful the next time you hit the street for fun, fitness, and more!

MEADOW VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Given an increase in thefts from vehicles, MVPD encourages you to take proper precautions to protect your property. Please be alert and report any suspicious activity immediately. You can protect your property by following these guidelines:

- Always lock your vehicles!
- If possible, park in your garage or in a well-lit area
- Always do a nightly check to ensure your garage door is closed
- If the vehicle is parked outside, double check to guarantee it is locked
- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicles including: fire-arms, wallets, purses, GPS devices, cell phones, computer devices/tablets, backpacks, loose change, etc.
- Never leave your unattended car running
- Do not hide a key in your vehicle or attached to its exterior
- If you park outside, remove any garage-door openers or key fobs from the vehicle
- At night, turn on your outside lights - this helps officers on patrol to observe anyone lurking around your property

By following these crime-prevention tips, together we can make it harder for criminals. Please share this information with family, friends, and neighbors.

Be vigilant and report any suspicious activity

MVPD Officer on Duty: 502-548-2599

LMPD 8th Division: 502-574-2258

EMERGENCY: 911

CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. [Travel](#) increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the [risks involved](#).

Lower risk activities

- Having a small [dinner](#) with only people who live in your household
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday
- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home

Moderate risk activities

- Having a small outdoor [dinner](#) with family and friends who live in your community
- Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on [hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#).
- 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
- Attending a small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place

Higher risk activities

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

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded race
- Attending crowded parades

Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors

- Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

For All Holiday Recommendations, please go to:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html)

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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www.cityofmeadowvale.org

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.*

Caring Neighbor Program

As part of a Caring Neighbor program, we have a few residents in our city that might need a little extra assistance. Should you live alone or have some special circumstance and voluntarily wish for officers of the Meadow Vale Police Department to check on you, please complete the attached application. The application can be emailed to police@cityofmeadowvale.org or sent to our office:

**Meadow Vale Police Department
9408 Blossom Lane, Suite A
Louisville, Kentucky 40241**

On a weekly basis, we can stop by your house or simply make a telephone call to ensure everything is OK. This program will be implemented into our everyday patrol responsibilities as we continue to strive to make our city the safest and most welcoming community in Jefferson County. Should you have any questions regarding the program or possibly know of a neighbor who might be appropriate for this voluntary program, please call the police duty phone at 502-548-2599.

