

# City of Meadow Vale

## DECEMBER–2020



### **Meadow Vale Officials**

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Drainage Commissioner  
Diane Roberts  
502-412-6146

Lights, Signs & Streets Commissioner  
Matt Hammond  
502-438-0278

Safety Commissioner  
Mike Jones  
502-492-1400

Social & Special Events Commissioner  
Cathy Morrow  
502-797-2558

City Clerk Barbie Bryant  
502-507-1863

Treasurer Chris Lusher  
502-465-3843

Administrative Assistant  
Pat Teeter  
502-412-5500

Meadow Vale Police  
Chief Ray Spann  
Sergeant James Wilder  
Officer Phil Peters  
Officer on Duty 548-2599  
Non-emergency 574-5471



As we enter December, the end of 2020 is quickly approaching. With the closing of one year and the beginning of another, many of us take time to look back and ask ourselves: “What have I done to make the world a better place?”

2020 has been a truly unusual year for the whole world and not just those of us in the USA. We have made required adjustments from the way we become accustomed to living, working and playing. At one level or another, there has been a tremendous sense of loss for many of us. At the same time, others have learned what is truly important in life. For sure, it has been a time to reorder our priorities.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, I’m hoping that we do not see an increase in illness and greater loss of life as we approach the Christmas season. As you celebrate the Holidays that come from your own personal beliefs, remember to practice safety guidelines to protect family and yourself. We all need to remember to be respectful of others; it is the framework on which we build a better, stronger, and more resilient society.

A final thought for this holiday time is to remember...as we extinguish the candle of 2020...let us brighten 2021 with the radiant light of hope and glistening optimism.

As always, I thank you all for caring and keeping Meadow Vale a wonderful place to call “home.” In keeping with this, there are many pleasant changes on the horizon for Meadow Vale!

Happy Holidays!

~ Mayor Hornek



Congratulations go out to re-elected Commissioners Matt Hammond and Mike Jones. We thank both Diane Roberts and Cathy Morrow who have served as Commissioners since 2014 and 2016 respectively.

**The City of Meadow Vale will need two (2) additional Commissioners to help guide it for 2021 and 2022. We also have a need to have one (1) resident join the Joint Ethics Board. If you are interested in becoming a Commissioner or Board member, please contact Mayor Mary Hornek.**

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**CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
BY TELECONFERENCING – STATE OF EMERGENCY  
11-16-2020  
7:02PM – 8:05PM**

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**  
Commissioner Diane Roberts – **joined meeting at 7:11pm.**

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 10-19-2020 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE MINUTES FOR 10-19-2020 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-0.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet for October. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR OCTOBER WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-0.** The minutes will reflect that Commissioner Jones will complete the oversight checklist and that the bank statements were available for review.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart reported on issues concerning Tiverton Way, Boxford Court and Somerford Road.

Commissioner Roberts joined the meeting at 7:11pm and asked if the issue on Tiverton Way was the same one she had received from a neighbor. CEO Stewart assured her he would continue to monitor the situation.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Spann had emailed his updates to the Commissioners for their review. Discussion will be provided during Commissioner Jones' monthly report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hornek reported that the annual salary checks have been submitted and will be distributed to the Commissioners this month. She congratulated Commissioners Hammond and Jones on their re-election victories. Two additional seats will need to be filled after the first of the year. A second re-imbusement check, in the amount of \$14,677 for CARES funds, has been received. The available balance is \$21,980.

The Department for Local Government has approved the inter-local agreement for the city to participate in the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Investment Pool. The city's investments with Baird Investments will be transferred to PNC (where the KLC Investment Pool is managed.)

There are still 16 properties that have not paid their 2020 property tax bill. City Attorney Ritsert has issued letters to five of those properties that have had prior year's tax liens filed against them.

With the purchase of new computers through CARES funds, the need to individually license them for Microsoft 365 was brought before the Commission. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE INCREASE TO \$20/MONTH FOR TWO ADDITIONAL LICENSES WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

Still waiting to see if the submitted KLC safety grant application has been approved 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 Mayor received a renewal contract from Walsh Bros Lawn Care, Inc. for snow removal. The following rates were submitted: for up to 2” of snow, apply rock salt \$1,050.00; 2” or more of snow, plow all roads and courts \$550.00; Depths greater than 6” could require additional work and resources billed at \$140/hour. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR SNOW REMOVAL BY WALSH BROS LAWN CARE, INC., WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

With the closing of the Chase Bank in the Westport Plaza, Mayor Hornek has been in contact with the 5/3 (Fifth Third) Bank and proposed the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION #26, FIFTH THIRD BANK**

City Clerk Bryant read the following:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY**  
**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT WITH**  
**5/3 (FIFTH/THIRD) BANK FOR THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Meadow Vale Kentucky was informed by Chase Bank that it would close its doors on December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the 5/3 (Fifth/Third) Bank has now established a branch within the Westport Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the opening of an account will include checking and savings accounts and a safety deposit box.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, by the legislative body of the City of Meadow Vale, Kentucky:

Said checking accounts, savings account and safety deposit box will be opened at the 5/3 (Fifth/Third) Bank, 2900 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40241, within the City of Meadow Vale, Kentucky on the following expressed conditions:

That the checking and savings accounts will follow state requirements.

That access to the safety deposit box will be limited to the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem.

The Mayor will have authority to add and remove individuals when necessary with the approval of the City Commission.

That said safety deposit box will contain documents and items necessary to run the City in case of emergency.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and furnish all required documentation to establish two (2) checking accounts, a savings account and safety deposit box on behalf of the City of Meadow Vale

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**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #26, FIFTH THIRD BANK WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Commissioner Hammond had no specific report, but the Commissioners did discuss the need to resurface the streets during this fiscal year. It was agreed that the months of April or May would be acceptable months. City Attorney Ritsert will provide Commissioner Hammond with a template on how to proceed using Road Fund Municipal Aid for this project. She advised that the bidding process could be conducted now with knowledge that the project would not begin until late April or early May.

Commissioner Roberts had previously reported on issues with properties on Tiverton Way and Somerford Road with the Code Enforcement Officer Stewart.

Commissioner Jones asked if any Commissioner had questions concerning the Chief's monthly report. There were none. The Police Department's monthly staff meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. He mentioned the large number of activities on Rolling Hills' monthly criminal report. The Accreditation inspection is scheduled for the month of December.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05 PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

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



**Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25, 2020**

**Customers serviced on Monday through Thursday will NOT be affected by Christmas Day.. Service will NOT occur on Friday, December 25. Service will be delayed one day (Friday will move to Saturday).**



Some residents of Meadow Vale have asked how they can help others with needs during the continuation of the coronavirus pandemic.

Eastern Area Community Ministries, which serves people living east of the Watterson Expressway and north of Interstate 64, perpetually has a need for help in stocking the pantry. Of special need is non-food items such as diapers, laundry detergent and toilet paper. These are their three, top-requested items. Cereal and hearty soups are much appreciated as well, according to EACM's executive director, Rev. Carrie Gerard. At the same time, she says they always have plenty of peanut butter, canned vegetables, and tuna.

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. When you arrive at their location, 9104 Westport Road, please call 502-426-2824, ext. 312 and someone will come out to receive the donation.

If interested, residents can sign up for their monthly newsletter at [www.eacmonline.org](http://www.eacmonline.org).



Due to social distancing guidelines, Light Up Louisville will not be held downtown this year. But, there may still be an opportunity for your family to see some of Santa's helpers, Frosty the Snowman, and a few of Santa's best elves! This mobile convoy will visit more than 20 neighborhoods throughout the community on November 27 and 28 as well as December 5, 12, and 19. Visit the [Light Up Louisville](http://Light Up Louisville) website to nominate your neighborhood for a visit.

## CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



### Events & Gatherings

Enjoy the holidays and take steps to protect yourself from getting or spreading COVID-19. [Learn more](#)

### 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.*