

City of Meadow Vale

AUGUST-2021



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

August is bringing us many changes and bright faces...

School will be back in session with different settings depending on where your student attends classes.



If you are aware of anyone needing assistance with back-to-school supplies, contact city hall at: (502) 412-5500. Please let us know where needs may be within the community.

Be aware of school children on the roads walking to and from bus stops or school. Use extreme caution on the roadways to give our young a positive experience when going to and from school.

As a reminder, the speed limit inside the residential area is 20 MPH and there is NO on street parking.

Members of the City Commission and I welcome all new residents to Meadow Vale. We trust you'll enjoy living in our neighborhood.

New residents, if you are not receiving the newsletter via email and would like, contact Pat Teeter at City Hall to have your name added to the distribution list. Her email is meadowvaleoffice@gmail.com

Commissioner Sandra Dittmer and the social committee are working on the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and several other events. Stay tuned for more details that will be announced soon. If you have recently volunteered your time, please contact Pat or Commissioner Dittmer to insure you are on the list.

~ Mayor Hornek

UPDATED COMMISSIONERS 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. **The August meeting will be in-person at City Hall.**

CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
07-19-2021
7:00PM – 8:15PM

The Commission met in regular session at City Hall with Mayor Mary Hornek and the following Commissioners:

Commissioner Sandra Dittmer
Commissioner Matt Hammond
Commissioner Mike Jones
Commissioner Robert Schroeder

Others present: City Attorney Kerry Butler, City Treasurer Chris Lusher, Police Chief Ray Spann, Police Officer Phil Peters and City Clerk Barbie Bryant.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 06-21-2021 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, THE MINUTES FOR THE 06-21-2021 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Spann had emailed his updates to the Commissioners for their review. Police Chief Spann introduced Officer Peters to the Commission and gave a brief background on his years in service.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for June 2021. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DITTMER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR JUNE 2021 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

The minutes will reflect that Commissioner Schroeder will complete the oversight checklist and that the bank statements were available for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hornek announced that the American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARP) have not been received as of today.

Mark Madison with Milestone Design, and Kyle Pfeiffer with Libs Paving did their final walk through for the paving project. Commissioner Hammond mentioned that cones still need to be picked up. A bound copy of the project has been requested for future use.

Mayor Hornek and Commissioner Hammond met with Chris Lusher, Treasurer, for a job review and to discuss the importance of the accounting functions being done in a timely manner.

Mayor Hornek disclosed that she will be the treasurer for Metro Mayoral candidate, William "Bill" Dieruf.

HOUNZ LANE PARK PROPERTY

City Attorney Butler received an email from the Metro Parks director that stated they mow the property 2-3 times a year and have been doing so since 2001. Since the land is not designated as a "Metro Park" property, Commissioner Schroeder suggested we contact Mark Zoeller, the Director of Metro Government Facilities Management to see if a mowing schedule could be worked out.

ORDINANCE #30 AMENDING COMMISSION DEPARTMENTS

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **COMMISSIONER HAMMOND MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #30 AMENDING COMMISSION DEPARTMENTS. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DITTMER.**

THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

COMMISSIONER DITTMER -	AYE	
COMMISSIONER HAMMOND	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER JONES	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER	-	AYE
MAYOR HORNEK	-	AYE

Mayor Hornek then declared Ordinance #30 adopted.

INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES WITH BROWNSBORO FARM

City Attorney Butler has submitted the necessary paperwork to the Department of Local Government to register the inter-local agreement. Once approved, patrols may begin during the month of August 2021.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #15 OFFICIAL JOB DESCRIPTIONS

City Clerk Bryant read the following:

CITY OF MEADOW VALE MUNICIPAL ORDER 15, SERIES 2021

A MUNICIPAL ORDER ADOPTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR POSITIONS CREATED FOR THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE

WHEREAS, The City of Meadow Vale has created job positions.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE KENTUCKY:

That the job descriptions attached hereto (Attachment A), be adopted in full to represent the true and accurate definition for the positions available as an employee of the City of Meadow Vale.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, MUNICIPAL ORDER #15 WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #16 HANDBOOK REVISIONS

City Clerk Bryant read the following:

CITY OF MEADOW VALE MUNICIPAL ORDER # 16 SERIES 2021

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 16 SERIES 2021 OF THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 09 SERIES 2018 ESTABLISHING PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE.

At a Regular Meeting of the City Commission of Meadow Vale, Kentucky, held on the date set out below, a Motion to read and adopt the following Municipal Order was duly made, seconded and approved:

BE IT ORDERED that the City of Meadow Vale amends Municipal Order No.09 Series 2018 adopting the City of Meadow Vale Personnel Policies to reflect the addition to the policies pursuant to HB 210, amending KRS 337.015, from the 2021 Legislative Session, and are as follows:

Section 8 Paid and Unpaid Leaves Adoption Leave

[As of June 29, 2021, an employee adopting a child under the age of ten shall be granted reasonable personal leave that does not exceed six weeks pursuant to KRS 337.015. Or, if the city has a policy of providing time off for birth parents that is greater than six weeks, that period of time shall be the minimum period of leave available to adoptive parents.]

In addition, if the city provides paid leave or any other benefits to employees who are birth parents following the birth of a child, the same paid leave and/or benefit(s) will be available to employees adopting a child under the age of ten.

This leave is not available to an adoption by fictive kin, stepparent, stepsibling, blood relative, including a relative of a half blood, first cousin, aunt, uncles, nephew, niece, and a person of a preceding generation as denoted by prefixes of grand, great or great-great, or foster parent who adopts a foster child who is already in their care.]

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor of the City of Meadow Vale and/or his or her designate, be and is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to perfect this Order.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DITTMER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, MUNICIPAL ORDER #16 WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

HOUSE BILL 413 CERTIFICATION LETTER

City Attorney Butler will submit the annual certification letter by August 1, 2021. Budget figures were confirmed during the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Hammond submitted the following report:

I have received no additional complaints or issues from residents regarding the paving that took place in June. There are a few streetlight issues on Hounz Lane that I am calling LG&E about.
The berm concrete wall looks to be graffiti free as do the signs.
The speed bump signs need to be moved from the old speed bump location to the new speed bump location.

Commissioner Dittmer recommended Cathy Morrow and Mary Jones as members of the Social Events Committee. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DITTMER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CATHY MORROW AND MARY JONES AS MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL EVENT COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.** She then reported that a meeting was held on July 19, 2021 at 2:30pm. The following items were discussed:

1. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
 - a. Looking at a change of venue – Cathy shared that City Hall was getting to be too tight a space given the number of people that are invited and our awareness of health issues in close quarters.
 - b. Mary will contact St. Thomas Episcopal Church to see if they have a larger place.
 - c. Once the place is determined then the date will be set. We are looking at October and a Halloween theme. Time is between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm
 - d. Cathy will contact Goose Creek Diner when a date, time & location are set
 - e. Next step is to put together a guest list
 - f. Question to commission: Are there any special recognitions from last year or this year?
2. Yard Sale / Shredding / Recycling
 - a. We would like to plan a community wide garage sale for September
 - b. Mary brought up that other communities have combined a yard sale with junk collection. After the yard sale, whatever you have leftover and don't want, goes to the curb for pick up.
 - c. Cathy will reach out to Pat Teeter about yard sale & recycling
 - d. We also want to combine shredding with this event.

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3. Christmas decorating contest
 - a. Sandra will ask commission their thoughts on a Christmas decorating contest
 - b. Possible Prizes for first, second & third place
 - c. Yard signs that designate first, second & third place
 4. Communication – Citywide events are dependent on communication for participation.
 - a. We are looking for a way to provide event information to all age groups.
 - b. Are we utilizing all forms of communication such as Facebook, Instagram, etc.?
 - c. Who would add the information to these sites?
 - d. Other possibility is yard signs possibly placed in commissioners' yards

Commission members discussed the best possible route to make citizens aware of these special events.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DITTMER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE THE APPRECIATION DINNER IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DITTMER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE GOOSE CREEK DINER PROVIDE THE FOOD FOR THE APPRECIATION DINNER WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Commissioner Schroeder did not have a report.

Commissioner Jones gave the following report:

- Tuesday, 13 July 2021, attended Chief Spann's staff meeting at Meadow Vale City Hall. A few topics were discussed including: KLC officer injury reports, patrols to the city of Brownsboro Farm, traffic violations, installation of speed bumps and/or stop signs, individual officer training schedules, future equipment purchases, vehicle maintenance, acquisition of Class A uniforms, initiation of late-night watch patrols, etc. A very productive meeting.
- Thursday, 15 July 2021, attended training for the new AV sound bar at MV City Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Clerk Bryant will attend the Kentucky Master Municipal Clerks Academy conference August 25-27, held in Paintsville, KY.

Mayor Hornek reminded the Commissioners of the Kentucky League of Cities Annual conference, which will run September 21-24 in Covington, KY. And to check their calendars to see if they would be able to attend the Jefferson County League of Cities annual dinner on November 18th at the Jeffersonian.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DITTMER THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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

KENTUCKY » OLDHAM COUNTY (KY) » ORCHARD GRASS HILLS, KENTUCKY

OLD BROWNSBORO ROAD PHANTOM BRIDGE,

ORCHARD GRASS HILLS, KENTUCKY

The Brownsboro Road Phantom Bridge, Orchard Grass Hills, Kentucky



Built in 1900 when Brownsboro Road was just dirt, the Old Brownsboro Road stone arch bridge is about 50 feet long and spans Harrods Creek. The bridge was bypassed in 1967 when the road was realigned, and the new bridge was built.

Looking at old aerial photos, there apparently were 2 bridges at this location. I did find a few large stones from the bridge that stood to the southwest along with the ghost road leading up to the current roadway but that was about it. The other stone arch bridge is starting to disintegrate and after a few more good floods, could collapse into the creek below.

This is a pretty amazing bridge just 50 feet from the current roadway yet so well hidden with vegetation, few people know it's even down there. If you make a trip to come see this bridge, wear sturdy hiking boots and be careful of the busy traffic on Brownsboro Road. Photo taken by James McCray. Please watch the video below for more information.

<https://youtu.be/OMNRjQKKXqY>



The 2021 Meadow Vale property tax bills will be mailed on August 3, 2021. The City of Meadow Vale offers a 2% discount if the payment is received before October 2nd, 2021.

Note that if you use an Escrow Service through your mortgage company, your property tax bill was sent to them for payment, not to your home address. The escrow service issues a check to the City of Meadow Vale on your behalf since you have already paid for it!

All property tax bills are due by October 31st, 2021. Those received after that date are subject to a penalty and interest.

Checks only, no cash payments will be received.

Questions about tax bills?

Call City Hall at 502-412-5500 or email the City Clerk at: meadowvalecityclerk@gmail.com

Other Numbers

Jefferson County Emergency
911

St Matthews Fire Department
502-893-7825

Rumpke Sanitation
502-568-3800

Louisville Gas & Electric
502-589-3500

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