

City of Meadow Vale

April 2022



Meadow Vale Officials

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Utilities Commissioner
Mike Jones
502-592-1400

Public Services Commissioner
Matt Hammond
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Public Safety Commissioner
Robert Schroeder
502-425-7988

Community Service Commissioner
Sandra Dittmer
502-554-2161

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 Bob Flynn
Officer on Duty 548-2599
Non-emergency 574-5471

Happy Easter...

It is hard to believe April is here and Easter is upon us. The city is bustling, and events are being planned.

The neighborhood is lively with many walkers, bike riders and children at play.

Be mindful, as you engage in one of these activities, that the road is to be shared by drivers and pedestrians. Keep pets on a leash and cleanup after them when you are out on a walk.

Your City Commission is diligently at work to keep Meadow Vale a wonderful place to live. Sometimes it may seem to you no one is doing anything. Be assured we are always working and negotiating in the best interest of our residents.

If you are wanting to contribute to your City, we are always looking for volunteers. This year is an election year, if anyone is interested in filling a Commission position, contact the City Clerk for details on how to file at (502) 412-5500 or by email: meadowvalecityclerk@gmail.com

We hired a new City Treasurer and I would like to welcome Scott Pitts. He is well qualified and will be an asset to our city and residents.

Our current Treasurer, Chris Lusher, will be leaving to spend more time with his children. I would like to personally thank Chris for his service and unprecedented dedication to the City of Meadow Vale. We will miss him and wish him well with his family.

Whatever your belief or however you celebrate Easter Day, may it be filled with Love, Family and Hope.

~ Mayor Hornek



MEADOW VALE UPDATE

COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY MEETING

City Commissioners of Meadow Vale will begin meeting **In-Person** 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.

CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
03-21-2022
7:00PM – 8:04PM

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, Code Enforcement Officer George Stewart, Police Sergeant Jim Wilder and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Guests included Kent Hall, candidate for District 17.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 02-21-2022 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE MINUTES FOR THE 02-21-2022 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for February 2022. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DITTMER, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR FEBRUARY 2022 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.

CITY BI-ANNUAL AUDIT

Mayor Hornek presented an additional invoice for audit services performed by John McIntyre, CPA. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DITTMER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE INVOICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525.00, WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DITTMER, THE BI-ANNUAL AUDIT WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

POSITION OF TREASURER

Mayor Hornek presented the resume of Grover Scott Pitts for the position of Treasurer. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT SCOTT PITTS FOR THE POSITION AS CITY TREASURER, WAS APPROVED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.** Mr. Lusher agreed to train Mr. Pitts through the current fiscal year.

POLICE REPORT

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart reported on several properties, located on Boxford Court and Meadow Vale Drive, that were not in compliance. The issues have been resolved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hornek reported that there are ongoing issues with the new sign location on Hurstbourne Parkway. She met with officials at the Kentucky State Department of Transportation and received an encroachment permit application. She is also in communications with the sign company regarding the delay.

Mayor Hornek presented an estimate for stop signs, poles and lights from Saf-Ti-Co in the amount of \$1,304.64. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, THE ESTIMATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,304.64 FROM SAF-TI-CO WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

ORDINANCE #31 ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Hornek introduced the ordinance and asked City Clerk Bryant to give a first reading:

**CITY OF MEADOW VALE
ORDINANCE NO. 31
SERIES 2021-2022**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #26 ESTABLISHING PAY RATES OF NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CHAPTER 36.01 ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR POLICE FOR THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS the Commission of the City of Meadow Vale has determined that premium pay should be in addition to wages or to remuneration its employees otherwise receive.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Meadow Vale, Commonwealth of Kentucky that the following language shall be amended as follows:

SECTION I.

FOR ORDINANCE #26, SERIES 2020-2021:

Section 1 (a):

The following positions will receive premium pay using the American Rescue Plan Act funds for essential work performed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Premium pay for the:

City Clerk shall be up to \$3,000.

Treasurer shall be up to \$3,000.

Administrative Assistant shall be up to \$3,000

CHAPTER 36.01

D. (1) (a)

The following positions will receive premium pay using the American Rescue Plan Act funds for essential work performed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Premium pay for the:

Police Chief shall be up to \$5,000

Police Sergeant shall be up to \$5,000

Police Officer shall be up to \$5,000.

SECTION II.

All prior ordinances or parts of any ordinance in conflict herein, are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, as required by law.

No vote was taken for the first reading.

RESOLUTION #30 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS ALLOCATION

Resolution No. 30, Series 2022 CITY OF MEADOW VALE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE A ONE-TIME ELECTION OF A STANDARD ALLOWANCE OF REVENUE LOSS, RECOGNIZING THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR CONSULTATION FEES AND ADOPTING THE GENERAL PROCUREMENT STANDARDS FOR BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINE.

WHEREAS, 31 CFR § 35.6(d) of the Final Rule promulgated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) permits recipients of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) to make a one-time election of a standard allowance of revenue loss such that the amount of the reduction in the recipient's general revenue due to the public health emergency over the period of performance will be deemed to be up to \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury has stated that ARPA CSLFRF recipients may use the funds for administering the CSLFRF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City has entered into an agreement with Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) for the administration of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Meadow Vale will follow the General Procurement Standards for both Federal and State Guidelines (see Attachment A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Meadow Vale hereby:

Elects to make a one-time election of a standard allowance of revenue loss such that the amount of the reduction in the City's general revenue due to the public health emergency over the period of performance will be deemed to be up to \$10 million, and that the Mayor and/or her designees be and hereby are authorized and directed to make such election in any reports filed with Treasury, and that the City shall be entitled (but not required) to use up to its entire allocation of CSLFRF for the provision of government services.

Deems it in the best interest of the City that the fees set forth in the agreement with KIPDA shall be paid using ARPA CSLFRF funds.

With respect to the acquisition of property or services required under a Federal award or subaward, shall follow all procurement procedures required by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, including without limitation the standards identified in 2 CFR §§ 200.317 through 200.327, which sections are attached hereto as Attachment A, all of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DITTMER, RESOLUTION #30 ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATION WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

2021 PROPERTY TAX LIENS

City Attorney Butler reported that four properties had liens filed for non-payment of 2021 property taxes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Hammond (Public Services) reported on the following:

- Since our last meeting I have agreed to take over the hanging of the wreaths and ribbons on the light poles at Christmas time.
- I have tried to come up with some candidates for the Ethics Board.
- I have brought another quote for a speed limit radar speed sign provided by A&A Safety. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE ESTIMATE BY A&A SAFETY, UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500, WAS APPROVED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

Commissioner Dittmer (Community Services) will work with the Social Event Committee to provide a Fall Festival and Volunteer Dinner. She will communicate with the St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the venue.

Commissioner Schroeder (Public Safety) highlighted several areas of the Police Chief's report that included:

- Traffic enforcement has become a priority. Our officers operate radar on certain roadways where we have received complaints of speeders. Officers have even received complaints of school buses speeding through the neighborhood. Motorists who disregard stop signs are another one of our priorities.

Commissioner Schroeder spoke to the County Attorney's Office, and they confirmed that if a speed limit sign is posted at the entrances to a city, that speed is related to all streets within the city limits.

He mentioned that the recent tornado warnings were a good reminder to make sure that you have a plan for safety during catastrophic weather and its outcome. Mayor Hornek will share with Commissioner Schroeder the schedule of meetings that will help small cities incorporate emergency planning strategies.

Commissioner Jones (Utilities) reported on the following:

Continuing work with Frank Otte, Meyers & Company, and Savatree to provide their proposal as to how we should deal with the following berm issues:

- Replacement of removed trees
- Removal and replacement of dead trees
- Removal and replacement of damaged/dying trees
- Trees with exposed root systems
- Erosion issues
- Required maintenance plan/schedule
- Other recommendations

MISCELLANEOUS

The Joint Board of Ethics will meet on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 1:00pm at the Meadow Vale City Hall.

Mr. Kent Hall, a Metro Council District 17 candidate for the Republican primary, spoke to the Commission and provided information on his background and reasons for running.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:04 PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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

DISTRICT 17 NEWS

LWC Upgrading Water Meters in District 17

The Louisville Water Company and its contractor will be in District 17 in the coming weeks to replace older water meters with new ones. The installation is quick, typically requiring water to be turned off for fewer than 30 minutes. A few important things to know as this work begins:

- Upgrades will take place between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Workers will knock on your door before work begins.
- Grid One Solutions, LWC's contractor, will do most of the upgrades.
- Grid One's vehicles will have an orange and black logo and Louisville Water contractor signs.
- All workers will have Grid One identification badges.

Click [here](#) for more information on the project.



PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATION

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO APPEAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS 2022

The 2022 property reassessment will encompass MLS areas 6,8,and 9. The reassessment is required by law. All of District 17 falls within one of those last two market areas. Practically speaking, any District 17 resident north of La Grange Road is in area 9. Any District 17 resident south of La Grange Road is in market area 8.

Increasing public understanding of property assessments and the right to appeal is a top priority of the PVA's mission: to provide fair and equitable assessments with best-in-class customer service.

The role of the PVA is to fairly assess the value of all property. This is an important part of the process to determine the taxes collected to fund our cities, school districts, and emergency services. We do our best to determine accurate median property value for comparable homes, but we don't know every detail of all properties. The condition of a home could mean it falls substantially below or above the median value.

The 2022 reassessment covers a very dense area. We will be hosting nine hybrid community meetings in March and April for each of the areas affected by the 2022 reassessment. These will be in person and virtual to reach as many people as possible. The first step of the appeals process in 2022 is the online conference with the Jefferson County PVA, available from noon on April 22nd to May 16th at 4pm.

Click on the PDF below for links to join the meetings on Zoom. Or join us in person at any of the locations listed. You can also see the events on our calendar [here](#).

[2022 All Dates Flyer \(6\)](#)



Colleen Younger
Jefferson County
Property Valuation Administrator

MEADOW VALE POLICE

Police Blotter: For our purposes, the definition of a “Police Blotter” is a written record of facts, meaningful events, interesting occurrences, or crime prevention tips documented, when appropriate, in the city’s monthly newsletter.

Acting on neighborhood complaints concerning motorists speeding and disregarding stop signs, officers have been tasked to step up traffic enforcement. Important to mention, the majority of the offending motorists are city residents, the resident’s relatives or friends. Officers derive NO pleasure issuing moving hazardous violation citations, which involve substantial fines, court costs, point assessments against driver’s license and, possibly, triggering an increased insurance premium. Our traffic accident rate is negligible; about 1 collision a year and mostly attributed to driver inattention. As stated in a previous Police Blotter, our mission is to create a police presence, NOT a police state. However, traffic enforcement is a fundamental part of our responsibility. I am keenly aware that the issuance of traffic citations tends to degrade police/community relations, a partnership we have worked very hard to promote over the past 3 years.

Favorable weather is fast approaching with young couples pushing their newborn children in strollers, athletes running or biking, elderly persons exercising, and animal lovers enjoying a walk with their dogs in the roadways. I solemnly and sincerely encourage all motorists to VOLUNTARILY adhere to the posted speed limits and faithfully stop completely at the stop signs. I do *NOT* want *YOU* to be a recipient of an unwelcomed ticket.



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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