

City of Meadow Vale

May 2022



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Derby, Mother's Day and Memorial Day...

May is here with many special occasions to celebrate. With spring-like weather, many more are getting out around the neighborhood. This calls for vehicle drivers to be more alert to pedestrian traffic as well as the speed limit. So, please slow down and be mindful of your neighbors. We have many children at play, walkers, runners, and families taking leisure strolls at various times of the day and evening. Their safety is a high priority and your support is needed.



Due to the increased amount of speeding and disregard for the school crossing, there will be additional stop signs installed in two different locations within the residential area of the City. Tiverton Way and Grenfell Way will become a three-way/all-way stop, as will the intersection of Hounz Lane and Meadow Vale Drive. Also, there will be a couple of speed watch signs positioned to inform drivers of their speed.

The social committee is hard at work planning an event for the Fall. Details will be coming soon.

Be on the lookout for our new city sign on Hurstbourne. It will be completed in the next few weeks.

As always, there are many happenings and changes underway for Meadow Vale. As the commissioners and officers of the City do their part, please do your part in helping keep us a wonderful place to live.



~ Mayor Hornek

MEADOW VALE UPDATE



Scott Pitts of Shelbyville, KY is a soon-to-be retired Financial Analyst at UPS with over 35 years of service. He and his wife, Amy, have two children. Scott has a BSBA in Accounting from the University of Louisville and is a veteran as well. He was sworn in as the new Treasurer for the City of Meadow Vale on Monday, April 18, 2022.

CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
04-18-2022
7:00PM – 7:39PM

The Commission met in regular session at City Hall with the following Commissioners:

Commissioner Sandra Dittmer
Commissioner Matt Hammond – **Mayor Pro-Tem**
Commissioner Mike Jones
Commissioner Robert Schroeder

Others present: City Attorney Kerry Butler, City Treasurer Chris Lusher, Police Chief Ray Spann and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Guests included Scott Pitts, Treasurer appointee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hammond informed the Commission that Mayor Hornek would not be in attendance. He then called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 03-21-2022 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, THE MINUTES FOR THE 03-21-2022 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for March 2022. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR MARCH 2022 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

The minutes will reflect that Commissioner Dittmer 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. Chief Spann reported that on Monday, 28 March 2022, Louisville Metro Police Department began the transition to encrypted radio channels, which equates to MVPD's radios NOT receiving their transmissions. MVPD's current 4 radios - Motorola APX-4000 - will accept the appropriate encryption key, but at cost of \$2,348.50. Fortunately, MVPD's radio communications are exclusively through the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Therefore, there will be no interruption of communication service. However, it is important to monitor/scan Metro Division 8's channel for criminal offenses being committed in the general vicinity of Meadow Vale. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DITTMER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW UP TO \$2400.00 TO UPDATE THE POLICE RADIOS WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

Also discussed was the need to monitor the Ford Crown Vic for a possible transmission issue (cooler leak). The amount to repair the transmission would be \$677.00. Commissioner Schroder suggested the vehicle be inspected again in about 30 days.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hornek had emailed her report to the Commission. It was read out loud by Mayor Pro-Tem Hammond as follows:

The city audit announcement was published in the Courier Journal and placed on the city website as required by law. Scott Pitts was hired to fill the treasurer position and will be sworn in at the April City meeting.

There are ongoing issues with the new sign location on Hurstbourne Parkway Kentucky State Department of Transporta-

tion has issued the encroachment permit for the berm Commissioner Schroeder will be assisting me with meeting the state and sign company to ensure the encroachment permit is followed on the state side of the berm.

A copy of the estimate for stop signs, poles and lights have been ordered and will be installed.

The Volunteer of the Year jackets have been completed and picked up. There will be two awarded this year, one for 2021 and one for 2022.

Commissioner Schroeder will attend the disaster planning meeting on Tuesday. April 19, 2022.

POSITION OF TREASURER

City Clerk Bryant, in her capacity as a Notary, swore in Scott Pitts as the new Treasurer for the City of Meadow Vale. He will work closely with Chris Lusher throughout the remainder of the fiscal year.

ORDINANCE #31 ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **COMMISSIONER DITTMER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #31 AS PRESENTED, ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER.**

MAYOR PRO-TEM HAMMOND CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

COMMISSIONER DITTMER	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER HAMMOND	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER JONES	-	AYE
COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER	-	AYE

EXECUTIVE ORDER #2, DECLARING THE END TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

Mayor Pro-Tem Hammond presented the following to the Commission:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2, 2022 EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING AN END TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear declared a state of emergency in Kentucky in response to the first documented case of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Mayor Mary Hornek, determined that the emergency response of the City of Meadow Vale to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic required rapid deployment of resources to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and by Executive Order No. 1, 2020 declared a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the public health threat presented by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic, has significantly diminished throughout the United States, Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the City of Meadow Vale; and

WHEREAS, the need to exercise extraordinary measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

I, Mary R. Hornek, Mayor of the City of Meadow Vale, by virtue of the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 39A and 39B do declare an end to the state of emergency as issued on March 27, 2022 in Executive Order No. 1, 2020.

I hereby order and direct any and all departments of the City of Meadow Vale to resume normal operations.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Hammond (Public Services) reported on the following:

- Since our last meeting I have worked with Mayor Hornek in coordination with the speed radar signs. I have contacted Libs paving about some cracks near the man hole covers that have shown up on the streets that Commissioner Schroeder brought to my attention.
- Will attend the Jefferson County League of Cities meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022 that will offer insights and details for city official candidates to file for the November election.
- The radar signs have been ordered. Will need to check to make sure used poles that we have in our supplies, can be used to mount the radar signs. Actual positioning of the radar signs will be determined at a later date.
- Eagle Signs still has not returned the newly renovated speeding signs that will be placed near Hounz Lane and Tiverton.

Commissioner Dittmer (Community Services) gave the following report:

A meeting of the Community Services Committee was held on 4/5/22. We discussed two items.

- **FALL FESTIVAL**

The committee discussed co-sponsoring a Fall Festival event with St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The proposed date will be September 24, 2022, starting at 2:00pm and ending around 5:00pm. Chili, Mexican, and ice-cream food trucks were suggested. Live entertainment will also be discussed with the church. Commissioner Dittmer and Mayor Hornek will contact the church to discuss the event in detail. The committee will meet again to formalize the event.

- **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

With the anticipated number of volunteers being around 50, the Committee decided that Meadow Vale's City Hall is probably too small to accommodate this event. The Committee will reach out to St. Thomas Episcopal Church to see if they would be willing to work with the city to house the event. The dates of November 3rd or 10th, 2022 will be considered, with the time for the dinner to begin around 5:30pm. Committee member Morrow will oversee the invitations and will work with Pat Teeter to formalize the volunteer list of invitees. The cost to the city for the invitations will be for the postage. The Committee suggested that Goose Creek Diner be chosen to cater the dinner.

Commissioner Schroeder (Public Safety) reported on the following:

- Completed the oversight and checklist financials for the March meeting.
- Will continue to reach out to the State regarding the new City sign location on the berm.
- Congratulated Police Chief Spann, who's employment anniversary was on April 1st. He celebrated three years with the city. Chief Spann has brought a new level of professionalism to the department.

Commissioner Jones (Utilities) reported on the following:

- Shared Myers & Company proposal with Mayor and Commissioners.
- Other two vendors are working on our proposals - both are swamped with work given it is Springtime but assure me they will provide us with a proposal ASAP. I will hound them before our May meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk Bryant will attend the Annual Spring Conference for Municipal Clerks on April 20-22, 2022, in Elizabethtown, KY.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:39 PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

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

DISTRICT 17 NEWS

EACM ENERGY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM) is hosting an energy management workshop to help residents save on energy bills and learn how to weatherize their homes. There are two dates from which to choose: Tuesday, April 26 and **Tuesday, May 24**. The event lasts from 11 a.m. until noon. The workshop is free, though registration is required. Call EACM at 426-2824 or click [here](#) to register.



SEVERE WEATHER RESOURCES

Storms during the month of April served as a reminder of the importance of being prepared for severe weather. While not an exhaustive list, Metro District 17 Representative Markus Winkler, hopes the information below will prove helpful should you need it:

Power Outages - Click [here](#) to find information on the LG&E/KU app which lets you report outages, track the process of restoring power, and more.

LENSAlert - Louisville Metro Emergency Services helped create LENSAlert, a regional emergency notification system. You can sign up [here](#) to receive alerts through your mobile phone, landline, or email.

Metro311 - If you see an issue such as a blocked road and aren't sure how or where to report it, send the details to Metro311. You can call 574-5000, click [here](#) to report an issue online, or search "Louisville Metro 311" in your app store for the free app.

Flooding - Flooding can cause a multitude of issues, including the risk of sewer overflows. Call MSD at 540-6000 or click [here](#) to report a problem.

American Red Cross - The local chapter of the [American Red Cross](#) can help you find a shelter, locate separated loved ones, or begin the process of recovery after an emergency.

DISTRICT 17 CLEANUP - MAY 13

Our next district cleanup will be held Friday, May 13 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot of LMPD's 8th Division headquarters, 2927 Goose Creek Road. The plan is to pick up litter in the Goose Creek Road area. Metro Councilman Winkler will have trash bags, gloves, grabbers, etc. for those willing to help. He hopes you'll be able to join us!

5 Surprising Signs You are at Risk for a Home Burglary

Did you know that every [18 seconds](#) a home is burglarized in the U.S.? Home burglaries, larceny thefts and auto thefts cost Americans an estimated \$3.6 billion in 2016, reports the [FBI](#). Is your home secure?

Oftentimes, simple mistakes or habits can leave you vulnerable to burglary, even if you have a home security system installed. As you assess your home's security, keep the following common mistakes in mind:

1. You keep a spare key under your doormat

The [National Crime Prevention Council](#) (NCPC) advises keeping spare keys with a trusted neighbor rather than under a doormat, beneath a planter or in your mailbox. All exterior doors should be deadbolted at night. Lock your front door anytime you leave your home, even if it is just for a few minutes. Doors should feature wide-angle peepholes at a height you can comfortably use.

2. Shrubs or bushes obscure parts of your yard

Do not get behind on yard maintenance. Overgrown shrubs or bushes offer natural hiding spaces for prowlers. Every one of your outside doors should have functional, bright light, so you can see visitors at night. Install motion-sensitive floodlights to illuminate dark spaces in your yard.

3. You leave bicycles, lawn equipment or other valuables outside at night

Securely storing a bike or yard tools at night may feel like a hassle if you plan to use this equipment the next day, but it is vital to your home security. The NCPC advises storing lawn mowers and other valuables in a garage or shed at night or anytime you're away from home during the day. If left in the open, lock these valuables to a stationary point and obscure them with a tarp.

4. Your alarm system is visible through a window or door

Whether it is visible via a window or a reflection in a mirror, if burglars can see your alarm system status, they will know when it is disarmed and "safe" to enter. If your system is noticeable, use blinds or shades to cover up the view.

5. You have never completed a home inventory

In the event of a burglary, would you be prepared to file a home insurance claim? A [home inventory](#) is a list of your home's contents and valuable possessions. In addition to listing large pieces of furniture, record the serial numbers associated with major electronic items and appliances. Use your smartphone to record a video "walk-through" of your home and back up a digital copy to cloud storage.



~ submitted by Commissioner Mike Jones



Barbie Bryant, your Meadow Vale City Clerk, recently attended the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association's (KMCA) Annual Spring Conference. The conference was held in Elizabethtown on April 20-22, 2022.

Because of Covid-19, the conference had not been held in person since 2019. This year, the in-person attendance was limited to 60 clerks, with on-line attendance as an option. Over 100 clerks were given 8 hours of training daily, on subjects such as Annexation Procedures, Policies on Ethics and Personnel, as well as overviews on creating Ordinances, Municipal Orders and Resolutions, to name a few. J.D. Chaney, CEO and Executive Director of the Kentucky League of Cities, was on hand to give an overview of the 2022 Kentucky Legislative Agenda and the bills that were passed.

The Kentucky League of Cities, along with the KMCA, provide training opportunities to city clerks at least four times throughout the year. The sessions can range from 3 to 5 days and are located in different parts of the state.

Other Numbers

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St Matthews Fire Department
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Rumpke Sanitation
502-568-3800

Louisville Gas & Electric
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