

City of Meadow Vale

December 2022



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December is here and my time is near ...

As the year and my term as your Mayor comes to an end, I am reflecting on the past twenty plus years that I have been actively involved with our city, as a volunteer, Commissioner, and Mayor.

My husband Joseph and I moved to Meadow Vale in 1988, where we raised our four children. The area was much different then. It was quiet, peaceful, rural and Hounz Lane was the main road running north and south that ended at Westport Rd, which was a 2-lane highway. We were surrounded by farms and very little retail. Meadow Vale was beautifully manicured, residents took much pride in the neighborhood, their property, and their yards. We have been a diamond in the rough as far back as I can remember.

Since being the Mayor, I have attempted to keep the traditions and ideas the founders of our city intended them to be. Along with multiple Commissions over the years, we have made many improvements, have begun some new traditions and have guarded the longstanding ones.

We remain conveniently located to every area of the Metro and centrally located to the surrounding counties.

My wish for each of you is to be involved; to guard and keep our city beautiful and vibrant. Thank you... to all who have been supportive in keeping Meadow Vale a wonderful place to live.

thank you

~ Mayor Hornek



WATCH FOR
SANTA'S SLEIGH!!!!
(GOLF CART)
HE'S COMING TO
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
IN MEADOW VALE
SUNDAY-DECEMBER 18TH
BETWEEN 3:30p & 5:30p

HOLIDAY
DECORATING
CONTEST

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CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
11-21-2022
7:00PM – 7:45PM

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 Brad Williams

Others present: City Attorney Kerry Butler, City Treasurer Scott Pitts, Police Sergeant Jim Wilder, Office Assistant Pat Teeter and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Guests included Commissioner Elect Jim Wallover, Commissioner Elect Tom Lucas and citizen Mary Jones.

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the 10-17-2022 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DITTMER, THE MINUTES FOR THE 10-17-22 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Pitts presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for October 2022. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR OCTOBER 2022 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mayor Hornek reported on behalf of the Code Enforcement Officer. The issues of overgrowth and abandoned vehicles at a home located on Tiverton Way were discussed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hornek reported that the flagpole has been added to the berm, behind the new city sign and the lighting is in the process of being installed. Soon thereafter, she will contact the Department of Transportation to have the site inspected and the project closed.

Mayor Hornek recognized and congratulated the incoming city officials: Mayor-Elect Matt Hammond, Commissioner Elect Tom Lucas and Commissioner Elect James Wallover.

ARPA GRANT

Mayor Hornek will work with Jennifer Wilson on the final reporting of ARPA grant funds. The paperwork has been submitted and approved to send the \$5,000 ARPA funds for the Jefferson County Fire Protection Staff

ORDINANCE #35 - RED / BLUE LIGHTS FOR POLICE CARS

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **COMMISSIONER HAMMOND MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #35 RED/BLUE LIGHTS FOR POLICE CARS. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES.**

THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

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

Mayor Hornek then declared Ordinance #35 adopted.

ORDINANCE #36 – REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

Mayor Hornek introduced the ordinance and City Attorney Butler gave a summary of the following:

**CITY OF MEADOW VALE
ORDINANCE # 36, SERIES 2022-2023
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LETTER OF COMPLIANCE/APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR INSTALLATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Meadow Vale is concerned about the property values in the City as well as the public health and safety of its citizens and the enforcement of City ordinances;

AND WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a regulation requiring compliance with City ordinances relating to the safe, well-designed solar power installations in the City, with such authority being found in the general police powers of the City under KRS 82.082, as well as under the specific authority of Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 198B allowing local enforcement of the Kentucky Building Code and finally the authority given the City under KRS 381.770 to enact regulations restricting nuisances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Meadow Vale that:

SECTION 1: Review and Application.

Purpose. The purpose and intent of this subchapter is to allow the use of solar energy within the City of Meadow Vale as a clean, alternative energy source, and to provide regulations that will protect public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, no person shall construct, erect, maintain, extend, or remove a solar collector or solar energy system in the residentially zoned sections of the City of Meadow Vale without compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Application. Residential solar installations require a Letter of Compliance from the City of Meadow Vale. An application for a Letter of Compliance shall include the following:

1. Applicant shall file with the City Clerk an application on a form prescribed by the City.
2. The application shall include photographs of the property's existing conditions, including renderings or catalog cuts of the proposed solar energy system. A plot/sketch plan to indicate where the solar energy system is to be installed on the building, including property setbacks and the total solar collector surface area.
3. For pitched roof-mounted solar systems, the elevation must show the highest finished height of the system and the height of the finished roof surface on which it is mounted.

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4. For flat roof-mounted solar energy systems, the elevations shall show the highest finished height of the system and the highest point of the roof, including any parapets on the building.
 5. Description of the screening to be provided for ground or building mounted solar energy equipment.
 6. Any solid and hazardous waste generated during installation or removal of the system, shall be disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
 7. The collection panels shall be located to minimize reflected glare on adjacent properties and roadways.

SECTION 2: Design.

(A) Design Regulations:

1. Ground mounted solar energy systems are prohibited in residential use districts, only roof mounted collectors are allowed.
2. Any appurtenant equipment shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from all property lines and a minimum of 30 feet from all dwellings located on adjacent lots. Roof mounted systems shall comply with all building setbacks in the applicable zoning district and shall not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted.
3. Solar collectors shall be flush mounted on pitched roofs. Solar collectors may be bracket mounted on flat roofs. Solar collectors may only be mounted on lawfully permitted principal or accessory structures.
4. Solar collectors are prohibited from being mounted on street facing sides of the home.
5. Reflection angles from collector surfaces shall be oriented away from neighboring windows. Where necessary, screening may be required to address glare.
6. The electrical lines connecting to the system shall be placed underground within the interior of each parcel. The collection system may be placed overhead near substations or points of interconnection to the electric grid.
7. No signage or graphic content may be displayed on the solar collection system except the manufacturer's badge, safety information and equipment specification information. Said information shall be depicted within an area no more than 36 square inches in size.
8. Standards and Certification. Solar energy systems shall meet the minimum standards outlined by the National Electric Code (NEC), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or other standards as determined by the Planning Commission. Solar energy systems shall be certified by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. All grid connected systems shall have an agreement with the local utility prior to the issuance of a building permit. A visible external disconnect must be provided if required by the utility.
9. If the solar energy system remains nonfunctional or inoperative for a continuous period of one year, the system shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall constitute a public nuisance. Owner of any home at which there exists a solar installation shall complete and file with the City an annual certification that their system is still operational and functioning, including supporting documentation, such as utility bills. If no certification is filed, or the certification is insufficient, the City shall have a right to inspect the premises to determine whether it is functioning and/or demand further documentation from the owner as to the operational status of the solar installation. The owner shall remove any abandoned system at their expense, after a demolition permit has been obtained. Removal includes the entire structure including transmission equipment.

SECTION 3. Exemptions:

1. A property owner may apply for an exemption to these regulations and the Commission will consider it on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION 4. Penalties:

1. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00. Any continuing violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate and distinct offense for each day on which a violation occurs or continues, and a separate penalty may be imposed therefor.

Discussion followed and **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #36 WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Hammond (Public Safety) gave the following report:

- Since our last meeting in October, I have worked with Commissioner Williams on what the Public Services Commissioner entails.
- I had a good meeting with Chief Spann on where the MVPD is at and where he sees it going.
- Several members of the Police Department have completed training. Individual evaluations are ongoing.
- Chief Spann reported to me that Halloween night was without incident and the kids enjoyed the distribution of candy by the officers.
- I attended the JCLC annual meeting/dinner with most of the rest of the Commissioners.
- I am planning on meeting with Mayor Hornek to work on the transition and setting up a swearing in December.

Commissioner Jones suggested that Chief Spann begin to describe what building occupational specifics are necessary for the Police Department when a new building is assigned to the City of Meadow Vale.

Commissioner Dittmer (Community Services) presented the following report:

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The appreciation dinner was held at John Knox Presbyterian Church November 10, 2022, at 5:30pm. The charge was \$75. I will follow up with the church for an invoice. Goose Creek Diner provided the food. I will submit expenditure requests for both.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS CONTEST

The second annual Holiday Lights and Decoration contest will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2021. Santa will also be out at this time. Those who wish to participate are encouraged to have their lights on at 6:30pm. Secret judges will comb through the neighborhoods to pick their winners.

The prizes for first, second and third place winners will be a yard sign indicating where they placed, as well as recognition in the Meadow Vale monthly newsletter. I will need funds to have the signs made.

A flyer will be designed for publication in the December newsletter and placed on the city's web site. Announcement signs will be placed at the two entrances to Meadow Vale directing residents to visit the city's web site for details.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DITTMER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE \$250.00 FOR USE BY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Commissioner Jones (Utilities) presented the following report:

- The flagpole and flag have been installed at the new City signage. “Old Glory” is flying high!
- Markus gave me the key and the wrench for access to the rope the flag is attached to.
- I suggest these be secured at City Hall in the Police Department
- We will need to lower the flag to half-staff upon government orders
- Bob Ray currently has our Berm tree work scheduled for 11/29/22-11/30/22.
- This date is tentative and subject to change based on the weather and equipment availability.

Commissioner Williams (Public Services) gave the following report:

- Presented the inspection report for November 2022. Notices for this month to be called out are as follows:
 - Stop sign slightly tipping over at Somerford & Grenfell: Comm. Williams plans to fix 11/23/2022
 - Yield sign at Somerford Ct & Boxford Way has two stickers on the back side pertaining to Honey. Will discuss this evening if we would like to do anything about it
- I've inspected 9 instances of crack that span entire roadways that will need to be monitored and possibly sealed
- I have contacted three snow removal companies, of which I had not heard back yet. I will follow up every other day until I have heard. Our current company, Walsh Brothers, their office number has been disconnected. I have left a message on the personal cell phone for the owner.
 - Walsh Brothers: TBD
 - Zeppa's: TBD
 - R.C. Landscaping: TBD
- Finally, I will meet with Comm. Hammond by the months end to discuss the electronic speed sign.

Commissioner Hammond recommended the positioning of the speed sign be at the top of Hounz Lane on the residential side.

NATURE SCAPE LAWN CARE CONTRACT

Mayor Hornek presented the contract from Nature Scape Lawn Care. If renewed before January 1, 2023, the city will be charged the discounted amount of \$1,454.00 for services. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, THE CONTRACT FROM NATURE SCAPE LAWN CARE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,454.00 WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

CITY WEB SITE SERVICE CONTRACT

Mayor Hornek presented the contract from Byron Songer, who has maintained and serviced the City's web site for years without compensation. The contract asks for \$36 per month for 12 months beginning January 1, 2023. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE ONE YEAR CONTRACT FROM BYRON SONGER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$432.00 WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hornek recommended to Mr. Wallover and Mr. Lucas that they attend the Kentucky League of Cities Officials Training Academy, which will be held in January in Lexington or the Orientation sessions held during the month of December in various locations. City Clerk Bryant will send the details to the Commissioner Elects.

Mayor Hornek distributed the Commissioners' annual paychecks. City Clerk Bryant gave an update on outstanding property tax bills.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

These are unofficial meeting minutes pending Commission approval

Hello neighbors!



Here are a few tips that might help keep you safe.

Always ***lock*** your vehicle regardless of where you are.

And take your keys.

Never leave an unattended vehicle running.

Conceal valuables out of sight when away from home

Never leave them in your vehicle at home.

Please don't leave a weapon in your vehicle.

If you feel you are being followed by a suspicious vehicle dial 911.

Stay on the phone with 911 till you reach a place where you feel safe.

If you go home instead of calling 911, call ahead and have someone ready to greet you with outside lights on if it is dark.

***Stay alert to what's going on around you
Report any suspicious activity***

~ submitted by Commissioner Jones

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

An opportunity to say "thank you" to all who help make Meadow Vale what it is.



**2021 Volunteer of the Year
Linda Prys**



**2022 Volunteer of the Year
Byron Songer**



MEADOW VALE - NEW CITY SIGN



Mayor Hornek and the Commissioners worked diligently to supply a new city sign and flag pole that are located along the North Hurstbourne Lane corridor.

The Jefferson County League of Cities 2022 Annual Dinner was held on November 17th. Those in attendance for the City of Meadow Vale included Mayor Mary Hornek and her husband Joe, Commissioner Matt Hammond and his wife Laura, Commissioner Mike Jones and his wife Mary, Treasurer Scott Pitts and his wife Amy, Office Assistant Pat Teeter and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Mayor Hornek was honored and recognized for her many years of service. Matt Hammond was recognized as a newly elected Mayor.



Someone got dressed up for Halloween!!

Neighborhood Holiday Decorating Contest

Let's light up Meadow Vale
again this year!

EVERYONE is invited and encouraged
to participate in our 2nd Annual
Holiday Lights and Decorating Contest!
Express your holiday design style and
spirit on the outside of your home.

WHAT ARE THE RULES? - There are
NO LIMITS!

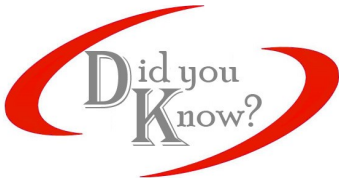


Top-secret judges will make
their decisions on
DECEMBER 18th.

ALL participants **MUST** have
their outdoor lights up &
displays **ON** by 6:30 p.m. to
be part of the judging!

The first, second and third
place winners will receive a
special Best Holiday
Decoration yard sign,
showcased in the newsletter
and bragging rights for the
year.





Veterans:

Per data from the 2020 Census Bureau - ACS 5-year Estimate.
The City of Meadow Vale has a large population of veterans.

Conflicts Served:

- 21 - Vietnam Veterans
- 5 - Korean Veterans
- 4 - Gulf War Veterans (1990s)

RUMPKE

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25, 2022, no service delays.

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.

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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