

City of Meadow Vale

May 2023



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Spring is fully here and the transition from April showers to May flowers will be out in full bloom, grab the allergy meds! It's hard to believe that Thunder Over Louisville is already a week behind us. We have Mother's Day coming up later in the month and Thurby/Oaks/Derby later this week. Also, graduation/commencement ceremonies will be happening very soon. The season of transition is upon us.



The nicer weather will bring more walkers, bikers and children out onto our streets. Please remember to be mindful of everyone on the streets as we go about our lives. The speed limit is 20 mph throughout the residential area of Meadow Vale.

May is the month where the City of Meadow Vale Commission creates and approves the annual budget. We are also in a cycle of property reassessment from the Jefferson County PVA, so be on the lookout for that new tax assessment. Tax bills go out at the end of the summer so also be on the lookout for that if you don't use an escrow account service.

As always, the monthly Commissioner Meeting is held the 3rd Monday of each Month at City Hall at 7:00 PM. Please don't hesitate to contact the Commissioners or me directly if you have an issue, question or concern about our City.

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Have a great May in Meadow Vale,

~ Matt Hammond
Mayor of Meadow Vale



City Clerk Barbie Bryant, recently attended the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association's annual conference in Owensboro, KY.

This three-day training opportunity offered a variety of topics that included "Building a Positive Relationship between the City Clerk and Governing Body," "Workplace Security, Policy, Procedures and Preparedness," "Fraud in the Workplace," "Kentucky Retirement System Update," and "Governmental Accounting."



J.D.Chaney, CEO and Executive Director of the Kentucky League of Cities, presented the Legislative Update, which featured House Bills and Senate Bills that were passed in this legislative session.

**CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
03-29-2023
7:00 – 7:16PM**

The Commission met in special session at Meadow Vale City Hall with Mayor Matt Hammond and the following Commissioners:

Commissioner Tom Lucas - **absent**
Commissioner Julie Michels
Commissioner James Wallover
Commissioner Brad Williams

Others present: City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Mayor Hammond opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 03-20-2023 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE MINUTES FROM THE 03-20-2023 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

MOWING/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR BERM

Five (5) bids were discussed for mowing and maintenance of the berm for the 2023 season. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM KENT MORRIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00 PER MOWING FOR THE 2023 SEASON, PENDING VERIFICATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE AND INSURANCE, WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

It was discussed that if Kent Morris failed to provide a business license and/or insurance, a second bid would be considered. **COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM WALSH BROTHERS, AS THE BACKUP PLAN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$385.00 PER MOWING FOR THE 2023 SEASON, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE VERIFICATION AND CONTRACTUAL NEEDS. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

The removal of downed trees was discussed. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM RUSS CLARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850.00 FOR THE REMOVAL OF FIVE TREES, WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:16PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

****These meeting minutes received Commission approval****

**CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
04-17-2023
7:00PM – 8:24PM**

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

Commissioner Tom Lucas
Commissioner Julie Michels
Commissioner James Wallover
Commissioner Brad Williams

Others present: City Treasurer Scott Pitts, City Attorney Kerry Butler, Police Chief Ray Spann, City Clerk Barbie Bryant and Mayor of Rolling Hills, Judy Crowe.

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the 03-29-2023 special meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE MINUTES FOR THE 03-29-2023 SPECIAL MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Pitts presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for March 2023. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCAS, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR MARCH 2023 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

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

Treasurer Pitts announced that he received two bids for auditing services. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM RICHARD PAULMANN, CPA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,200.00 FOR THE AUDIT AND \$200.00 FOR THE FILING OF THE UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT (UFIR) WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

Mayor Hammond then presented the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024 to the Commission. Discussion followed in the areas of police salaries, tax rates, administrative training, office landline phone service and ordinance publications.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Spann gave an update on the report he submitted via email.

- Several purses have been stolen from vehicles parked to get gas at the Kroger pump station. Louisville Metro was alerted to these offenses.
- He reported that Officer Bob Flynn has resigned from the department.
- He investigated a barking dog complaint on Meadow Vale Drive. Although the owner of the property was out of town, the roommate was contacted and the problem was resolved.
- During the past 30 days, officers kept a check on three “watch” houses.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Hammond will contact the owner of a rental property to explain they once again do not qualify for an exemption.

Although Walsh Bros Lawn Care was not under contract, they took the un-authorized initiative to mow the berm in March. After contacting the company, it was suggested that a payment from the previous contracted rate would be considered. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO PAY THE 2022 RATE OF \$350.00 TO WALSH BROS LAWN CARE FOR MOWING THE BERM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

Mayor Hammond repaired the stop sign at Tiverton and Aylesbury Drive. He reported that a citizen would begin recanvassing to solicit signatures to have a speed hump placed on Tiverton.

Mayor Hammond asked the City Attorney for advice on using a “utility” pole to house the new solar powered speed sign. Mayor Hammond would like the speed sign to be up and running soon.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX LIENS

Mayor Hammond would like the City Attorney to research all liens placed on properties for non-payment of taxes for the City of Meadow Vale. City Clerk Bryant will send copies of those liens, since 2016, to City Attorney Butler.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wallover (Public Safety) - no report

Commissioner Michels (Community Services)

COMMISSIONER MICHELS MADE A MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE CREATED BY ACTION OF THE COMMISSION AT THE 07-17-2017 MEETING. AS SUCH, THE COMMITTEE WILL NO LONGER MEET AND ALL AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY ASSIGNED TO THAT COMMITTEE SHALL CEASE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCAS AND PASSED 5-0.

Commissioner Williams (Public Services)

- Lights and signs were inspected Sunday 4/16 and all streetlights were operational and signs were in good condition.
- Noted the new light on the flag is not working properly and we will contact our Metro Councilman regarding that this month.

Commissioner Lucas (Utilities)

- Reported he was still the only one cleaning the berm on the second Saturday of the month. He emphasized the job could be performed in 30 minutes or less. Commissioner Williams suggested contacting a teen who is looking to complete hours for school credit.
- The new mowing provider has performed a mow and it looks to be of great quality.
- Agrees with Commissioner Michels that the city newsletter needs to get to more residents. Currently 147 households receive the newsletter by email and 30 residents get a hard copy. He and Commissioner Michels will work on a flyer to distribute highlighting the worth of the newsletter and how to get “connected” to the city for information.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk Bryant will attend the Annual Municipal Clerks’ Conference on April 26-28, 2023. The conference will be held in Owensboro, KY.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:24PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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



The Second Saturday **Berm Cleanup** will continue this month.*

When: May 13th at 9:00 AM

Where: Meet at the city sign (Hounz Lane and Meadow Vale Drive)

Parking: Gravel off the road side on Hounz Lane near the city sign.

Please consider joining the **Berm Cleanup** email list by scanning
the QR code here or by entering your email
at <https://forms.gle/jXmyhmriQCsysyV19>



We hope to see you for any
month you are able to join us.
See you soon!

And Thank You!

*Work Gloves and Trash Bags will be provided.

MEADOW VALE POLICE

(May 2023)

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.



While ladies are alone and refueling their vehicles at the Kroger gas pumps - 9501 Westport Road - thieves are stealing their purses. There were three (3) of these day-light-type theft offenses within a recent 2-week period where ladies have left doors unlocked, allowing the thieves entry, via the passenger side door, into the vehicles to abscond with their purses. Unfortunately, the purses contain many personal items including credit cards, cash, driver’s license, company or business access cards, house keys, and valuable jewelry. This same criminal treacherous enterprise is being played out at other area service stations. The thieves wear hooded sweatshirts with their faces obscured and hurriedly depart the scene in what is believed to be a stolen vehicle. PLEASE develop and/or practice good crime-prevention techniques, i.e., lock the vehicle doors, remove keys, secure purses, and most importantly, be aware of your surroundings. Remember to report any suspicious activity to the police, who are only a phone call away. I do NOT want YOU to be the next victim!



It’s the time of year when there’s a “hole” lotta diggin’ goin’ on. Maybe it’s flowers. Or a bush. Could be a new mailbox. Whatever it is, before you do anything else, be sure to contact 811 at least two business days before your project begins if it requires digging. Go to kentucky811.org or call 811 to request that utilities, including LG&E, mark any underground lines (electric, gas, water, cable, etc.) on your property. Otherwise, you run the risk of a major repair bill and/or a serious injury or possibly even death. Remember, contacting 811 is the law, and there is no charge for the service.

Private lines

Please note that some underground lines will NOT be marked by 811. These are private lines such as electric or water lines to a pool, lines to septic tanks, electric lines to sheds or landscape lighting, lawn sprinkler systems, invisible pet fencing, etc. A good general rule of thumb is if the utility runs from the street to the meter, it will be marked. If the utility is installed from the meter to another location on your property, it will not be marked. It is the property owner’s responsibility to contact a private locating company. If a natural gas line is damaged during excavation, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (KPSC) will investigate to determine if the line was properly marked. If it wasn’t, you could be charged a hefty fine.

Planting trees

From looking down to looking up ... if you are planting a tree, make sure it’s the right tree in the right place. You want to avoid interference with overhead power lines, so – before you put it in the ground – take the time to learn how tall your tree will be when it matures.

VISIT: <https://lge-ku.com/sites/default/files/LGE-PowerSource-April-2023.pdf>

DISTRICT 17 NEWS

District 17 Website Changes

If you've ever visited the [District 17 website](#), you know there are several things you can do there such as track crime in your area, view legislation I've sponsored, find out what events are on the calendar, see how your tax dollars are spent, and more. I've recently added a few other options that I hope you'll find useful:

- **Welcome to District 17** – As the title implies, this is intended as a general welcome to new residents. It includes a link to sign up for the electronic newsletter as well as a list of some of the more important phone numbers.
- **What is Metro Council?** – This seeks to provide some basic information about the Metro Council: how leadership positions are chosen, how proposed legislation becomes law, when the Council meets, etc. You'll also be able to view maps of the 26 districts, meeting agendas, and the Metro Council Rules.
- **Government at a Glance** – This section will help guide you through some of the more common issues and concerns we hear such as property maintenance violations, getting speed humps installed, or reporting a drainage problem.

Please contact District 17 Councilman Markus Winkler if you have any thoughts or suggestions!

Other Numbers

Jefferson County Emergency
911

St Matthews Fire Department
502-893-7825

Rumpke Sanitation
502-568-3800

Louisville Gas & Electric
502-589-3500

MONTHLY MEETING

The City Commission of Meadow Vale meets 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.

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www.cityofmeadowvale.org