

City of Meadow Vale

June 2023



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

June and the summer are upon us again. The Commission has been hard at work during our regular meetings to get the 23-24' budget arranged and ready. We have been steadily working on the numbers to create a budget that can work for the City.

There has been some chatter about bringing back the Independence Day Parade and Commissioner Michels has been working on just that very thing for some time now. Here are the details:

- The 4th of July parade will begin on the 4th at 10:00am, the beginning location is Boxford Court.
- A flyer with additional information will be sent in a mailing and posted in this newsletter.

We are having a Public Hearing on June 19th at 7:00pm at Meadow Vale City Hall, as well as our regularly scheduled monthly Commission Meeting. Also, be on the lookout for a new traffic device on our streets as we work to combat unsafe speeding on our City's streets. A solar powered radar sign will be mounted on Tiverton in the very near future as the weather permits.

The berm trees from the first storm were removed by a contractor but a second round of high windstorms that occurred after we submitted the bid for the downed tree removal are still there. I plan on using my own chainsaw and sectioning up the trees and doing the removal that way. I will also try and get the stumps that are halfway out of the ground removed as well.

I think the City is moving forward and the Commission is developing into this new fiscal year in a positive way and I look forward to all feedback and communications.

Respectfully,

Matt Hammond
Mayor of Meadow Vale



See Page 6 in this newsletter

CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
05-15-2023
7:00PM – 8:45PM

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 - **absent**

Others present: City Treasurer Scott Pitts, City Attorney Kerry Butler, Police Sergeant Jim Wilder, City Clerk Barbie Bryant and Office Assistant Pat Teeter.

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the 04-17-2023 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LUCAS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE MINUTES FOR THE 04-17-2023 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Pitts presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for May 2023. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR MAY 2023 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

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

Treasurer Pitts reported that he has secured a contract from Richard Paulmann, CPA, for auditing services. He then presented the budget figures showing a tax rate over the compensating rate with 1% - 4% increases. Discussion followed on how to allocate raises for the police and current interlocal agreements.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCAS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE HOURLY RATE TO \$45.00 FOR POLICE PATROL FOR THE CITIES OF ROLLING HILLS AND BROWNSBORO FARMS WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

Mayor Hammond will contact Mayors Crowe and Stout to discuss the amendment proposal for the interlocal agreements.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES BY 5% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

POLICE REPORT

Commissioner Wallover gave an update on the report Chief Spann had submitted via email. Additional updates include the recalibrations of radar units and that the Taurus will need new brake pads. The Mayor reached out to the Code Enforcement Officer to try and get some progress made on some key areas in our city that need extra attention.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hammond has contacted the landlord regarding the broken AC unit at City Hall. A Sunday afternoon has been suggested for the painting of the berm wall. The Mayor has confirmed that no sales tax will be added to the invoices for mowing the berm. A resident has agreed to allow the radar speed sign to go on their property. It will be pointed towards Hounz Lane. Sergeant Wilder requested a sign to indicate "speed strictly controlled by radar."

ORDINANCE #38 LEVYING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX

City Clerk Bryant announced that a public hearing on the proposed property tax has been scheduled for June 19, 2023 at 7:00pm at City Hall, 9408 Blossom Lane, Suite A, Louisville KY 40242. Mayor Hammond introduced the ordinance and City Clerk Bryant presented the first reading in full as follows:

CITY OF MEADOW VALE
ORDINANCE #38, SERIES 2023-2024

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY, AND THE LEVYING OF AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to relevant provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the City of Meadow Vale, Kentucky is authorized and empowered to provide a system for the assessment, levying and collection of all city taxes.

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

Section 1

The following provisions shall apply for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Section 2

The January 1, 2023 county assessment for all property situated within the City shall be the basis for this ad valorem tax levy.

Section 3

The City will utilize the services available from the Office of the County Property Valuation Administrator in the preparation and distribution of the tax bills and will reimburse said office at the statutory fee as required by KRS 132.285.

Section 4

Upon delivery of such tax bills, payment shall be made to the City of Meadow Vale. Collection of all delinquent taxes shall be made in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 5

The proceeds of such taxes are to be used for general operating purposes of the City and all other necessary and proper municipal functions.

Section 6

The ad valorem tax on residential and commercial real property as of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 is hereby levied and fixed at the rate of \$ **0.106** per \$100.00 of property assessed for taxation.

Section 7

Said tax shall be due and payable on October 1, 2023. If tax is paid on or before October 1, 2023, the bill shall be subject to a discount of two percent (2%). If the tax is paid after October 31, 2023, the bill shall be subject to a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the principal amount due, plus interest at the rate of 12% annum, together with all costs and expenses incidental to any action taken by the city for collection, including attorney fees of \$100 per lien, lien recording and release fees and court costs.

Section 8

Any unpaid tax, together with collection costs thereon, as herein provided for, shall remain a lien against the property in favor of the City until fully paid.

Section 9

This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2023, the first day of the fiscal year, after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

By consensus, the Commissioners were all in agreement on the first reading.

ORDINANCE #37 ANNUAL BUDGET FY 2023-2024

Mayor Hammond introduced the ordinance and City Clerk Bryant presented the first reading in full as follows:

**CITY OF MEADOW VALE
ORDINANCE NO. 37, SERIES 2023-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024
BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION
OF CITY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, the annual budget proposal and message have been prepared and delivered to the City Commission, and;

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed such budget and made necessary modifications.

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

SECTION I

The budget for the City of Meadow Vale for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, shall be as attached hereto (see Attachment A):

SECTION II

This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2023, the first day of the fiscal year, after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

By consensus, the Commissioners were all in agreement on the first reading.

City of Meadow Vale, Kentucky
Statement of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 01, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024
Attachment A to Budget Ordinance

	General Fund			Road Fund	Total Budget
	Operating	Police	Total		
Revenues					
Taxes					
Property	\$ 110,095.57		\$ 110,095.57		\$ 110,095.57
Bank		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00		\$ 17,500.00
Insurance	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 58,000.00		\$ 58,000.00
Franchise		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
License and Permits	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00
Intergovernmental					
Base Court (H9-413)		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00
Interlocal Agreements		\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00		\$ 32,500.00
Road Fund Municipal Aid			\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Citation Income		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Total Revenues	\$ 152,595.57	\$ 87,550.00	\$ 240,145.57	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 255,645.57
Expenditures					
General Government	\$ 109,710.00		\$ 109,710.00		\$ 109,710.00
Public Safety		\$ 116,269.30	\$ 116,269.30		\$ 116,269.30
Public Services and Sanitation	\$ 74,800.00		\$ 74,800.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 88,300.00
Community Services	\$ 4,330.00		\$ 4,330.00		\$ 4,330.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 188,840.00	\$ 116,269.30	\$ 305,109.30	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 318,609.30
Excess Revenue/(Expenditures)			\$ (64,963.73)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (62,963.73)
Reserves Appropriated			\$ 64,963.73	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 62,963.73

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wallover (Public Safety) - had no additional information.

Commissioner Michels (Community Services)

- Sergeant Wilder proposed a petting zoo for upcoming attractions.
- The 4th of July parade will begin on the 4th at 10:00am, the beginning location is Meadow Vale Court.
- A flyer with additional information will be sent in a mailing and posted in the June newsletter.

Commissioner Williams (Public Services) sent the following information via email:

- My report for this month is that we have no incidents of street light outages, and all signs are in clean condition. I am still working to get to the bottom of the flagpole lights and anticipate having information by next week.

Commissioner Lucas (Utilities)

- The tree trimming was performed for damages from the first wind storm. Assessment of remaining damages from storm #2 and general tree health is ongoing.
- City of Meadowvale has been contracting annually with Naturescape for berm weed and fertilizer service since 2014. The 2023 services were renewed and paid for in December of 2022. We are set up to receive a total of 6 Lawn Care Visits from them, for the total prepaid price of \$1454.00. The first 2 visits have already been completed, and there are 4 remaining prepaid applications for this year, which will be approximately every 6-8 weeks apart. Their services do not automatically renew.

The mowing contract with Ken Morris has been adjusted from weekly to every 10 days on the berm.

POLICE PATROL INSURANCE FOR ROLLING HILLS

The city attorney for the City of Rolling Hills contacted Kerry Butler to discuss the need for a policing policy. In a conversation between KLC and Rolling Hills, it was suggested that they could get their own policy or obtain a rider on Meadow Vale's current policy. City Attorney Butler will check out the cost of a rider so that Rolling Hills will be able to compare costs: RH's own policy vs. MV policy rider. **UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS THE RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW THE CITY ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE A RIDER ON THE INSURANCE POLICY FOR POLICE PROTECTION FOR THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

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



SUNDAY, June 18, 2023

Meadow Vale News



4th of July Resident Parade

Tuesday, July 4th, 10am – Meadow Vale Court

We will have a resident parade lead by our wonderful police department. Decorate your bikes, scooters, strollers, and wagons with flags, streamers, pinwheels and more! Other residents are encouraged to cheer our parade on by lining our streets. Get out your lawn chairs and wave your flags!

Meet in Meadow Vale Court between 9:30 and 10 am. Sidewalk chalk available before the start. We will walk down Lanesboro, up Welsford, and end back on Meadow Vale Dr.

Newsletter Request

Get our newsletter delivered directly to your email every month. Email City Clerk, Barbie Bryant (meadowvalecityclerk@gmail.com), to get signed up. Any important MV news, ordinances, announcements, and concerns are easy to find there every month.

MV Website

Scan this QR code with the camera on your phone to take you to the MV Website. On our website you can find contact information for city staff and a variety of city services/utilities. We also post all city ordinances (including standing ordinances about parking, animals, public nuisances, and more), as well as links to our monthly newsletters.



Berm Care

Join Commissioner Tom Lucas (meadowvaletomlucas@gmail.com) the Second Saturday of every month from 9-10am to clean the berm.

New Here?

If you are new to the neighborhood, Welcome!!! We would love to meet you and bring you a packet with information about our city. Please email Commissioner Julie Michels (mvcommissionerjulie@gmail.com) with your name and address so that we can deliver to you. We hope you enjoy our city as much as we do!



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

When: June 10th 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!

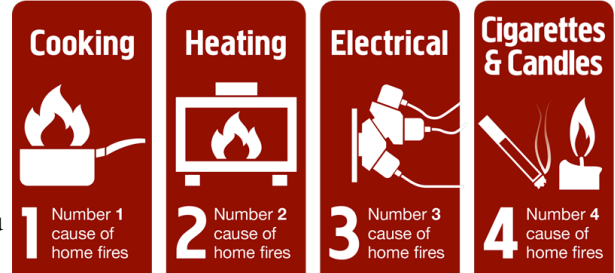
And Thank You!

*Work Gloves and Trash Bags will be provided.

CITY OF MEADOW VALE

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

Summer is coming and children will be home. Keep them and your family safe by talking to your child about fire prevention. As a general rule, children five and under should be given clear and regularly repeated instructions on what they should and shouldn't do. Then, once they're older, you can go into more detail and explain why. It's also important to remember that children tend to forget things easily, so you must make sure you go through fire safety rules regularly and enforce them in everyday life.



FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

Practice with your children your home fire escape plan. If you don't have one, make one! It only takes minutes, but they could be minutes that save your life one day.

SPRING CLEANING FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

Dryer vents – Before starting, unplug the dryer. Next, detach the dryer vent hose from the wall, cleaning the hose and vent cover. Lastly, carefully reattach the hose and plug the dryer back in. Don't forget to clean your exterior vent also.

Electrical cords – Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Louisville Gas & Electric
502-589-1444

Fast path options are: 1-1-1 (gas) and 1-1-2 (electric).

Louisville Water Company
502-583-6610

To report emergencies like water main breaks or broken fire hydrants.

St Matthews Fire Department
502-893-7825



Police Blotter

(June 2023)

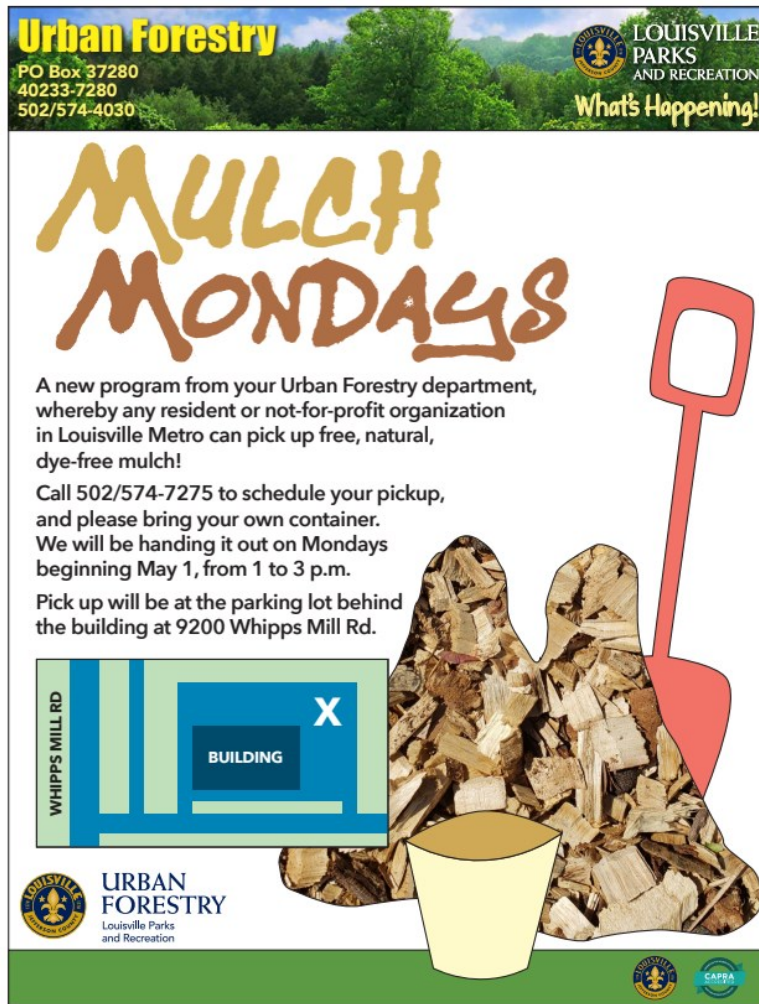
Police Blotter: For our purposes, the definition of a “Police Blotter” is a written record of facts, meaningful events, interesting occurrences, or crime prevention tips documented, when appropriate, in the city’s monthly newsletter.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record or completely redundant, We wish to reemphasize good crime prevention practices as related to you keeping your personal car. During the early morning hours of Sunday, 28 May 2023, a vehicle was reported stolen from an address on Tiverton Way. According to the vehicle’s owner, he left the vehicle unlocked AND with keys in the ignition. What! Thieves are opportunists. When you provide the opportunity, thieves will capitalize on your lapse in good judgment and requisition your property. On occasion, car thief bandits visit our city, usually in the middle of the night, when few residents or police are out and about to specifically look for vehicles left unlocked. In addition to stealing a vehicle, thieves will abscond with valuable property, i.e., jewelry, money, cell phone chargers, and purses - any items left exposed in the interior. These types of thefts are occurring frequently, all across Jefferson and surrounding counties. The following are crime prevention strategies/recommendations to help keep you, your property, and our city safe:

- Lock car doors
- Remove keys
- Remove *ALL* firearms
- Remove valuable items from the vehicle’s interior
- Install an alarm
- Invest in a surveillance camera
- Install motion-detection lighting - it *IS* a crime deterrent
- Trim shrubbery to a lower height to eliminate a possible hiding place
- Be a good neighbor and look out for one another
- Remember to report suspicious activity to the police

Again, We DO NOT want YOU to be the next victim!

DISTRICT 17 NEWS



Urban Forestry
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40233-7280
502/574-4030

LOUISVILLE
PARKS
AND RECREATION
What's Happening!

MULCH MONDAYS

A new program from your Urban Forestry department, whereby any resident or not-for-profit organization in Louisville Metro can pick up free, natural, dye-free mulch!

Call 502/574-7275 to schedule your pickup, and please bring your own container. We will be handing it out on Mondays beginning May 1, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Pick up will be at the parking lot behind the building at 9200 Whipp's Mill Rd.



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AND RECREATION
CAPRA

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