## City of Meadow Vale

# JANUARY 2024



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#### **Meadow Vale Staff**

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Administrative Assistant Pat Teeter 502-412-5500

Meadow Vale Police Police Chief James Wilder Officer Phil Peters Officer on Duty 548-2599 Non-emergency 574-5471



Dear Neighbors,

From the little girl who danced out of her house to greet him to the little boy who asked for a gift for his even smaller brother, it was such a joy to watch our neighbors enjoy Santa's visit to Meadow Vale in mid-December. A huge and special thanks to the Lasleys, who arrange for Santa's visit each year, and special helpers Pat Teeter and Police Officer Peters.

It was also a joy to have Meadow Vale lit up for the holidays! Thank you to Commissioner Michels for leading our annual holiday decoration contest, and congratulations to the winners, who get bragging rights all year long!

As we celebrate a new year, please know that you are always welcomed to get involved in Meadow Vale. You're invited to our monthly meetings every third Monday at 7 p.m., or to reach out to me or any of our awesome commissioners to ask how to get involved.

Cheers to a great 2024!

--Matt Hammond, Mayor



## CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 12-18-2023 7:00PM – 8:14PM

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 Jim Wilder, Code Enforcement Officer George Stewart and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Guests included former Mayor Mary Hornek and citizen Linda Prys. Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mrs. Prys had a complaint regarding cars parked on the street or in a yard. Chief Wilder will continue to monitor the issues. Former Mayor Mary Hornek offered her assistance to the Commission regarding the budget, and with questions that may be brought up in the audit. She also was concerned about the downed trees and stumps on the berm.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from the 11-20-2023 regular meeting were presented. UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE MINUTES FOR THE 11-20-2023 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 November 2023. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR NOVEMBER 2023 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.** 

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

Treasurer Scott was informed by the auditor that the audit should be near completion within the next few weeks. Discussion followed concerning the budget for 2024-25 and the procedure for a special meeting. The Commission will provide several suggestions to increase revenue and reduce the strain on the city's reserves by the March 18, 2024 meeting. They will invite the public's opinions and their participation in which direction the city should take.

## POLICE REPORT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart gave an overview of the properties and their offenses for the past several months. He has sent letters to the owners, written courtesy notices and issued citations to the offenders.

Police Chief Wilder reported on the inspection/audit done on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December by the Kentucky League of Cities in which they had the following suggestions for compliance:

• Convert all email addresses to a ".gov" account

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- Must have sexual assault kits
- HB 298 requires driver training every two years
- Department Policy requires new language (permissive vs. mandatory wording)

He then reported on the ongoing replacement for officers and there are three viable applicants. All are current on their mandated training. Discussed the proper procedures when using PC Quest for computer assistance.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hammond discussed the annual fee of \$200 to renew membership with the Jefferson County League of Cities. All agreed to renew and Commissioner Wallover will represent the city at future meetings.

UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH CITY ATTORNEY BUTLER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165.00 PER HOUR WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Renewal of the annual membership for Clerk Bryant to the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association and the regional KIPDA Clerks Association was approved by consensus.

Commissioner Wallover did not have a 25 miles per hour sign. Commissioner Williams will begin the task for replacement of the speed limit sign on Hounz Lane

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

## **Commissioner Michels (Community Services)**

- Has chosen the winners of the Holiday Decorating contest and will provide pictures to be published in the newsletter. "Winners" signs will be placed in the yards of the participants.
- Santa and his elves greeted the children and distributed gifts. Officer Peters preceded the parade announcing Santa's arrival with a blast of the police car siren.

Commissioner Wallover (Public Safety) - reported that the police cruiser (Ford Taurus) would need an oil change and replacement of its rear brake pads. UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO SCHEDULE THE MAINTENANCE FOR THE FORD TAURUS POLICE CRUISER, WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

## **Commissioner Williams (Public Services)**

- All lights are operational as of an inspection today
- The stop sign at Aylesbury and Tiverton does belong to Rolling Hills, but because it is in the city limits of Meadow Vale, we will provide the post that is in need of repair.
- He will follow up on the contract for snow removal.

### **Commissioner Lucas (Utilities)**

• Informed the Commission that removal of the stumps on the berm will cost, at a minimum, around \$700 per stump. The issue will be revisited in the spring.

Commissioner Lucas had a resident ask him about raising chickens within the city. City Attorney Butler defined how deed restrictions may play a part in the outcome. Clerk Bryant informed all that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 90.04 declares "It shall be unlawful for any person to raise, breed or keep any animals, livestock or poultry of any kind on any provide property in the city except that dogs, cats and other household pets may be kept."

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Hammond reminded all that the wreaths would need to be removed in January. They will look for a warmer day to accomplish this.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:14PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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



Chapter 70.35 Traffic Control and Vehicular Parking (H) Stopped Vehicles prohibits continuous parking on the streets of Meadow Vale. And (S) Parking On Lawns and Yards also prohibits vehicles from standing in yards or partially on a lawn. General and criminal penalties can be applied, and the vehicle may be subject to towing and impoundment, at the owner's cost.



## Neighborhood Holiday Decorating Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Holiday Decorating Contest! It is such a joy to see our neighborhood lit up and lively during the dark winter months. It was a tight contest with many wonderful looking homes, but we finally chose these as our winners:

1st Place: The Akins Family at 9715 Somerford Rd. 2nd Place: The Williams Family at 9811 Boxford Way 3rd Place: The Ising Family at 9815 Boxford Way

Take advantage of those post-holiday sales now so we can have an even bigger light show in 2024! Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Commissioner Julie Michels







## A Visit From Santa













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

When: January 13th at 9:00 AM

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

<u>Parking</u>: 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 <a href="https://forms.gle/jXmyhmrjQCsysyV19">https://forms.gle/jXmyhmrjQCsysyV19</a>



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.

## **DISTRICT 17 NEWS**

#### Welcome to Metro Council District 17 - From Councilmember Markus Winkler

I'm pleased to welcome you to Metro Council District 17! I think you'll find it is a great place to live, work, and play. This is my District 17 website where you can learn more about the district including where to find parks and libraries nearby and what neighborhoods and suburban cities are found in our area. You'll also find information on other topics – how your tax dollars are spent, signing up for crime alerts, and submitting a service request for a pothole repair or something of that nature. One thing I want to be sure to highlight is my weekly electronic newsletter. This is probably the best way to get current information on issues most likely relevant to you such as development proposals, my regular "Coffee with your Councilman" meetings, Metro Council updates, and more. Just click on the link to sign up: Subscribe & Stay Informed – weekly D17 electronic newsletter.

### **Important Phone Numbers**

Anchorage/Middletown Fire & EMS - 245-7555 Animal Services – 473-7387 Charmoli Neighborhood Place – 574-5787 Codes & Regulations – 574-2508 Eastern Area Community Ministries - 426-2824 Health & Wellness - 574-6520 Jefferson County Clerk – 574-5700 Kentucky General Assembly – 564-8100 LMPD (8th Division) - 574-2258 Louisville Water - 583-6610 Mayor's Office - 574-2003 Middletown Library – 245-7332 MSD - 540-6000 Northeast Regional Library – 394-0379 Parks - 574-7275 Planning & Design – 574-6230 Public Works – 574-5810 Resilience and Community Services – 574-4377 TARC - 585-1234

## 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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