

City of Meadow Vale

MAY 2024



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Police Chief James Wilder

Officer Phil Peters

Officer Terry Bacon

Officer on Duty 548-2599

Non-emergency 574-5471

Dear Meadow Vale residents,

It's no secret that the Meadow Vale Commission has been wrestling with inflation—and its effect on our city's budget—over the last few months.

However, we have found a way to preserve both Meadow Vale's police department and waste removal program without a tax increase.

Currently, our ad valorem (property) taxes don't even cover the cost of each household's waste removal service.

Other cities like ours collect a "user fee" for services like waste removal that is separate from the ad valorem tax. We will be doing the same: Taking the trash and recycling costs out of the ad valorem tax budget, and charging each household for the service through a separate user fee.

We are in the process of accepting bids for a trash/recycling/yard waste contract, which will then be covered by the user fees.

Research done by residents already—which has also been presented at our monthly city meeting—has shown that the user fee for our group waste removal rate will still be substantially lower than if each household were to contract with Rumpke or others on their own.

More to come as the Commission finalizes the details. You're welcome to join us at our monthly meeting, held the third Monday of each month at City Hall, 7:00pm.

--Matt Hammond, Mayor



Look for a flyer that
will soon be
delivered to your
home address!

Meadow Vale and Rolling Hills Community Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 18th, 8:00am-2:00pm

Get ready to uncover treasures galore at the Community Yard Sale Extravaganza! Join us on Saturday, May 18th, from 8am to 2pm, and explore an array of fantastic finds right in your own backyard. If it rains, we will move to Sunday, May 19th. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to snag incredible deals and connect with your community!

CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
04-15-2024
7:00PM – 8:25PM

The Commission met in regular session at City Hall. The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Commissioner Tom Lucas
Commissioner Julie Michels
Commissioner James Wallover – **Mayor Pro Tem**
Commissioner Brad Williams

Others present: City Treasurer Chris Lusher, City Attorney Kerry Butler, Police Chief Jim Wilder, Office Manager Pat Teeter and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Guests included Bill Pearce. Mayor Pro Tem Wallover called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS / GUESTS - REMARKS

Bill Pearce presented an invoice in the amount of \$4.25 for the purchase of a different plant that will be used around the Meadow Vale City Sign. He explained that a Maple Tree will need to be removed from the berm. Ms. Teeter and Mr. Pearce volunteered to produce a “rules pamphlet” to distribute to residents of Meadow Vale. The Commission will work with them to see what topics and rules to include.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 03-18-2024 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE MINUTES FOR THE 03-18-2024 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Wallover introduced the new/old Treasurer Lusher. Treasurer Lusher then presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for March 2024. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR MARCH 2024 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

The minutes will reflect that all bank statements were available for review. Commissioner Williams will be responsible for the March Checks and Balance report.

POLICE REPORT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Wallover reported on the following:

- There has been an uptick in vehicles being rummaged through along with items stolen due to vehicles being left unlocked.
- One duffle bag and a backpack were found by a resident on Goose Creek near Aylesbury. Those items were returned to the owner. No report was requested. The back door of the residence has been left unlocked.
- LMPD notified the Chief of a vehicle that had been stolen from a Wellsford residence. The vehicle was later recovered and returned to its owner. The keys had been left in the vehicle.
- Newly hired Police Officer Bacon will be sworn in on Thursday, April 18th at City Hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem Wallover submitted the report. The introduction of a User Fee for Garbage Collection was heavily discussed by the Commission. "User fee" means the fee or charge imposed by a local government on the user of a public service for the use of any particular service not also available from a nongovernmental provider. City Attorney Butler will research to see what and how other cities implement the fee.

The Commission also discussed the need to raise the property tax, however, the proposed rates discussed included 4%, 10% and 25%.

RENTAL LICENSE – INCREASE ANNUAL FEE

The Commission would like to increase the annual rental license fee to \$400.00. The amended ordinance was reviewed by the City Attorney and will be presented at a later date.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wallover (Public Safety)

- Patrols remain uninterrupted.
- Two speeding warnings were given on Hounz Lane.
- It was determined that the cost for two RADAR calibrations was in the budget.

Commissioner Michels (Community Services)

- ◇ The Spring Fling and Egg Hunt was a success. Highlights of the event included:
- ◇ Over 1000 eggs scattered for the hunt, providing excitement for children and parents alike.
- ◇ Inflatables offered endless entertainment for the little ones.
- ◇ Snacks and treats that kept people coming back for more.
- ◇ A friendly atmosphere encouraged mingling and community bonding.
- Block parties were discussed.
- A Yard Sale will be planned for the 18th of May, rain date on the 19th. Times will be 8:00am until 2:00pm. The City of Rolling Hills will participate as well.

Commissioner Michels and Office Manager Pat Teeter will get the word out for the Yard Sale several weeks in advance.

Commissioner Williams (Public Services)

- Discussed in detail the bidding process for garbage collection. Two companies have been identified to service Meadow Vale. Will work with the Mayor and City Clerk to produce the contract, bid sheets and announcements.
- The post for the sign replacement was located and found a City Hall
- After trying to contact several businesses to work on the cracks in the pavement throughout Meadow Vale, only one company has submitted a bid. Will continue to call and try for more bids.
- Will continue to monitor streetlights and their outages.

Commissioner Lucas (Utilities)

- Accepted the invoice from Bill Pearce for the additional costs of shrubs.
- Need for mulch will be determined in the next few weeks.
- Mowing of the berm has begun.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

These are unofficial meeting minutes pending Commission approval



Officer Terry Bacon has joined the Meadow Vale Police Department. He began his public service with the West Buechel Police Department in 1990 until he retired in 2008 as their Lieutenant Second in Command. He then went on to the City of Shively and serviced their Police Department for over 15 years.

“My name is Terry Bacon. I'm currently serving your city and community as a police officer. I've been a police officer for 33 plus years. I'm married with 5 adult children and a grandfather of 10 grandkids. I'm looking forward to serving the City and residents of Meadow Vale. Please reach out to me at anytime. Please keep all of us in your prayers. Thank you”.

RUMPKE

Memorial Day: Monday, May 27, 2024

Service will NOT occur. Service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week. Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.



Volunteer Bill Pearce recently took time to purchase and plant new landscaping materials for the area surrounding the City of Meadow Vale's sign. We do appreciate his commitment to the city. However, he may need to work a little harder on his photography skills! (hint) Finger positioned in the upper left hand corner.

Patsy Fey celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends on March 30, 2024 at Selena's Restaurant.

Pictured with her are son Vic and his wife Karen, and daughter Karen.



DISTRICT 17 NEWS



KENTUCKY SHAKESPEARE **SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS**

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

HOUNZ LANE PARK
SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT 6:30PM

SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN MARKUS WINKLER, DISTRICT 17

RAIN SPACE AND MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT
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kyshakespeare.com

Shakespeare in the Parks returns this spring with performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. In all, 38 shows have been scheduled at parks throughout our community. This includes a 6:30 p.m. performance on **Sunday, May 5 at Hounz Lane Park**, 2300 Hounz Lane. If you haven't attended before, no registration is required for these free, family-friendly events. Feel free to bring a chair, a blanket, some food, and even your pet (as long as it's on a leash). The show lasts about 90 minutes. Click [here](#) for more information including a full schedule of performances and a 'know before you go' link. Hounz Lane Park is a fantastic venue, so we hope to see you on May 5th!



Louisville Parks and Recreation has placed signage in 30 public parks throughout the city in hopes of getting visitors to provide feedback on their park experience. The signage (see above) will include a QR code that links directly to a survey that takes only about five minutes to complete. An online version of the survey can be found [here](#) for those who may not be able to access the signage in their park. The survey will be active for about three weeks.



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

When: May 11th 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>

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