

City of Meadow Vale

JUNE 2024



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Meadow Vale Police

Police Chief James Wilder

Officer Phil Peters

Officer Terry Bacon

Officer on Duty 548-2599

Non-emergency 574-5471

Dear Meadow Vale Residents,

Summer is here! Congratulations to the new graduates in our city. What a wonderful time of year: school is out, the flowers are in bloom, and the weather...well, it's playing by its own agenda.

We have recently had quite a few storms that have caused significant damage to our area and disruption to our daily lives. Power outages, limbs down and more all have wrecked our routines. It's during trying times like these (as I write this, we are 3 days into a power outage with house guests...) that make Meadow Vale a distinctly wonderful place to live, as neighbors help each other weather the storms.

We have recently had a lot of discussions about taxes and the City budget. The Commission has found a way forward that allows each household parcel to pay the exact same rate for the same service: trash, recycling and yard waste removal.

This user fee will be a flat rate that will be the same for each household, NOT a tax based on property value. We believe this is the most fair, equitable way to ensure continuation of these services.

More to come—and thank you to the Commission and residents for their work to find a solution.

--Matt Hammond, Mayor



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CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
05-20-2024
7:00PM – 8:28PM

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 Chris Lusher, City Attorney Kerry Butler, Police Chief Jim Wilder, Office Manager Pat Teeter and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Guests included Bill Pearce and Charles “Butch” Shipley. Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS / GUESTS - REMARKS

Bill Pearce will need to purchase 15-20 bags of cypress mulch and several bottles of Round-Up to continue to maintain the landscaping around the city sign. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LUCAS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW UP TO \$150.00 TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

Mr. Shipley stated he was attending to be able to relay information back to his neighbors.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 04-15-2024 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LUCAS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE MINUTES FOR THE 04-15-2024 REGULAR MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lusher presented the Income Statements and the Balance Sheets for April 2024. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LUCAS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR APRIL 2024 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

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

POLICE REPORT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Wallover reported on the following:

- Patrols remain uninterrupted
- Parking Issue with a Commercial Truck, Boxford Ct. has been resolved
- A Suspicious Person identified as a Solicitor was resolved by another agency
- House Watch: No Issues / Resident Returned Home
- Traffic Stop: Speeding / Westport & Hurstbourne Ln. (Warning)
- Officer Bacon has completed his “On the Job Training” and is patrolling on his own.
- All training up to date and In-Services have been scheduled. Office Bacon to be scheduled for In-Service at a later date

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- The 2011 Crown Vic was serviced at Shields – Engine was over heating
 - Two (2) Radars calibrated
 - Requested business cards for Officer Bacon

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hammond reported that the Community Yard Sale was a success. Over a dozen families within Meadow Vale participated. An issue with the contacts at PC Quest will be addressed and an email will be established for the new officer. The issue with authorization for gas cards has been remedied and each officer will receive their own card to better track usage.

Several issues with vehicle infractions within the city limits were directed to the Code Enforcement Officer for further investigation and possible citations.

Mayor Hammond and Commissioner Michels have conflicts for the regular date of the June Commission Meeting. **UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2024 AT 7:00PM AT CITY HALL WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

Mayor Hammond stated that the Annual ARPA Fund Report was submitted. The 2024 UFIR and Audit were received by the Department of Local Government.

Metro Louisville Zoning and Planning will conduct several workshops to discuss “Middle Housing” zoning regulations that will go into effect in 2025. Mayor Hammond suggested the Commissioners attend the sessions to get better acquainted with the new zoning proposals. He also encouraged all Commissioners, interested in re-election, to contact the County Clerk’s office for paperwork.

PAMPHLET FOR MEADOW VALE RULES

Mayor Hammond shared with the Commission and those in attendance the pamphlet that will be distributed to residents and published in the June Newsletter. It highlights several issues that repeatedly are present in the city involving animals, vehicles and property maintenance.

RUMPKE EXTENDED CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

The extended contract for years 2024 through 2026, approved in 2022, will increase monthly amounts from \$20.50 to \$21.63, effective July 1, 2024.

USER FEE FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

Mr. Shipley expressed the number one concern regarding the User Fee. He questioned whether the fee would be paid on a monthly basis, quarterly or annually. Mayor Hammond and the Commission agreed the fee would be invoiced annually. The ordinance is currently being drafted by the City Attorney and the City Clerk and will be presented to the Commission in the July meeting. Discussion followed addressing penalties, possible liens and administrative duties.

ORDINANCE #39 ANNUAL BUDGET FY 2024-2025

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

CITY OF MEADOW VALE ORDINANCE NO. 39, SERIES 2024-2025

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025
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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, shall be as attached hereto (see Attachment A):

SECTION II

This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2024, the first day of the fiscal year, after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

No vote was taken.

City of Meadow Vale, Kentucky
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 01, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025
Attachment A: + 4% Ad Valorem Tax AND "User Fee Ordinance for Garbage Collection"

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	General Fund			Road Fund	Total Budget
	Operating	Police	Total		
Revenues					
Taxes					
Property	\$ 110,405.00				
Bank			\$ 110,405.00		\$ 110,405.00
		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
Franchise		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
User Fee Ordinance	\$ 76,000.00		\$ 76,000.00		\$ 76,000.00
License and Permits	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Intergovernmental					
Base Court (HB-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	\$ 226,905.00	\$ 87,050.00	\$ 313,955.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 329,455.00
Expenditures					
General Government	\$ 115,000.00		\$ 115,000.00		\$ 115,000.00
Public Safety		\$ 117,000.00	\$ 117,000.00		\$ 117,000.00
Public Services and Sanitation	\$ 75,500.00		\$ 75,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 89,000.00
Community Services	\$ 4,330.00		\$ 4,330.00		\$ 4,330.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 194,830.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 311,830.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 325,330.00
Excess Revenue/(Expenditures)			\$ 2,125.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,125.00

Reserves Appropriated \$ (2,125.00) \$ (2,000.00) \$ (4,125.00)

This represents 4% tax increase and the passing a User Fee Ordinance for Garbage Collection

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ORDINANCE #40 LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX

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

CITY OF MEADOW VALE ORDINANCE #40, SERIES 2024-2025

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Section 2

The January 1, 2024 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, 2024 through June 30, 2025 is hereby levied and fixed at the rate of \$0.107 per \$100.00 of property assessed for taxation.

Section 7

Said tax shall be due and payable on October 1, 2024. If the tax is paid after October 31, 2024, 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, 2024, the first day of the fiscal year, after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

No vote was taken. City Clerk Bryant then announced that a public hearing on the proposed property tax will be scheduled for June 10, 2024 at 7:00pm at City Hall, 9408 Blossom Lane, Suite A, Louisville KY 40242.

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) - no additional comment

Commissioner Michels (Community Services)

- Announced the Community Yard Sale was a success
- Is working on the July 4th of July Bike Parade
- Will produce a route for the parade and share it with the residents

Commissioner Williams (Public Services) – no report submitted.

Commissioner Lucas (Utilities)

- Will investigate the reason for the mowing of just portions of the berm
- Confirmed that the City pays to have the median between Hurstbourne Parkway and the berm mowed as part of the overall annual contract

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:28PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

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



The Community Yard Sale, held on May 18, 2024, was well attended. Families in Meadow Vale, Rolling Hills and nearby Briarwood, participated.

RUMPKE

Independence Day: Thursday, July 4, 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.

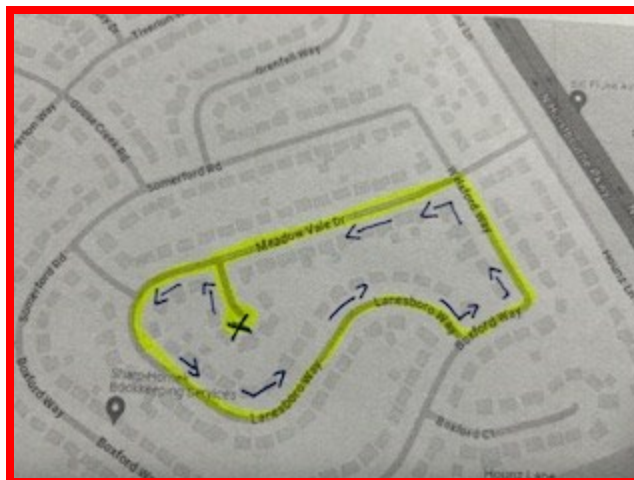


4th of July Resident Parade

**Thursday, July 4th, 10am
Begins on 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. (*See direction map below*). Get out your lawn chairs and wave your flags!

Meet in Meadow Vale Court between 9:30 and 10:00am. Sidewalk chalk will be available before the start. We will walk down Lanesboro, up Welsford and end back on Meadow Vale Drive.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Dear Meadow Vale Residents:

Please review the below reminders about important ordinances in the city of Meadow Vale. Many of these impact the cleanliness and safety of our community and quality of life for our neighbors on a daily basis.

VEHICLES

Inoperable vehicles cannot be parked or kept on the property or street, must be kept in a garage.

(OTHER ORDINANCES, Chapter 1, Section 3)

No work vehicle over 21 feet is allowed to park anywhere in the city.

(OTHER ORDINANCES, Chapter 1, Section 5)

All vehicles must be parked in the driveway and not on the street or on the lawn.

(OTHER ORDINANCES, Chapter 1, Section 19)

Please remember that the speed limit inside the City of Meadow Vale is 20 miles per hour.

Always be aware of children riding bikes and residents going out for a walk.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property owners need to keep front and back yards free of extreme growth, refuse, trash, garbage, and scrap materials. Not only is this a viewing nuisance to neighbors, but it also attracts pests and rodents.

(OTHER ORDINANCES, Chapter 2, Section 1 - 5)

ANIMALS

Animals should not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of your neighbor's outdoor experience, which applies to excessive barking, offensive odors and the unsightliness of the property that would diminish the value of a neighbor's property.

It is unlawful for any person to have an animal that continually barks, howls, whines or threatens to attack people or other animals.

It is the responsibility of the dog owner to keep the dog on a lease and ALWAYS clean up after your dog.

(OTHER ORDINANCES, Chapter 5, Section 2 – 3)

Please remember that Meadow Vale is a City, not an HOA or a subdivision. These Ordinances are not suggestions, and infractions carry penalties.

Thank you for being considerate of each other and for adhering to the Ordinances to keep Meadow Vale a safe and prosperous city for our residents.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact City Hall or email one of the City staff or commissioners. All ordinances may also be accessed at www.cityofmeadowvale.org.



DISTRICT 17 NEWS



Storm Debris Drop-Off Sites

Sitios de entrega de desechos debido a la reciente tormenta

Beginning May 29, 2024, Jefferson County residents may drop off storm tree debris for free at the Storm Debris Drop-Off Sites listed below. Participation will be monitored and an end date for each site will be announced.

A partir del 29 de mayo del 2024, los residentes del condado de Jefferson pueden dejar escombros de árboles en nuestros sitios de entrega de descarga de desechos debido a la reciente tormenta.

- Tree debris only.
Escombros de árboles solamente.
- Residents only. No businesses. Residents will be asked to show driver's license and their license plate will be documented.
Este servicio es solo para residentes. No para comerciantes. Es necesario que los residentes que proporcionen su nombre y dirección en los sitios de entrega.
- All sites open Monday - Friday 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Closed Sundays.
Todos los sitios estarán abiertos de lunes a viernes de 2 p.m. a 7 p.m., sábado de 9 a.m. a 7 p.m. Cerrado los domingos.

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| 1. Shawnee Park, 4501 West Broadway | 5. Charlie Vettiner Park, enter from Mary Dell Rd. |
| 2. Waste Reduction Center, 636 Meriwether Ave. | 6. Fern Creek Park, 8703 Ferndale Rd. |
| 3. Public Works Yard, 595 N Hubbards Ln. | 7. Near Fairdale Elementary, 10618 West Manslick Rd. |
| 4. E.P. Tom Sawyer Park, enter from Tom Sawyer Dr. near softball courts | 8. Public Works Yard, 10500 Lower River Rd., enter from Bethany Ln. |



Contractors and businesses who are hauling debris may use the Waste Reduction Center for the usual fee. Visit Louisvilleky.gov/WRC for details.

Se invita a los contratistas y empresas que transportan escombros a usar el Centro de Reducción de Desperdicios y pagar la tarifa habitual. Visite Louisvilleky.gov/WRC para más detalles.



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

When: June 8th at 9:00 AM

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



SCAN ME

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>

***Work Gloves and Trash Bags will be provided.**

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.

Find Us On The Web
www.cityofmeadowvale.org