

City of Meadow Vale

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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,

The Meadow Vale Commission is proceeding with establishing a Solid Waste User Fee ordinance. This will allow us to continue having cost effective and affordable trash, recycling and yard waste removal and enable us to balance our city's budget.

As we all know, costs for everything have risen. The city budget simply cannot keep up with the increased prices of recurring expense obligations with small rate increases to the Ad Valorem Tax (property taxes). In fact, an Ad Valorem property tax increase just to cover the cost of garbage would be at an incredible amount, and would see the cost of garbage services be higher for neighbors with higher assessed home values.

That doesn't seem fair.

Instead, the Solid Waste User Fee ordinance will:

- * Allow us to keep our favorable group rate by Rumpke
- * Allow each household to pay the same
- * Allow Meadow Vale to continue operating with a balanced budget
- * Keep costs exponentially lower than if everyone had to buy garbage service individually

The Solid Waste User Fee bills will be sent out in early November and will be due back by the first of January 2025.

Thank you to our neighbors, Commissioners and Meadow Vale staff who have worked together to find this equitable solution.

--Matt Hammond, Mayor



See Page 7 in this newsletter

CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
07-15-2024
7:00 – 8:02PM

The Commission met in regular 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 Treasurer Chris Lusher, City Attorney Kerry Butler, Office Manager Pat Teeter and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Judy Crowe, Mayor of Rolling Hills and citizen Bill Pearce were present. Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS / GUESTS - REMARKS

Mayor Hammond asked if any in attendance would like to speak, but all passed on the request.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 06-10-2024 special meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE MINUTES FOR THE 06-10-2024 SPECIAL MEETING WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The minutes will reflect that all bank statements were available for review. Treasurer Lusher reviewed the Income and Expense Forms and its calculations with the Commission. Commissioner Wallover will complete the Oversight Checklist.

POLICE REPORT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Wallover reported on the following:

Suspicious Person(s):

2 - Solicitors reported knocking on residents' doors (Not Located)
It's not clear if the 2 were the same or different individuals
Same reports also from Rolling Hills – but no additional reports were received.

Attempted Robbery: (Rolling Hills Shopping Center - Delayed Report)

1 - Dollar Tree (June 19th @10 pm:

An employee reported to LMPD that two black males, both wearing bandanas, approached her after she made a bank drop at the PNC bank. Once they realized she didn't have any money they fled the area towards Planet Fitness. The employee stated as the suspects fled one fired multiple rounds from a small caliber handgun or pellet gun. The issue of the weapon was unclear as pellet guns, when fired, are silent. The employee also waited until she arrived at her home to notify the police of the attempted robbery. The case remains under investigation.

Motorist Assist:

- 1 - Motorist Lost in City (Faulty GPS Reading)
Officer assisted her in reaching her destination

Traffic Enforcement: (Stop Signs)

- 1 - Intersection of Langdon Dr. and Aylesbury Dr.
- 1 - Intersection of Aylesbury Dr. and Goose Creek Rd.

Training:

All training up to date and/or in the process of completion

Mayor Hammond reported that the Code Enforcement Officer, George Stewart, continues to issue warnings and notifications throughout the city. He will contact Mr. Stewart to see if there is an update on the abandoned swimming pool.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hammond congratulated Commissioner Michels on another successful 4th of July Parade. The decorated golf cart was well appreciated with several dozen children and their families in attendance. Commissioner Michels suggested offering an opportunity to invite dog owners to join in the fun next year.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON SERVICES WITH MORRIS LAWN CARE

Commissioner Williams feels strongly that the services continue to not be up to par. There are still several times when only half of the mowing is completed in a day. He will have Commissioner Lucas contact Mr. Morris with an emphasis to concentrate on the berm and only mow the median every other time.

USER FEE FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

City Attorney Butler and City Clerk Bryant presented a draft of the ordinance for discussion. Mayor Hammond and the Commission agreed that a cover letter would be enclosed with the annual invoice to help inform the citizens about this new User Fee and its purpose.

CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN KENTUCKY CITIES

Mayor Hammond received the following email from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program:

Please note all local governments, counties, and cities are automatically allowing cannabis business operations in their jurisdictions. Counties and cities must enact ordinances in order to opt-out or establish restrictions on cannabis business operations in their jurisdictions.

After discussion, the Commission concluded that they will not provide an ordinance to restrict this type of business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wallover (Public Safety) - no additional information to report.

Commissioner Michels (Community Services)

- Submitted the date of Sunday, September 22, 2024, in the afternoon (4:00pm to 6:00pm) for the Fall Festival. Information will be shared in the newsletter.
- Hounz Lane Park will be the venue. Commissioner Michels will call to reserve the pavilion.

Commissioner Williams (Public Services)

- Has received two bids for paving patch work. He will present them at the August meeting.
- Has additional items to add to the “By-Laws Flyer”. Mayor Hammond and Ms. Teeter will place the newest items on the back of the flyer generated in May.
- Requested that the police department begin issuing parking tickets to residents who violate the city ordinance. New ticket books will be ordered.

Commissioner Lucas (Utilities) – no report

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk Bryant will attend a training session in August provided by the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association. A new flag will be hoisted to replace the frayed one currently on display.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:02PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

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



This is a big “Thank You” to our neighbor and his little helper for the beautifully painted brick flags that mysteriously appeared on our front porches. I know how excited I was when I saw there was one on my porch and I believe everyone else who received one felt the same. Your time and effort were greatly appreciated and proves to be an example of a true act of kindness.

~ Pat Teeter

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

4th of July
Parade



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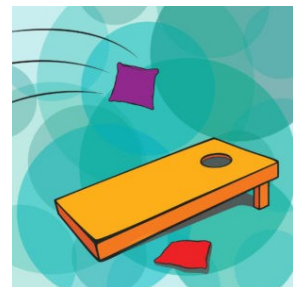


Meadow Vale Fall Festival Sunday, September 22, 4:00-6:00 pm Hounz Lane Park

Please join us for the second annual Meadow Vale neighborhood Fall Festival at Hounz Lane Park on Sunday, September 22nd from 4-6pm. We will have inflatable bounce houses, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, sidewalk chalk, wiffle ball, kickball, cornhole, popcorn, candy, cookies, and Kona Ice! (They promised to show up this time). Bring a lawn chair, enjoy a chat with your neighbors, and maybe make a new friend!

Want to help with setup?

Contact Commissioner Julie Michels - mvcommissionerjulie@gmail.com



DISTRICT 17 NEWS

'Coffee with your Councilman' - August 9 at 9:30 a.m.

My next 'Coffee with your Councilman' will be Friday, August 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Northeast Regional Library, 15 Bellevoir Circle. If you haven't yet attended one of my coffee meetings, I hope you'll give this one a try. I'll share some of the latest news from City Hall and answer any questions or concerns you have.

We'll be joined that morning by TARC representatives to discuss TARC 2025. TARC 2025 is all about working with Louisville area residents to update the bus system in a way that best meets the needs of its riders with the resources at TARC's disposal. Join us on August 9 to get a first-hand look at concepts for an updated TARC and let them know what you think.



Markus Winkler
17th District Councilman

Iroquois Amphitheater Free Summer Movie Series

Louisville Parks & Recreation has announced the August schedule for the Iroquois Amphitheater Free Summer Movie Series. Gates open at 6 p.m. for concessions and door prizes, with the first movie starting at 7 p.m. No outside food or beverages are allowed. The movies coming next month are listed below. For more information, click [here](#).

- August 1: Puss and Boots: The Last Wish (PG) and Rocky (PG)
- August 8: How To Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) and Blue Beetle (PG)
- August 9: How To Train Your Dragon: The Lost World (PG) and Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13)
- August 15: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (G) and Grease (PG)
- August 16: The Iron Giant (PG) and Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG)
- August 22: Ratatouille (G) and Wonka (PG)
- August 29: Kung FU Panda 4 (PG) and Enter The Dragon (R)



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

When: August 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>

***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.

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www.cityofmeadowvale.org