

City of Meadow Vale

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Police Chief Terry Bacon

Officer on Duty 548-2599

Non-emergency 574-5471

Dear Neighbors,

January brought more snow than Louisville had seen in a decade!

Back in the fall, the Meadow Vale commission held a bid process to select a snow removal vendor. We chose the vendor after careful consideration of multiple factors.

Snow removal and pre-treating for January's historic snow and ice resulted in a total cost exceeding \$8,000. We have budgeted for this—but, as you can imagine, historic snow events can stress both the budget and residents.

Throughout the snow, I and your commissioners worked behind the scenes to evaluate and respond to requests for more snow removal and connect with residents in need. We are prevented from sharing most information through Facebook or other online groups to ensure there is one source for official business: our monthly city meetings. Meetings are held at city hall at 7:00 p.m., the third Monday of each month. We welcome all residents to join us there to share your feedback.

I know that these winter storms can disrupt our daily routines and bring unexpected challenges.

Let's continue to support each other and work together to make Meadow Vale a great place for all.

Stay warm,

Sincerely,
Matt Hammond
Mayor



February Monthly Observances

- Black History Month
- American Heart Month
- Canned Food Month
- Great American Pie Month
- National Bird Feeding Month
- National Cherry Month
- National Grapefruit Month
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- National Self Check Month
- National Hot Breakfast Month
- National Library Lover's Month
- National Snack Food Month
- National Embroidery Month
- National Weddings Month

CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
01-20-2025
7:00PM – 8:08PM

The Commission met in regular session at City Hall with Mayor Matthew Hammond and the following Commissioners:

Commissioner Mike Jones
Commissioner Julie Michels - **absent**
Commissioner Bill Pearce
Commissioner James Wallover

Others present: City Attorney Kerry Butler, City Treasurer Chris Lusher, Police Chief Terry Bacon, Office Assistant Pat Teeter and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Citizen Mary Jones was also in attendance.

Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS / GUESTS - REMARKS

Pat Teeter reported that a resident on Welsford Way wanted to know if the city could intervene in a situation concerning ruts in a yard. City Attorney Butler advised that the two neighbors should resolve it or contact their own lawyers. She also inquired if Rumpke considered a “christmas” tree pickup as a special item request – it is.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 12-16-2024 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES, THE MINUTES FOR THE 12-16-2024 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 December 2024. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PEARCE, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR DECEMBER 2024 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

The Oversight Checklist for the year will be assigned as follows:

Commissioner Bill Pearce	December ‘24, April, August
Commissioner Mike Jones	January, May, September
Commissioner Jim Wallover	February, June, October
Commissioner Julie Michels	March, July, November

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

Treasurer Lusher is near completion for his Procedural Manual. Mayor Hammond reported that an audit would be necessary for FY 24-25 this year. He instructed Treasurer Lusher to contact Mr. Richard Paulmann, who the city used for its most recent audit. He also asked the Commissioners if they were aware of any company that could also be used for the audit.

POLICE REPORT

Commissioner Wallover gave an update on the report Chief Bacon submitted for the City of Meadow Vale and Rolling Hills. Mayor Hammond was made aware of the fact that the City of Lyndon has a surplus of police vehicles that may be available for purchase.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hammond has reported to LG&E on a light out on Grenfell Way. He explained that LG&E has a website where anyone can report a light out.

Mayor Hammond was contacted by the City of Meadow Brook Farm, who is interested in an inter-local agreement for Police Patrol. **MAYOR HAMMOND MOTIONED TO REPLY TO MEADOW BROOK FARM AND SET FORTH AN HOURLY RATE OF \$50, TWO HOUR WEEKLY MINIMUM, FOR AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MEADOW VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONTINGENT THAT THEY HAVE AN ORDINANCE FOR STREET PARKING VIOLATIONS. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

Mayor Hammond summarized the weeklong details for snow plowing during the recent 11 inches of snow accumulation. He will address some of the citizens' concerns in the February newsletter.

Mayor Hammond reported that Pat Teeter, the Office Assistant, will be off duty for several weeks and that Commissioner Pearce has volunteered to be in the office on Thursdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

DAMAGED LIGHT POLE ISSUE ON LANESBORO

City Attorney Butler was in contact with the resident whose family member knocked over an LG&E lamp post in January of 2024. The invoice submitted by LG&E to the resident will be split in half – the City of Meadow Vale will pay the original amount of \$1,577.92, with the resident re-imbursing the city for \$789.00. A contract was drawn up and signed by both parties.

NON-COMPLIANT BUSINESS LICENSE FEE AND USER FEE

Mayor Hammond reported that the city has recovered \$3,600.00 to date on outstanding business license fees, some dating back to 2019. He also mentioned that there are 79 households who have not paid the User Fee. Clerk Bryant will send reminders the first of February to businesses and User Fee residents the are still outstanding.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #20 MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Hammond presented the following:

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 20, SERIES 2025
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM
FOR THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE**

WHEREAS, The City of Meadow Vale wishes to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem by municipal order,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY:

That the City of Meadow Vale will appoint Commissioner JULIE MICHELS to act as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the years 2025 and 2026; and that
This Municipal Order shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, MUNICIPAL ORDER #20 MAYOR PRO-TEM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

COMMISSION DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Hammond recommended the following Departmental assignments for each Commissioner:

Public Safety – Commissioner James Wallover
Community Services – Commissioner Julie Michels
Public Services – Commissioner Mike Jones
Public Utilities – Commissioner Bill Pearce

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMISSION DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

Mayor Hammond would like to schedule a meeting with the Police Department next week. Commissioner Wallover will make the arrangements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wallover (Public Safety) - no additional report.

Commissioner Michels (Community Services) - no report submitted

Commissioner Pearce (Utilities) – presented an alternative look for the holiday wreaths. He would like an article in the newsletter asking for information on people/companies that could clear driveways for homeowners before the next snow event.

Commissioner Jones (Public Services) - reported construction crews working on a house at the corner of Hounz Lane and Tiverton, have created deep ruts in the berm caused by trucks parked on the berm. He was advised by City Attorney Butler to contact the construction crew to seek repairs and restoration to the berm.

SPONSORSHIP FOR THE 2025 KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION (KMCA) SPRING CONFERENCE

Clerk Bryant requested a donation from the city to help sponsor the KMCA Spring Conference. Her regional clerk association is hosting the conference in Louisville in April of this year. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JONES, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PEARCE, THE RECOMMENDATION TO DONATE \$275.00 TO THE KMCA SPRING CONFERENCE WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk Bryant presented the Email Notification form which highlights the email addresses used by the Commissioners, Mayor and City Attorney for Special Meeting notifications. She also distributed the 2025 Financial Interest Statements to the Commission. Mayor Hammond explained the use of the statements and that they are reviewed by the Joint Board of Ethics.

Clerk Bryant discussed the use of personal email and social media to the Commission regarding the Open Records Act.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PEARCE THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:08 PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

These are unofficial meeting minutes pending Commission approval

COMMISSIONER NEWS

From Commissioner Bill Pearce ...

During the most recent snow event, we found several households that were unable to clear their driveways. I am asking you to contact me via email billpearce60@gmail.com or by phone (502) 807-6136 with names of individuals or companies that we can contact to coordinate a response for any upcoming weather events and clear the driveways.



Brian Trimble, with Trimble Landscaping LLC., stopped by the office and gave us his contact information:

Trimble Landscaping
TrimbleLandscapingLLC@gmail.com
814-730-8566

His company also provides mowing, edging, trimming, mulching, flowerbed design, lawn maintenance and plant/tree install and removal. You can find him on Facebook as well.

If, on the other hand, you need help to clear your driveway from snow accumulation, please contact me as well, so that we can have your information before the next big snow!



LMPD Crime Alert / Tips

Due to an increase in vehicle thefts, thefts from vehicles, and burglaries, LMPD's 8th Division would like to remind you of some things you can do to lessen your chances of being a victim of one of those crimes.

Regarding your vehicle:

- Never leave anything of value (laptops, purses, GPS devices, etc.) in your car.
- Don't leave your vehicle running while unattended.
- Always lock the doors.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles that are usually parked outside.
- Don't leave keys in your vehicle.
- Don't leave the windows of your vehicle even partially open.
- Park in a well-lit area when possible.
- Never leave a firearm unprotected in your vehicle.
- Remember to keep your garage door closed.

When it comes to protecting your home:

- Keep your garage door closed.
- Ensure the shrubbery around your home is kept in such a way that it reduces the number of places to hide.
- Always lock your doors, including side doors to garages.
- Make your home appear occupied if you aren't there.
- Use deadbolts on exterior doors.
- Don't leave out things that may tempt a thief such as mowers, bikes, grills, and other items that can be taken.

As always, report any suspicious person or vehicle to 502-574-7111. Click [here](#) for access to a map of recent crimes in our area, to sign up for email alerts regarding crimes near you, and more.

Other Numbers

Jefferson County Emergency
911

St Matthews Fire Department
502-893-7825

Rumpke Sanitation
800-828-8171

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