

# City of Meadow Vale

## July 2025



### Meadow Vale Officials

#### Mayor

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#### Community Service

##### Commissioner

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### Meadow Vale Staff

#### Treasurer Chris Lusher

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#### City Clerk Barbie Bryant

502-507-1863

#### Office Manager Pat Teeter

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#### Meadow Vale Police

Police Chief Terry Bacon

Officer Javier Wilson

Officer Mike Kuzma

Officer on Duty 548-2599

Non-emergency 574-5471

Dear Meadow Vale Residents,

As many of you are aware, a terrible house fire happened on the evening of Saturday June 21st in Meadow Vale. Thankfully, all the occupants of the house were able to get out safely. This safe evacuation was due entirely on the swift, decisive actions of the Schroeder family: Amy Schroeder, Garin Schroeder, and Robert Schroeder. The family had just come back from a grocery run and noticed smoke billowing out of their neighbor-friend's house. Without hesitation, Amy and Garin sprung into action by advancing toward the dangerous house fire. Robert got on the line with 911 Dispatch and got the fire trucks and ambulances rolling and then joined the house evacuation efforts. Their actions saved numerous lives. The Schroeder family heroics included notifying dispatch that there was an occupied house fire (this got the fire trucks moving), alerted the occupants and evacuated them out of the house--as well as getting the beloved pets out and into the open arms of close neighbors to temporarily house them.

Other nearby neighbors brought out cold water and wet towels for the EMS and Fire personnel on that hot, humid night. Others gathered up pet crates for the displaced pets and offered any and all assistance. These were Meadow Vale neighbors helping each other completely self directed and united in purpose. Thank you to all.

It was great to see many residents present at June's Commission meeting. The excellent questions asked during the meeting gave the Commission a valuable opportunity to address some important discussions, particularly regarding the User Fee and the proposed 4% tax rate increase.

The User Fee introduced this past year goes directly toward each household's waste removal costs through our contract with Rumpke. This collective approach allows us to secure a significantly lower rate than any individual household could achieve on their own.

I understand that any mention of increased taxes can cause concern. However, it is important to put the proposed 4% tax rate increase into perspective. For the vast majority of households, this translates to under \$10 total additional tax per year. In terms of the city budget, this increase adds a total of only around \$1,000 annually. This 4% is the maximum increase allowed by the state per year without requiring a special vote. This nominal adjustment is crucial for us to catch up after several years of not implementing these incremental tax increases, especially when coupled with the rising costs of services and materials all around us.

Your engagement is vital to Meadow Vale's continued success. All residents are always welcome to join us for our monthly City Commission meetings, held on the third Monday of every month at 7 PM at City Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Matt Hammond



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**CITY OF MEADOW VALE, KENTUCKY**  
**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**06-16-2025**  
**7:00PM – 8:15PM**

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

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

Others present: City Attorney Kerry Butler, City Treasurer Chris Lusher, Police Chief Terry Bacon, Code Enforcement Officer George Stewart, Office Assistant Pat Teeter and City Clerk Barbie Bryant. Citizens Judith Engstrand, Leslie Hicks, Mary Hornek, Joanna Hill, Kellie Price and D. Tidwell were in attendance.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO BEGIN THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.** After some discussion on the need for the 4% increase, J. Engstrand and L. Hicks stated they approved of the increase.

**UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO END THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.** Mayor Hammond then declared they would resume the regular meeting of the Commission.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mary Hornek had several questions:

- Now that the User Fee is in place, where is that “extra” money used in the budget? Is it earmarked for the reserve?
- Illegal street parking is getting out of hand, what can be done? Speeding is an issue as well.
- Quickbook’s fee is going up and the city’s payment will be increased to \$50.00
- Several yards are out of compliance and should be sent citations.
- New owner for “grandfathered” RV ordinance needs to be contacted regarding the fence

Mayor Hammond stated the 2025-2026 budget “extra” income will be used to pay back the \$64,000 deficit that was needed for the past two years. Police Chief Bacon will monitor more closely the illegal street parking and speeding now that two additional officers have been hired. Code Enforcement Officer Stewart will issue citations for any households whose yards are out of compliance. The City Attorney and City Clerk will research the fence issue.

Leslie Hicks asked if the User Fee covered the entire Rumpke cost for services and what is the city going to do about the residents who have not paid the fee. The Mayor will address her concerns under his report.

Kelli Price and Leslie Hicks have a culvert on Boxford Way (maintained by MSD) where several stones are loose and need to be repaired. They have spoken to MSD, but MSD does not see an issue for concern. Mayor Hammond will research the situation and bring a recommendation to the July meeting.

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## **MINUTES**

The minutes from the 05-19-2025 regular meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MICHELS, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PEARCE, THE MINUTES FOR THE 05-19-2025 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 May 2025. **UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PEARCE, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS FOR MAY 2025 WERE APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

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

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Bacon reported on traffic stops made at various locations. A commercial truck parking on Welsford Way was resolved; citations were issued for speeding on Tiverton Way. A homeless male sleeping on a bench in front of the Dollar Tree was resolved without incident.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart addressed the issues on several residences located on Tiverton Way, Grenfell Way, Goose Creek Road, Somerford Road and Boxford Way. He will coordinate with the Mayor and City Attorney on legal steps going forward.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hammond reported there are still 16 residents who have not paid the User Fee. He recommended that their garbage service be suspended until payment is made. After some discussion, **UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND GARBAGE SERVICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THE USER FEE, WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.** Mayor Hammond will contact Rumpke with the request to suspend the service and to provide the names and addresses.

## **LEGAL ISSUES**

Seth Michels has secured the necessary signatures to request a speed hump on Tiverton Way. Mayor Hammond will seek a new bid for the work and present it to the Commission in July. The placement for the speed hump will need to be determined.

City Attorney Butler had no update on the Meadowbrook Farm interlocal agreement for police patrol.

## **ORDINANCE #44 – AMENDING FY2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET**

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **COMMISSIONER MICHELS MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #44 AMENDING FY 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER.**

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**THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

|                       |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|-----|
| COMMISSIONER MICHELS  | - | AYE |
| COMMISSIONER PEARCE   | - | AYE |
| COMMISSIONER WALLOVER | - | AYE |
| MAYOR HAMMOND         | - | AYE |

**Mayor Hammond then declared Ordinance #44 adopted.**

**ORDINANCE #45 –FY2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET**

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **COMMISSIONER PEARCE MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #45 FY 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELS.**

**THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

|                       |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|-----|
| COMMISSIONER MICHELS  | - | AYE |
| COMMISSIONER PEARCE   | - | AYE |
| COMMISSIONER WALLOVER | - | AYE |
| MAYOR HAMMOND         | - | AYE |

**Mayor Hammond then declared Ordinance #45 adopted.**

**ORDINANCE #46 – LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX**

City Clerk Bryant presented the second reading in full. **MAYOR HAMMOND MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #46 LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER.**

**THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

|                       |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|-----|
| COMMISSIONER MICHELS  | - | AYE |
| COMMISSIONER PEARCE   | - | AYE |
| COMMISSIONER WALLOVER | - | AYE |
| MAYOR HAMMOND         | - | AYE |

**Mayor Hammond then declared Ordinance #46 adopted.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Commissioner Wallover (Public Safety)** – nothing to add to Chief Bacon’s reporting.

**Commissioner Michels (Community Services)**

- Encouraged all to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Commissioner Jones (Public Services)** - no report submitted.

**Commissioner Pearce (Utilities)**

- Has completed the landscaping project on the berm at Hounz Lane and Tiverton Way.
- The grass has been cut across from the Hounz Lane Park and the medium on Hurstbourne Parkway.
- Made a proposal to replace one tree a year on the berm for the trees that are dying.
- Would like to start putting mulch are the new trees on the berm next Spring.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**UPON MOTION OF MAYOR HAMMOND, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLOVER, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 PM WAS APPROVED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.**

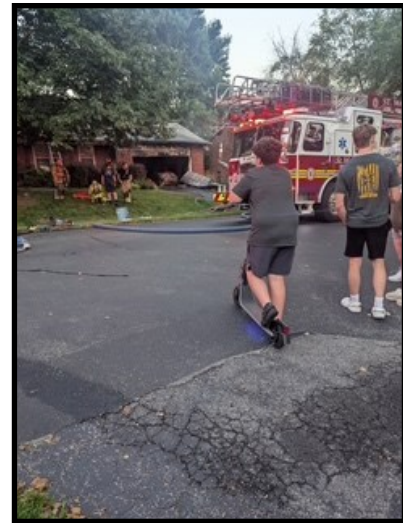
***\*\*These are unofficial meeting minutes pending Commission approval\*\****



Commissioner Bill Pearce recently completed a landscaping project on the berm near Hounz Lane and Tiverton Way.

If you would like to volunteer to help the City of Meadow Vale with projects like this, please contact us at 502-412-5500.

Recent fire on Boxford Way.



# **RUMPKE**

**Independence Day: Friday, July 4, 2025**

**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.**

# MEADOW VALE POLICE



**Officer Mike Kuzma and  
Sergeant Jim Wilder**

Mike Kuzma began his law enforcement career in 2003, serving as a dedicated patrol officer for nearly a decade, the majority of which was spent on night shift duty. In 2012, he transitioned into investigative work, initially serving in both the narcotics and major case divisions. That same year, he became a founding member of the department's newly established Special Investigations Unit, where he played a role in long-term narcotics investigations.

In the final years of his career, he served as a Task Force Officer with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), further expanding his impact at the federal level. Mike's career reflects over two decades of frontline service, investigative leadership, and a steadfast commitment to public safety.

Officer Kuzma is married and has three children. .

## **SAFETY REPORT**

May - 2025

(June Meeting)

### **ACTIVITY:**

- Patrols remain uninterrupted
- Parking: Commercial Truck, Wellsford way. (Resolved)
- Suspicious Person: Solicitor (Not Located)
- (3) Traffic Made on Tiverton Way citations issued
- (1) Traffic Stop: Speeding / Westport & Hurstbourne Ln. (Warning)
- (2) Goose Creek and Aylesbury Drive citations issued
- Traffic stops made in the city of Old Brownsboro Farms.
- (3) Old Brownsboro Hill and Falling Timber citations issued
- Indian Springs (1) speeder on Indian Lake Drive warning
- (1) Homeless male subject sleeping on bench in front of Dollar Tree (resolved without incident)

### **NEW OFFICER**

- Officer Javier Wilson has started training with Sgt. Jim Wilder. Officer
- Officer Mike Kuzma is starting his training this week and will ride with me

**UNIFORMS: Officers Kuzma and Wilson both were suited for 2 uniforms each.**

### **VEHICLES / EQUIPMENT:**

The 2011 Crown Vic Still having problems, it's being used, must jump start every 2 days.

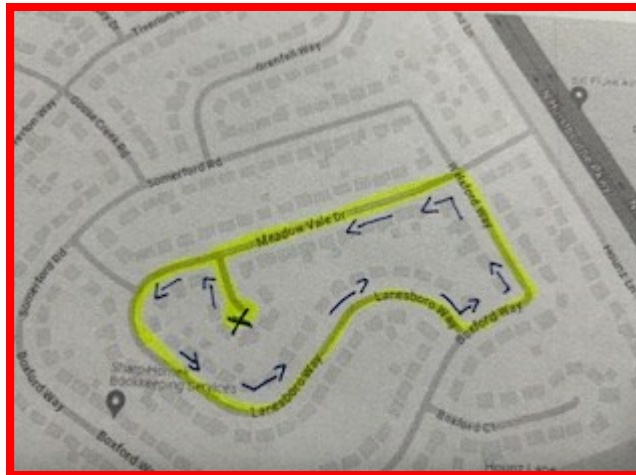
### 4th of July Resident Parade



#### **Friday, 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 directional 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.



## DISTRICT 17 NEWS



The Louisville Zoo and Louisville Orchestra are partnering once again to bring ROARchestra to the zoo. The concerts scheduled this summer will be held July 5 and July 19. The first one is titled *The Spirit of America* and will feature works that reflect the heart and soul of American culture. The second performance will have a western theme that celebrates the spirit of the American frontier.

The zoo opens at 7 p.m. for these events, giving guests an hour and a half to explore the zoo or get settled in the Oasis Field. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children between the ages of three and 11. Children two and under are free. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets or for more information.

### **'Mulch Mondays'**

Looking for some free mulch for use with your garden or around trees and shrubs? Louisville Parks and Recreation's Urban Forestry Division has got you covered with 'Mulch Mondays' through the end of summer. Jefferson County residents and non-profit organizations can pick up natural, dye-free mulch at 9200 Whipps Mill Road at no cost every Monday from 1-3 p.m. (except for national holidays). Appointments can be made [here](#). Participants will need to show a Jefferson County ID and bring their own containers.

### **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](http://www.cityofmeadowvale.org)