



City of Rolling Hills, KY – Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Plantation City Hall

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 - 7:00 PM

- Mayor:** Judith Crowe
- Commissioners:** Haileigh Arnold (Sanitation)
Rebecca Ann Rupp (Safety)
Audrey Wagner (Public Works)
- Others:** Karen Gott (Clerk)
- Absent:** Pam Vazquez (Finance), excused
- Guests:** None

The monthly Commissioners' meeting of the City of Rolling Hills, Kentucky was held on May 16, 2023 at Plantation City Hall. Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and welcomed all.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Crowe presented the agenda, and asked that the first readings of Ordinance 1, Series 2023-2024 and Ordinance 2, Series 2023-2024 be added. Commissioner Arnold moved to add those first readings to the agenda. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arnold moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Commissioner Wagner moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wagner moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2023 special meeting. Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Municipal Orders:

Commissioner Vazquez presented the municipal order 11, series 2022-2023, prepared by Treasurer Metz, to pay the bills. Commissioner Arnold moved to approve municipal order 11, series 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vazquez. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Metz commented that he had emailed the Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2023 to the Commission members. Commissioner Arnold moved to accept the Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vazquez. The motion carried.

Public Forum:

Resident Marilyn Minnick asked whether the fences blown down behind the Thornton's (at the corner of Goose Creek Rd. and Westport Rd) would be replaced. Commissioner Wagner said she would call Thornton's to find out.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Ricketts reported that he will forward the new landscaping contract to Mayor Crowe. He is waiting to receive the list of properties that will have a lien placed against them, for tax delinquency. Attorney Ricketts continues to work on the City's official legal name issue.

Commissioners Reports**Safety/Code Enforcement—Commissioner Rebecca Rupp**

Commissioner Rupp reported that the Crimemapping.com website she uses is undergoing maintenance. Per Meadow Vale Police department's Chief Spann, there was a suspicious person reported on April 17, 2023 on Tiverton Way. The person had been observed several weeks prior also surveying the same residence. An officer spoke to the man, who was cooperative and explained he was only interested in the landscaping. On April 27, 2023, Chief Spann opened a case whereby 3 youths had previously damaged a newly planted Tulip Poplar tree, valued at \$500 in the City's Greenspace. An investigation is underway to determine the identity of the youths.

Code Enforcement—Officer George Stewart

Officer Stewart reported that overgrown grass remains an issue for multiple properties. Notably, the 9124 Kenlock Drive apartment building has grass that is two feet tall. The vacant house at 9415 Habersham Drive has overgrowth and a tree limb that fell in the yard during the March 15 storm, which has yet to be removed. Officer Stewart has continued to contact both owners.

Officer Stewart mentioned that owners could be incentivized to pay their fines and resolve their respective issues in a timely manner, if unpaid fines could result in a lien being placed against the property. Attorney Ricketts' said that it would be possible, but first the City would need to amend the enforcement ordinance. His recommendation is to include a code enforcement board in that amended ordinance and ask to join forces with another city's board. Once the ordinance is amended, any unpaid code enforcement fines could be added to the homeowner's tax bill. Subsequently, if the bill remains unpaid, then a lien could be placed against the property. Attorney Ricketts has a model ordinance that could be referenced. Officer Stewart added that the City of Greymoor-Devondale has a code enforcement board, and that the City of Lyndon and City of Windy Hills are part of it.

Finance—Commissioner Pamela Vazquez

Commissioner Vazquez reported that she was unable to reconcile the L & N accounts because interest had not been recorded.

Sanitation—Commissioner Haileigh Arnold

Commissioner Arnold had nothing to report, aside from the sanitation contract, covered further down.

Public Works—Commissioner Audrey Wagner

Commissioner Wagner reported that the landscaping contract is being drafted. Additionally, there are dead plants that the City needs to figure out how to handle.

Unfinished Business

Finalize contract for the mowing/landscaping— Attorney Ricketts will send the new contract to Mayor Crowe.

Review submitted Sanitation bids— Commissioner Arnold reported that despite the legal ad in the Courier-Journal newspaper and reaching out to multiple sanitation companies to request their bids, Rumpke was the only company to submit a bid.

There will be a 46% increase in their fees. From the individual side it would increase from about \$9 to \$14, but for the entire City, we would see an increase from \$50k to \$95k for the same sanitation services that we currently have in place. There was a discussion. Commissioner Arnold will call Rumpke to ask whether yard waste collection could be bi-weekly instead of weekly, to save some money.

Commissioner Vazquez moved to accept Rumpke's bid, seconded by Commissioner Rupp. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Discuss the damage to the pillar at the Langdon Drive City entrance— the repair is almost done. The pillar wasn't anchored on a footer prior to the damage, but during the repair one was added.

Tax Rate for New Budget

Commissioner Arnold moved to have the first public reading of ordinance 1, series 2023-2024 to set the ad valorem tax. Commissioner Vazquez seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Ricketts read a summary of Ordinance 1, Series 2023-2024 which establishes the ad valorem tax rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as .1605 per \$100 valuation of property assessed for taxation. This is an increase from .1563 per \$100 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. There was a discussion.

Commissioner Wagner moved to have the first public reading of ordinance 2, series 2022-2023 to set the budget. Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Ricketts read a summary of Ordinance 2, Series 2023-2024, which establishes a budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Public Forum:

Commissioner Arnold reported that she had held the first meeting for those interested in the City's Greenspace.

Landscaper Tony Laubheimer commented that he and his crew are currently laying mulch in the City, and it would be preferable to remove the dead plants Commissioner Wagner had reported, before they mulched. Mayor Crowe asked if he had an estimate for how much it would cost to remove the dead plants. Mr. Laubheimer did not but will put one together in the next few days.

Mayor Crowe called a Special Meeting for May 22, 2023 at 7PM to review the estimate and potentially approve the expenditure.

Adjourn

Commissioner Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagner. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.5

Mayor Judith Crowe Clerk Karen Gott

Date Approved: June 20, 2023