



City of Rolling Hills, KY – Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Plantation City Hall

Monday, April 15, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Mayor: Judith Crowe

Commissioners: Doug Engelsman (Sanitation)
Audrey Wagner (Public Works)
Pamela Vazquez (Finance)
Rebecca Rupp (Safety)

Others: David Metz (Treasurer)
Karen Gott (Clerk)
Jonathan Ricketts (Attorney)

Absent: George Stewart (Code Enforcement)

Guests: Jim and Becca Hanson

The monthly Commissioners' meeting of the City of Rolling Hills, Kentucky was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at Plantation City Hall. Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed all.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Crowe presented the agenda. Treasurer Metz had requested that the topics of the 2025-2026 proposed budget and a tax rate discussion be added under new business. Commissioner Rupp moved to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Wagner. Motion passed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Commissioner Wagner moved to approve the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Rupp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Municipal Orders:

Treasurer Metz presented municipal order 10, series 2024-2025 to pay the bills. Commissioner Wagner moved to approve municipal order 10, series 2024-2025. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vazquez. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Metz emailed the financial statement report for the month ending March 31, 2025 to the Commission in the prior week. Commissioner Vazquez moved to accept the financial report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagner. The motion passed.

Public forum:

Jim and Becca Hanson introduced themselves. They have taken over some of Tony Laubheimer's work and had submitted a proposal to provide mowing and landscaping services to the City of Rolling Hills.

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

Commissioner Rupp reported that one criminal incident was reported to police, per the Community Crime map. It was a theft at a restaurant and took place on March 14th.

Code Enforcement—Officer George Stewart

Officer Stewart was absent.

Finance—Commissioner Pamela Vazquez

Commissioner Vazquez had nothing new to report.

Sanitation—Commissioner Doug Engelsman

Commissioner Engelsman had nothing new to report.

Public Works—Commissioner Audrey Wagner

Commissioner Wagner reported that she had received some bids back for the city's lawncare/landscaping contract. Also, she has gone back and forth with the people who are going to paint the curbs to decide a date for them to do the work.
Unfinished Business

Ordinance 3 series 2024-2025, an ordinance modifying or establishing civil violations and civil fines had its first reading. Discussion followed.

MSD Problem

Commissioner Engelsman reported that more erosion has happened around the drain pipe. He said that per his contact at MSD, that MSD has \$40k budgeted this year to fix it. Commissioner Engelsman had been routinely following up with that contact, who recently stopped returning his calls. Attorney Ricketts suggested contacting a Metro Counsel member for this district.

Contract for lawn upkeep

Commissioner Wagner moved to accept the proposal from Hanson Lawncare for the 2025-2026 season. The contract is in force from 4/15/25 through 4/15/26. Commissioner Rupp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Streetlight replacement

Mayor Crowe mentioned that if the Commission was interested in replacing the remaining lights, that it should be added to the budget. LG&E says the City of Rolling Hills has 97 lights, and she will confirm that number.

2025-2026 proposed budget and tax rate

The cost of living adjustment set by the government is 2.9%. The preliminary property valuations will be coming out 4/29/25 or thereafter. Discussion as to whether to keep the current 4% tax rate. Attorney Ricketts suggested adding to the budget for recodified and republished ordinances. KIPDA grant money may be a possibility. Mayor Crowe will speak with her contact, Jennifer, regarding recodification.

Public Forum:

Commissioner Vazquez mentioned that a car had rolled into a neighbor's fence that is next to the green space. A lot more deer are now jumping the fence as a result. Question raised as to how to address the repair. Treasurer Metz commented that it may fall under the property owner's home insurance. Otherwise the city could prepare a letter to send to the property owner asking them would they prefer to repair the fence at their expense or have the city repair it and bill them?

Adjourn

Commissioner Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Engelsman. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Mayor Judith Crowe

Clerk Karen Gott

Date Approved: May 20, 2025