



Hurstbourne Acres Post

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Next City Meeting
Thursday, July 10th
City Hall
 at 7.30 pm

*Wheelchair access at back entrance.

Notes from the Mayor, No. 36

Hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July

-Sean Fore
 Mayor



Recycling- EVERY Tuesday
 Trash- ONLY Tuesday, every week
 Yard Waste- EVERY Monday, year-round (no change)
 Backdoor service will continue to be available as in the past.

Check-Out the City's Website
www.hurstbourneacres.org
 and "like" us at the Community of Hurstbourne Acres Facebook page



BOOK CLUB will meet at City Hall on Monday, July 14, at 3pm. Welcome

The Hurstbourne Acres Police Department would like to welcome our two newly hired police officers to the department. They are Officers Stephen Griffin and Mike Holston. These officers will work nights and weekends only. If you would like to meet them they will be at the July 10th city meeting at 7:30 and they will also be at our city picnic in September.

Message from Hurstbourne Acres Police Department

Two times a year I go around to all of the businesses in our City and review their contact information, such as email addresses and after hour phone numbers. Sometimes I find out some useful information that can be beneficial to our City. While at State Farm, I spoke with Mary Hampton, who is the office manager. Mrs. Hampton told me that their office is starting to get a lot of complaints concerning unscrupulous roofing contractors who target senior citizens. Here is how it works. A roofing contractor shows up at a house and tells the homeowner that they work for State Farm, and that they are doing free roof inspections. They get up on the roof and actually damage the roof so that they can make the repair. State Farm does not offer this kind of service. Please be AWARE.

Did you know that our City has over 60 businesses. One of these is Airline Reporting Corporation. They process all airline reservations/tickets in North America. (This excludes the airlines themselves.)

On a side note, that on July 1, I will have completed 4 years of service with the city. Sgt. Moore will have completed 2 years of service. During this time we have transitioned from working nights to days, and have increased our hours. As a result we have gotten to know many of you, and your stories. We have also gotten to witness your many acts of kindness towards each other. Such acts include cutting grass and yard work for their neighbors that are ill or might be in the hospital, helping us with house checks, and helping out with locating lost pets. Thank you for your service.

June was a busy month. We have hired two new officers, Steve Griffin and Michael Holston. Both of them are former Jefferson town Officers, who both started as patrolman, and worked their way up to supervisory positions. We are lucky to have each of them. Sgt. Moore and I have spent a considerable amount of time getting them ready to hit the streets running. This includes getting them registered with what seems like a never ending list of government agencies, and getting the necessary equipment ordered for their use.

We have also been reviewing and updating our Standard Operating Procedures manual. This is done periodically to comply with recent court decisions, new legislation being passed in Frankfort, and to reflect suggested guidelines by the Kentucky League of Cities. I would like to thank our Police Commissioner, for all of her hard work in assisting us with this time consuming matter, especially with computer and printer issues.

We are trying to periodically check on our known seniors that live alone. If anyone would like to be checked on, or knows of a neighbor that might benefit from this service, just call up to our office and let us know. It is not a bother. I have met some nice people, and heard many interesting stories.

The City has spent considerable time and money in enacting the No Solicitation Ordinance. Often we get these complaints when there is not an officer working. If approached by a solicitor, kindly tell them that this is a no solicitation neighborhood. Please do not under any circumstance let them in your house.

Last but not least, the biggest complaint we continue to receive is that of dogs leaving deposits on their neighbor's lawns. In the big scheme of things this might not be a big deal to some, but to those complaining it is a big deal. Please take a minute, and clean up after Fido. It will help us greatly.

Chief Rusty Bittle

Golden Watch

Commissioner Teresa Renninger

Let's Be Safe and Not Sorry Here are some tips to make sure that the person you are hiring to do repairs is legitimate. First, try to use repairmen that are recommended to you by friends and family. These people generally have reputations and count on word of mouth for new business. Plus, if your friends or family members have used them you will get a first hand account on the quality and value of their work.

If you do open your door to someone soliciting services, ask them to leave you information, and a business card and you will get back to them. If they are legitimate, they should have no problem providing you with this information. Never let them in your home. Once you have their business card and any brochures they offer, you can then do some research into them. See if they have a website online or simply type their name into **www.google.com** and see what comes up. It could be that previous customers of theirs have posted reviews online. Also, you can take their card or other information to family and friends and ask if they have ever heard of the individual or company. If it is a reputable company or an individual who is legitimately offering his repair services, then someone in your neighborhood or social circle should have heard of them.

More importantly, trust your instincts. Many seniors have great "gut" instincts and generally know when someone is trying to pull the wool over their eyes. If you are not sure, ask a friend or loved one to come over to help you interview this person. Anyone that is worth having will not mind taking the time to sit down with you and a trusted family member or friend to go over details, and their previous work history. Think of it as each person soliciting services to you is asking you for a job. Would you hire someone for your company before looking over their resume and interviewing them for the position?

The City of Hurstbourne Acres does have an ordinance to protect its residents. This ordinance states that all solicitors must have a license from the City of Hurstbourne Acres. Always remember when you See Something, Say Something. You may report an unlicensed solicitor by call the HAPD at (502) 553-7318.

Thank You

The city of Hurstbourne Acres Police Department would like to thank the following for giving up their time to be on the hiring committee.
Pearlie Woods - Resident
Mike McCoy - Resident
Bill Doyle - Business Community

Parks

Hope that everyone had a Happy Independence Day. The contractor has been chosen for the park Gazebo. Per his time frame the Gazebo should be completed by the end of July. This should give us time to get the grass and park back in shape for our Annual City Picnic which will be held on Sept. 14th. Thanks for the support from our city officials and HAPD during my absence for helping out concerning the park. And a special thanks to HAPD for the house watch while we were gone. If you would like to meet our new Police Officers please make plans to attend our July City Meeting.



Lenny Miles

CITY ELECTIONS

The terms of all positions on the City Commission, both Mayor and all Commissioners, expire at the end of this year. The **CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE** is Tuesday, August 12 at 4 pm at the Jefferson Co. Election Center, 810 Barret Avenue, Room 103 (near Broadway). For more information on candidate filing procedures, qualifications for office, filing fees and simple filing forms call the Jefferson County Clerk's Office at 574-5886 or visit http://www.elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/candidate_filing.shtml to get your name on the November ballot. I have some of the required Nominating Petition forms available, to save you a trip down town.

SALLY PRICE, SANITATION COMMISSIONER

CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES

June 12, 2014
Minutes
DRAFT

The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM on June 12, 2014 at the meeting room of the Hurstbourne Acres City Hall/Police Department, 1916 Hurstbourne Circle, Louisville, Kentucky, with the following persons present;

- Sean Fore, Mayor
- Jim Lynch, Commissioner
- Sally Price, Commissioner
- Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
- Rusty Bittle, Police Chief
- Stephen Emery, City Attorney
- Sharon Hollkamp, Treasurer
- Michael Bolten, City Clerk
- Teresa Myers, Resident
- Norma Pennington, Resident
- Terry McAllister, Resident
- Doug Rogers, Resident
- Ron Walter, Resident
- Brent Renninger, Resident

May 8, 2014 Minutes

After review of the draft copy of the minutes, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price and passed with one opposed, Jim Lynch.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Hollkamp read the monthly treasurer's report for May, 2014 and copies were made available for all people in attendance. After a discussion, the Commission unanimously approved the report.

Warrants

Sharon Hollkamp read the monthly warrants for May, 2014 and copies were made available for all people in attendance. After a discussion, Commissioner Price made a motion to accept the warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and passed with one opposed, Jim Lynch.

Police Report

Police Chief Bittle reported the following;

- 5 traffic stops,
- 5 warnings issued,
- 2 accident reports,
- 1 report of stolen air conditioner,
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) continue to be updated and are close to being finished,
- Mandatory on-line in-service training classes were completed,
- Worked yard sale detail,
- Worked to prepare the 2 new police hires for duty as of July 1 (both are former J-Town officers),
- Had conversations with Louisville Metro Police concerning a change of their Police Major,
- Continued conversations with McMahan Fire Department regarding vacant properties,
- House Watch and business checks made daily,
- Updated our City emergency contact directory,
- New brochures provided to new residents,
- Prepared and mailed out ABC renewal applications,
- Both police vehicles will require new tires.

For Police Chief Bittle's work for the City, Commissioner Price asked for a round of applause. Police Chief Bittle introduced Police Officer Moore in his new rank as Sergeant.

Attorney's Report

Steve Emery clarified the process of taking the oath of office, particularly for the 2 new police officers. In other news, Attorney Emery indicated that the ongoing efforts to collect overdue taxes from a former property owner may be coming to an end. He explained the long process needed to conclude this specific case. In answer to a question about the Car Wash, Attorney Emery confirmed that a lien has been placed on the property. Finally, Mayor Fore said that he would be sending out post cards to all residents for suggestions on how to spend funds from the Municipal Road Aid Fund & Mineral Severance Tax Fund. The special town hall meeting for this purpose will be held during the August meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

In Commissioner Miles absence, there was no report this month for Parks.

Sanitation

Commissioner Price confirmed that the correct date for the Book Club is this Monday, 6/16, in lieu of the date shown in the newsletter. As a result of a phone call from a resident on Cardwell Way about the passing of a resident, Commissioner Price reminded anyone who knows of the death of another resident to contact her so that the appropriate, timely action by the City can be taken (flowers, cards, police surveillance). Blue Grass E-Cycle still needs to be contacted for a date to visit this Fall. After a lengthy discussion about the upcoming contract with Eco-Tech, it was agreed to make the term for 1 year only. Also, she outlined the new contract details as of July 1; yard waste pickup every Monday, and regular waste and recycle pickup every Tuesday. There will no longer be a Friday trash pickup. In accordance with a suggestion from Commissioner Lynch and Mayor Fore, Commissioner Price will contact Eco-Tech about a reduction in the cost (trucks will no longer be coming through the City on Friday). In answer to a question from Commissioner Price, Attorney Emery said that there is no current law suit against the City in any amount.

Police

Commissioner Renninger thanked the Nunnlea Beautification League. The bush by the back door of the Police Department that was trimmed looks much better now. The stairs that are crumbling were measured in preparation for being repaired. The hiring process for the new police officers was completed. Finally, regarding the ABC fund, by 6/30, the City should have \$9000.

Streets

Commissioner Lynch said that a pot hole on Bunsen needs repair. It was noted that the pot holes in the past were fixed/repared by a contractor, so the City will wait and see for its repair. A tree trunk at the shopping center has been taken away. The repair to the steps at the Police Department requires a special type of concrete due to Nunnlea's historic status. The ditch in front of Nunnlea will be cut in June. Police Chief Bittle will make a list of all lights in the City that stay on continuously (sensors not working or need to be reset). Commissioner Lynch stressed the need to pay contractors on time if the City expects to maintain its reputation. Commissioner Price asked Commissioner Lynch to get bids on resealing the roads. After a discussion, Mayor Fore asked Commissioner Lynch to take a survey of the streets and consult with an engineer to see what action, if any, needs to be taken. Finally, Commissioner Lynch was asked by Commissioner Price as to whether he received an e-mail from Metro District Representative Marilyn Parker's office regarding the construction of a sidewalk from Liquor Barn to Hurstbourne Circle. There would be no cost to the City. Commissioner Lynch indicated that he spoke with a representative from Marilyn Parker's office, but no specific action was planned at this time.

Eminent Domain

Further discussion with the Bullitt Property representative, Jim Couch, is still needed about using that side of Blowing Tree for the sidewalk. Commissioner Renninger made the suggestion to widen the road and build the sidewalk on the Apartments side. There would be the need to move a telephone pole. Mayor Fore will continue his discussions with Mr. Couch as this would be a quicker and less costly plan then proceeding with the Right of Eminent Domain.

Street Sweeping

Mayor Fore has not heard back from J-Town about using their street sweeping service on Bunsen.

Executive Order 1, Series 2014

Mayor Fore signed an executive order directed to the Hurstbourne Acres Police Department to assess the retro reflectivity of all the street signs erected by the City of Hurstbourne Acres and those within the city boundaries of the City of Hurstbourne Acres. The 'visual nighttime inspection method' is to be used for determination of compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Bolten, City Clerk