



THE CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES  
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[www.hurstbourneacres.org](http://www.hurstbourneacres.org)

**Next City Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2020**  
**Teleconference @ 6:30 p.m.**  
E-mail Mayor Terry at  
[mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org](mailto:mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org) for a link to the on-line meeting.

*From Mayor Terry*

The City’s next meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 This will be our 9<sup>th</sup> online meeting and I want to encourage everyone to attend. You will need to send me a request for the link by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

In the past, open comments during the city meetings have always been welcomed. However, due to time and efficiency, we must adjust our procedures as the last three meetings have been about twice as long as necessary. I do want everyone to be heard and we will have time for public comment. Please keep in mind this is not a chatroom it is a business meeting.

Please send your request to join the meeting to [mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org](mailto:mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org)

STAY SAFE.

## City of Hurstbourne Acres Police Info

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**Sergeant:** Kevin Mills

**Officers:** David Fiechter  
Brian Gingerich  
Eddie Mundo  
Gary Phelps  
Susan Stivers



## Parks and Recreation

Troy Eskridge

Dear Hurstbourne Acres Neighbors,

We hope this article finds each of you doing well as we get ready for the holiday season. We will be celebrating the season a bit differently this year with some alternatives to our traditional Christmas Party at the Nunnlea House. Details are below.

### City decorations now includes Stanley Welch Park!

There will be a few new decorations throughout our city, particularly at the entrances and at our park. One of the things we are planning for the park is a Family Christmas tree. The city will provide the tree and the lights, but ***we need your family to bring an ornament*** to place on the tree. Please be aware the Christmas tree will be open to the public so expensive or sentimental ornaments should not be placed on the tree. We will leave the tree up until New Year's Eve, so you can pick your ornament up after Christmas or leave it for next year.



### Holiday House Decorating Contest

We are planning a ***Holiday House Decorating Contest***. We wanted to give you a heads-up as you begin decorating for the holidays. Judges will be going around the neighborhood to determine the winners of three categories. The categories are:

- 1) Christmas Spirit
- 2) Children and/or Santa
- 3) Winter Wonderland

Don't get caught up in the details or categories because they really don't matter much. Just have fun with it! Judges will decide on a winner during our **Family Holiday Walk** (details below).

### Family Walk

On Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a COVID-19 Safe Family Walk. Starting at dusk, take your family out for a walk around the neighborhood and bask in the glory of our residents who have decorated their houses. Don't forget to check out our Family Christmas Tree in the park. Please make sure to maintain good social distancing practices. Judging for the decorating contest will be done during this time and winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

I know this is not the same as warm and cozy party at the Nunnlea House, but we can make this something special, especially for the kids! I am a kid at heart and love the Christmas Season. Hopefully, we can get through this unprecedented time in our history and get back to being able to fellowship together.

Happy Holidays!

## Golden Watch

Teresa Renninger

### *Evening Walkers*

When driving at dusk and into the evening hours please look out for the walkers in the neighborhood. Many times, they do not have anything reflective on and at times when their pet is walking on the leash far ahead, they cannot be seen.

Walkers PLEASE wear reflective clothing when walking. Get your pet something reflective as well. No one wants to hurt their neighbor or any pet. So together we can all be safe by being proactive.

### *Winter Is on Its Way*

If there is a prediction of snow, please do not park on the street at night. The snow removal crew cannot do their job with cars on the roadway. Now is the time to begin to check on your neighbors. Make sure they have essential items if you know they cannot get out. If you do not feel safe checking on them and you have not seen them, please call Hurstbourne Acres police and we will gladly check on your neighbor. The non-emergency number for the Hurstbourne Acres Police is (502)553-7318. But in case of emergency always dial 911.

Also, PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS!!

### *Thanks*

I would also like to take this time to say 'Thank You' for all of those who voted for me. I will continue to serve all the residents of Hurstbourne Acres with common sense and pride.

**Remember if You See Something,  
Say Something.**



## Police

Chief Steve Griffin

We had several residents report vehicle "break ins" on Haviland Ave, Wesley Ave and the Meadows apartments during the first couple of weeks in November. I put "break ins" in quotation marks because all of the incidents reported involved vehicles that were left unlocked. As I have stated before, please make sure to lock your vehicles while they are unattended. The most common response I hear when I bring this up is that "I don't keep anything of value in my vehicle and I'd rather have it gone through than having a broken window". To that I say, in the 6 years I have been with this agency, we have not had an incident where a window was broken out of a vehicle except when valuables were in plain sight. We have, however; had numerous incidents where unlocked vehicles have been rifled through because they were unlocked. Please lock your vehicles!

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate the best ways to contact the police department.

### **911:**

In the event of an emergency always call 911. This is absolutely the best way to ensure the appropriate emergency response will occur.

### **(502) 553-7318:**

This is the department cell phone, and any Officer working will have this phone with them. This is the best way to speak directly with a Hurstbourne Acres Police Officer. If you do not get an answer, please leave a message. We do not return unidentified calls with no message due to the high volume of spam calls we receive.

**(502) 499-2352:** This is the Hurstbourne Acres City Hall/Police Department office phone. If you call this number, you will most likely get the answering machine. We will get back to you, but it may be several hours or even the next day, depending on schedules. Once again, if you do not get an answer, please leave a message. We do not return unidentified calls with no message due to the high volume of spam calls we receive.

**Text Messages:** This is the least effective method to communicate with us and it is not recommended. Text messages are easy to miss and it may be several hours or the next day before we get the message.

***As always, if you see something, say something.***

## **Streets and Lights**

**Donna Nichols**

I would like to thank and convey my appreciation to all who voted for me, and as always, will continue to do my best for our residents and City.

I hope everyone had a pleasant, if not different Thanksgiving!

The street signs at Cardwell Way and Taylorsville Road have been remade and installed. Hopefully this or these vandals will not destroy our signage again.

As always, if you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please make certain to follow the Covid guidelines, by staying safe and keeping our City safe!

## **Sanitation**

**Chris Bohnenkamp**

We have recently executed a new contract with Ecotech, and there are no anticipated changes from our scheduled pickup and services provided. There will be no changes in holiday collections the rest of this year.

A reminder that extra-large items, or an excess amount of trash (such as basement clean out), requires a call to Ecotech (502) 935-1130, allowing them to schedule pick up of such items.

Just a reminder that Christmas trees can be put out as yard waste the first two weeks after Christmas and thereafter they are to be put out as trash.

It's an honor to be re-elected. I will continue to serve you in an ongoing effort to meet or exceed the trust you've shown. Please know you can contact me at any time for any reason as we navigate these difficult times as a community. Have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving!

### ***Regular Trash Collection Schedule***

Yard Waste & Recycling	Monday
Trash	Tuesday

***With Sincere Thanks***

To Our Hurstbourne Acres Friends and Neighbors: Thanks so very much for the lovely basket of fall flowers. Ken, being the very first to build in our City, would have been so pleased. It is so great to live in a very caring neighborhood.

Also, I appreciate our wonderful, caring police department for coming to the funeral home and watching our house.

Sincerely,  
Dee Panke

**CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES**  
**November 12, 2020**  
**Minutes DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 6:37 PM on November 12, 2020 via video conferencing, joined by the following persons:

- Terry McAllister, Mayor
- Christine Bohnenkamp, Commissioner
- Troy Eskridge, Commissioner
- Donna Nichols, Commissioner
- Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
- Steve Griffin, Police Chief
- Tammy R Baker, Attorney
- Amy Underwood, Treasurer
- Michael Bolten, Clerk
- Kim Bloomer, Newsletter Editor
- Pam Carter, Resident
- Doug Rogers, Resident
- John Bohnenkamp, Resident

**October 8, 2020 Minutes**

Commissioner Eskridge made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and carried without opposition.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Commissioners did not have time to adequately review the Treasurer’s Report prior to the meeting. As a result, the motion to approve the October report has been postponed until the December meeting. An overdue property tax payment was discussed, and Treasurer Underwood

was instructed to contact the owner of the property in question.

**Warrants**

The Commissioners did not have time to adequately review the October warrants prior to the meeting. As a result, the motion to approve those warrants has been postponed until the December meeting.

**Police Report**

Chief Griffin reported the following for October, 2020:

• Offense reports	2
• Accident reports	0
• Arrests	0
• Traffic stops	10
• Citations issued	3
• Warnings issued	7
• Contacts with other agencies	1
• House watches	4
• Courtesy notices	1
• Directed patrols	0
• Calls for service	33
• License plates confiscated	1
• Motorists assists	2
• Funeral watches	0

**October Highlights**

- Department continues to utilize revised operating procedures during the COVID-19 situation,
- All officers completed Kentucky League of Cities recommended monthly training,
- Lieutenant Flowers resigned from the agency and Sergeant Mills was promoted to Lieutenant. He will be serving as the Assistant Chief of Police.
- Officer Munro completed his 40-hour mandatory in-service training.
- The 2 offense reports were for a burglary at Yen Ching Restaurant and a theft from a vehicle on Wesley Avenue.

- A new police officer was hired, Brian Gingerich. Attorney Baker confirmed that he can be sworn in on-line.
- All Golden Watch residents checked on weekly
- All businesses in shopping centers checked on daily..
- Explorer and Taurus are in good working order.

### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Baker reported that because of the COVID-19 restrictions, the Hearing for the sidewalk case will now be on February 26, 2021 at 1:30 pm. Because of the continued delays, resident John Bohnenkamp asked whether it is worth the ongoing costs to pursue. After a brief discussion, Attorney Baker noted that the City has not incurred any fees from the sidewalk litigation due to the delays. A resident asked whether the condition of the fence along Blowing Tree Road was in violation of the nuisance ordinance. Mayor McAllister said that he would look into the matter and if appropriate, send a letter to the owners with a request to deal with the current fence condition.

### **Questions from Residents**

Resident John Bohnenkamp had a question about the use of the COVID-19 Relief Funds. Mayor McAllister advised that this will be discussed later. Resident Pam Carter asked Commissioner Eskridge about specific details of the Community Garden, which he provided. Concerning the annexation of a golf course, Mayor McAllister said that more information will be forthcoming the first of next year. Our city residents will be given a chance to express their opinion at that time.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Parks**

Commissioner Eskridge talked about the probable cancellation of the Christmas Holiday Party. He has been contacted by some residents

who are interested instead in expanding the City lights/decorations. However, he has been unsuccessful in finding a company who will give him a quote to install the lights/decorations. It was agreed by the Commission that all three entrance signs are to have expanded decorations with internal decorations to be determined. Commissioner Nichols and Kim Bloomer agreed to help with the design and planning.

First round of leaf pickups has been completed. Reach Alert will be used to advise residents of future pickups. It was noted by Commissioner Renninger that the leaf pickup vendor is going above and beyond to remove leaves from yards.

### **Sanitation**

Commissioner Bohnenkamp stated that it has generally been quiet. She said that she has the new contract which reflects no change in rates through June, 2023. It has been sent to Mayor McAllister to sign since the Commission unanimously approved the new contract. Once signed, a copy is to be sent to Commissioner Bohnenkamp and the City Clerk.

Lastly, Commissioner Bohnenkamp confirmed that the electronic device recycling and document shredding that is sponsored by District 18 Metro Representative Marilyn Parker, will take place on November 21. The location is the U of L Shelby campus from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. She will use Reach Alert to notify residents.

### **Streets and Lights**

Commissioner Nichols advised that Plant Kingdom has declined to bid on the landscaping project on Bunsen Parkway. Mayor McAllister said that he has 2 bids, but wants to get at least 2 more before proceeding.

### **Police**

Commissioner Renninger has had complaints about residents parking too close to stop signs and in their yard. She has addressed this

in the newsletter. Residents are also reminded to lock your cars. Thefts have been occurring from unlocked vehicles in the City.

T-Mobile has replaced AT&T for the police/city hall phone service. As a result, there will no longer be a city fax, but is being replaced by e-mail communication. Verizon will remain the service in the police vehicles.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Lighting at Police Department**

Mayor McAllister confirmed that he has purchased the lights and talked with someone to install them. He is handling it and it should be completed soon.

#### **Fence Permit Application**

The Commission reviewed the fence permit application from the owners of the property at 9 Cardwell Way. It was approved, and the Clerk was instructed to contact the owner.

#### **CARES Funding**

The City has received approval for a majority of the funding submitted by Mayor McAllister regarding the COVID-19 relief expenses. More paperwork is required which the Mayor is working to complete. The City still has about \$50,000 more which is available.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Renninger is working on a revised inventory list, specifically wanting to list the new computers. This list will be also be important information to provide to the new auditor that the City will use next year.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Bolten, Clerk