

**City of Lakeview Heights
385 Circle Drive
Morehead, KY 40351**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY, August 11, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the City Commission was held at the Robert Stivers Community Building with the following present:

Commissioner Members Present:

Tim Miller, Commissioner
Mark Blankenbuehler, Commissioner
Jim Fluty, Commissioner
James Hood, Commissioner
Sam Mason, Mayor

Guests:

Amanda Mason, Clerk
Mark Minor
Joyce Minor
Bob & Nona Camuel
Joyce Marin
Luther & Barbara Thomack
Rachel Webb

Members Absent

NONE

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Mason called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (7/7/2022)

The clerk presented the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on 7/7/2022. Commissioner Fluty made a motion to approve the minutes with one editing change. Commissioner Hood made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report

Clerk Mason presented July's Financial Report. Commissioner Fluty made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Welcoming Committee

Clerk Mason shared with the commission that two residents have volunteered to be part of the LVH Welcoming Committee - Jackie Scott & Kristen Hood.

The commission discussed the type of information to distribute to new residents, including – Newsletter, Meeting Times, and Ordinances. The commission discussed also including a possible ‘Treat’, asking residents their opinion about what information they may need, possibly providing different information for different residents, and including reputable and recommended services, etc.

LVH Directory

Clerk Mason shared that the LVH Directory is nearly ready to distribute. It will be passed out with the next newsletter to those residents who chose to participate. Residents may still participate, if desired. Updated directories with new participants will be distributed quarterly.

Resident Speeding/Disregarding Stop Signs

Clerk Mason has been in contact with Sheriff Sparks regarding additional patrols and unmarked cars to help with speeding and disregarding stop signs. Commissioner Miller spoke up and said he desired that ‘Slow Children at Play’ be painted on the streets themselves. Mayor Mason asked Commissioner Miller to take the lead on contacting the Rowan County Road Department to see if they have the capabilities to paint such a thing on the road and get a quote.

Resident Complaints –

Commissioner Hood shared with the commission that after speaking with several LVH residents, residents do not like to put their names on written complaints. Commissioner Hood indicated that many residents have a lot of complaints about neighboring lawns. He stated that the ordinance states that grass is not considered a nuisance until grass gets over 12” high.

Discussion continued and the Commission reiterated that it needs complaints in writing, but complaints can be submitted anonymously in the box at the city building or mailed to the city building.

ARPA Funds

Mayor Mason shared with the commission that the City of Lakeview Heights was awarded \$37,000 in two halves that was originally earmarked for only specific expenses. Since that time, the guidelines have changed and more projects qualify for funding. Commissioner Hood shared that the Commission have concerns about the city building’s roof, drainage city-wide, the pond culvert, and areas of the road that need repaving and attention.

Within the 58-page document, Commissioner Hood indicated that he found some possibilities for funding and recommended getting quotes for some of the

more 'major' projects that addressed city-concerns. Because the city building is considered a government building, it helps in our effort to use the funds for building-related needs and improvements (infrastructure).

LVH Website Update

Mayor Mason shared that the new website program has a very different interface than the last site, which has made it more challenging to recreate the city's new website. He stated that by the first of next month there will be an updated, modern, and operational website.

New Business

Kinetic

Commissioner Hood stated that he had been in touch with a representative from Kinetic and had requested him/her attend tonight's meeting, but the representative did not show up. Commissioner Hood will ask for the representative to attend the next meeting.

Fall Dumpster

Commissioner Miller made a motion to pay for a dumpster for the Fall for the city residents. Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

The commission indicated a desire to have the dumpster for a total of 7 days between October 10th and October 24th.

Tree/Brush Right-of-Way Clearing

Mayor Mason asked Cox's Tree Service for an estimate to trim trees back 14 feet up on all of the right-of-ways where the school bus travels and other areas where trees/brush has taken over. Also included was around all street signs, stop signs, and part of the area coming up the hill, the road opposite the pond, the back entrance (Bluestone), and the side on Oakwood, and provided a quote of \$1500.

Commissioner Fluty asked about the area on the left-hand side of the guardrail coming up the hill. Mayor Mason stated that it would cost a little bit more for all of that to be cut down by Cox.

This would possibly occur the last part of August through the beginning of September.

Commissioner Hood made a motion to hire Cox's Tree Service to trim trees, etc. throughout the neighborhood. Commissioner Miller made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Mayor Mason stated he will contact Cox and try to negotiate his company cutting all of the brush back on steep hill as well.

LVH YouTube Channel

Commissioner Hood shared with the commission that because the city building currently does not have WiFi, he suggested creating a YouTube channel for the city so that commission meetings could be watched online by residents once uploaded after the meeting was over. (Live videos cannot be streamed without a paid subscription.) The commission discussed this option and agreed that a YouTube channel would be a good idea. Commissioner Hood will work on getting the channel set-up and the meeting videos updated within the next few months.

COVID numbers and LVH Fall Community Events

Commissioner Hood shared that prior to COVID the city had multiple events every year for residents to enjoy, including but not limited to a Chili Cook-Off, Back to School Fall Festival, Halloween Decorating Contest, Fourth of July Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Patriotic Decorating Contest, Christmas Cookie Baking, Christmas Caroling, etc.

Although the new COVID variant seems to be producing many positive cases, businesses and organizations are moving back to a more normal schedule of hosting events, and Lakeview Heights may want to do the same.

It was suggested that a Fall Festival event be planned as a 'Welcome Fall' and 'Back-to-School' event for the city's residents.

The commission decided that the city would provide hotdogs, condiments, paperware, and cutlery for the event, while asking residents who attend to bring a side or dessert of their choice. Information about the event will be distributed in the next newsletter. A tentative date was set for September 17th.

LVH Donation to EKY Flood Victims

Mayor Mason shared that the LVH Commission donated 1800 masks, 200 bottles of Sanitizer, and 500 Gloves to the residents of EKY who were impacted by the recent devastating floods. Resident Brad Raines spearheaded a supply-drive

effort and drove collected donations (including those from the city) to EKY residents in need.

Clerk Duties and Responsibilities

A resident emailed the commission and indicated that the Clerk/Treasurer's role and responsibility had been questioned by a resident of the city. The emailing resident asked for the Clerk's duties and responsibilities to be discussed during the commission meeting.

Mayor Mason read the roles and responsibilities of the clerk/treasurer for the record as stated in Ordinance 3. Along with the duties and responsibilities outlined in the ordinance, the commission discussed the numerous other tasks and responsibilities Clerk Mason does outside of what is required.

Yard Signs – Addressed in Ordinance 7 (Zoning)

At the request of another LVH resident, Mayor Mason read and discussed the portion of Ordinance 7 that refers directly to political yard signs. Political yard signs are allowed in the city as long as they are on personal property.

No Semis Signage

Commissioner Hood shared that the Patrick property was recently damaged by a large semi-truck that had traveled through the neighborhood. Clerk and Mayor Mason were able to review camera footage and see the truck that appeared to be the cause of the damage. Not only was the Patrick property damaged, but the truck also caused damage to the road and the pavement.

The commission discussed the need to purchase signs that would deter trucks coming into the neighborhood. Commissioner Miller will look for signage prices, etc.

Adjournment

With no further business pending and through unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Sam Mason, Mayor

Amanda Mason, City Clerk/Treasurer