



The City of Hurstbourne Acres

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www.hurstbourneacres.org

Next City Meeting

Thursday – January 11th, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Hurstbourne Acres City Hall

From the Mayor....

Now is your chance. If you've been thinking about becoming a City of Hurstbourne Acres commissioner, the time is here. The opportunity to be involved in making important decisions regarding the future of our wonderful community is today.

We will be choosing a new commissioner within the next few weeks. If you are up for the job, send me a short resume and include any questions you may have. mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org or give me a call 744-4418.

City of Hurstbourne Acres Police Info

Dept. Mobile: (502)553-7318

Police Dispatch: (502)574-5400

Office: (502)499-2352

Chief of Police: Steve Griffin

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Lieutenant: Kevin Mills

Sergeant: Paul Wheatley

Officers: Todd Hale

Mike Holston

Susan Stivers



Golden Watch

Teresa Renninger

Winter is on the 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.

Driver Tips This Winter Season

Safe roadways are a shared responsibility, especially during inclement weather when risks increase.

Motorists, too, need to prepare for winter and remain safe by following these tips:

- Travel only when necessary during major snow events.
- Stock vehicles with ice scrapers, jumper cables, blankets, a flashlight, a cell phone charger, non-perishable snacks and a first aid kit should you get stranded on the road.
- Winterize your vehicle. Check your car battery, tire pressure and brakes. Ensure your heater, defroster, headlights and windshield wipers are working properly.
- When snow and/or ice are on roadways, drive slowly no matter what type of vehicle you drive. It takes more time and distance to stop your vehicle in poor weather, so brake early and slowly.
- Pay attention to weather advisories and allow more time to travel for routine commutes.
- Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shaded areas.

These are all candidates for developing black ice – a thin coating of hard-to-see clear ice that can form on the pavement surface.

-Maintain a safe distance from snowplows and other heavy highway equipment, and do not pass snowplows on the shoulder.

-Know before you go. Download the free WAZE app or visit ky.gov to check traffic conditions before you travel. The map also offers access to select traffic cameras on interstates and parkways.

-Buckle up! Phone down! Eliminate distractions while driving.

-Visit snowky.gov for snow and ice resources, like priority route maps, tips and highway district updates.

IF you See Something, Say Something!

Parks and Recreation

Currently vacant position

Police

Chief Steve Griffin

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. As we move into the new year, I'd like to remind everyone that it is up to all of us to be vigilant for suspicious activity in the neighborhood. If you see anything that does not seem right to you or anything that looks suspicious, please call the police department immediately so we can check it out. As I've said many times before, you are not "bothering us" and I would much rather receive 100 calls that turn out to be nothing than to not get the 1 call that is something. Also, there has been a rash of car break-ins in the apartment complex on Bunsen Way. All of the break-ins were on Kia and Hyundai vehicles in an attempt to steal them. The rear passenger side windows were broken out and the steering columns were damaged in six different vehicles. Please be extra aware if you own a Kia or a Hyundai vehicle and leave it parked outside.

If you see something, say something,
Chief Steve Griffin

Sanitation

Troy Eskridge

Christmas Tree pick-up will be on January 6th.
Trees over 6 feet need to be cut in half.

Released Item from Executive Session

Metro Louisville voted to stop the retail sale of pets. Due to this ordinance, the City of Hurstbourne Acres has decided that no immediate legal action is needed in the case against Puppy Gram.

Streets and Lights

Donna Nichols

Hoping all had an enjoyable Holiday Season.

Many thanks to Tom Theiss for all of the work in getting the Christmas Tree up at the Park entrance. The artificial tree was vandalized and broken. All stores were sold out of trees, being a week before Christmas. His only alternative was to get a live tree and start over, which he did. Great job, Tom!

I will leave it up to the Mayor to share and explain the resignation of one of our Commissioners and why the Christmas Party was cancelled at the last minute.

CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES

December 14, 2023

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on December 14, 2023 at the meeting room of the Hurstbourne Acres City Hall/Police Department, 1916 Hurstbourne Circle, Louisville, Kentucky, with the following persons present;

Terry McAllister, Mayor
Troy Eskridge, Commissioner
Donna Nichols, Commissioner
Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
Tom Theiss, Commissioner
Steve Griffin, Police Chief
John Bloomer, Treasurer

Finn Cato, City Attorney
Michael Bolten, Clerk
Sally Price, Resident
Diane O'Brien, Resident
Karen Level, Resident
Christine Bohnenkamp, Resident
Lenny Miles, Resident
Paul Schneider, Resident
Bob Swoboda, Resident
Carol Swoboda, Resident
Mike Hess, Resident
Doug Rogers, Resident
Donald Smith, Resident

November 9 Minutes

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and carried unopposed.

Treasurer's Report

John Bloomer read the Treasurer's Report for November. Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Theiss which carried unanimously.

Warrants

John Bloomer read the Warrants for November. Commissioner Theiss made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eskridge and carried unanimously.

Police Report

Police Chief Griffin reported the following for November;

- Offense reports-3,
- Accident reports-3,
- Arrests-0,
- Traffic stops-7,
- Citations issued-4,
- Warnings issued-3,
- Contacts with other agencies-1,
- House watches-4,
- Courtesy notices-0,
- Directed patrols-1,
- Calls for service-30,
- License plates confiscated-2,
- Motorists assists-3,
- Funeral watches-0,
- November Highlights
- All officers completed KLC recommended monthly training,
- The three offense reports were for a criminal mischief

at East Chase Apartments, a recovery of a stolen vehicle on Taylorsville Road, and a death investigation in the Meadows Apartments,
-All officers completed Fall 2023 firearms training to include on duty handgun, off duty handgun, and low light qualifications,
-All Golden Watch residents checked on weekly,
-All businesses in shopping centers checked on daily,
-All vehicles are in good working order.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Cato advised that he had no specific report other than what will be discussed later in the meeting.

Public Comments

The following comments were made:

-A resident had questions about the posting of city audits and financial reports on the website. The Commission, along with Treasurer Bloomer provided information.
-A resident expressed frustration about the perceived handling of the berm cleanup/clean-out at the Park and not receiving updates. He referred to the relatively quick clean-out of the debris/underbrush behind homes on Hurstbourne Circle. The Commission advised the distinction between the two; the berm in the Park is not city owned, but the other area is. As a result of subsequent exchanges with the resident in question, Commissioner Theiss resigned from the Commission and left the meeting.

-A resident asked about whether the City has a bank account in addition to the funds with Edward Jones. The Commission confirmed that the City's general funds are with PNC Bank,
-A resident said that the leaf pickup vendor did an excellent job,
-A resident asked the Commission to contact Commissioner Theiss to encourage him to change his mind about resignation,
-With several recent monthly meetings that included an 'executive session', a resident asked for a summary of those executive sessions to be included in the newsletter. The Commission said that they would try to provide information that

would not compromise the City's legal position,
-With the confusion about what property the City owns, a resident suggested that a line map be placed on the website giving a general outline of the City's boundaries,
-In a question from a resident about Resolution #1 2023, the Commission confirmed that the City is considering the purchase of a property in the future for conversion to a new City Hall. The Commission outlined the benefits during a lengthy discussion which included potential revenue from an occupational tax,
-A resident commented on the very respectful and appropriate send off for the passing of resident Brent Hardin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park

With Commissioner Theiss's resignation, no report was provided. Commissioner Eskridge did say that he would check with Tom to verify everything is ready for the Christmas Party this Sunday.

Sanitation

Commissioner Eskridge mentioned the two date shifts for garbage/recycling/yard debris pickup due to the upcoming holidays. Lastly, Commissioner Eskridge mentioned the new program beginning January, 2024. In lieu of sending flowers or a charitable donation when a resident passes away, the City will now plant a tree as a memorial.

Streets

Commissioner Nichols had nothing specific about which to report.

Police

Commissioner Renninger said that there is an excellent article in the recent J-Town magazine about the new business in the old Schumann Antiques building. For those residents who did not get that magazine, resident Sally Price volunteered to summarize the article and have it placed in an upcoming newsletter. In other news, Commissioner Renninger received a complaint about the daily backup of traffic at the Kennedy School. This has made it very

difficult to get back into our subdivision. Commission

Renninger asked that the Mayor write a letter to the principal asking him to put a notice in the school newsletter to parents to be mindful of the residents and not block our access. Lastly, she wanted residents to be aware of a new phone scam from a roofing company. Inviting them to your property overrides the City's no solicitation ordinance.

Old/New Business

Sidewalk Project

Attorney Cato stated that the new owners of the Meadows Apartments will be signing an easement for the sidewalk construction along Blowing Tree Road. The paperwork should be provided within the next two weeks.

Puppygram

As a point of clarification, the City of Hurstbourne Acres has decided to wait and see the results from Louisville Metro's new ordinance. Their ordinance will effectively require Puppygram to leave the Louisville Metro area within the next 9 months. Our city will still be able to go forward with legal action should it become necessary.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Bolten, City Clerk

