



**Caucus Meeting  
March 11, 2026**

Mayor Heather Jansen called the March 11, 2026 City of Villa Hills Caucus meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Dennis M. Stein Municipal Building, 719 Rogers Road, Villa Hills, Kentucky. Those in attendance were:

**Mayor Jansen  
C. Bilz  
P. Kennedy  
S. Ringo  
C. Stover  
S. Thompson  
S. Wadsworth**

**Shelby Shultz, City Attorney  
Craig T. Bohman, City Administrator  
Anna Bailey, Deputy City Clerk  
Matt Hall, Police Chief  
Mike Yeager, City Engineer  
Jennifer Lipson, City Clerk**

A quorum was present.

- The first item discussed was the Rogers Road Bridge. City Engineer Mike Yeager gave a presentation on the current state of the Rogers Road Bridge, repairs that need to be made and cost estimates dependent on whether the bridge is repaired or if the bridge is repaired and a pedestrian sidewalk is added. According to Mr. Yeager there is currently a large crack in the bridge abutment on the Rogers Road Bridge. Mr. Yeager discussed a pedestrian safety grant funding for the pedestrian sidewalk that would run alongside the bridge. The cost will be approximately \$800,000 to \$900,000. The grant would cover 80% of the cost at approximately \$715,000 and the City would pay the remaining 20% of the cost at an estimated \$178,500. Mr. Yeager explained that the bridge does not qualify in its current state for state funding. Discussion followed regarding options for repairs. When questioned regarding time of repair and traffic shutdowns, Mr. Yeager suggested that traffic would need to be re-routed for around 3 months.
- The second item discussed was the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-B. This is an Ordinance of the City of Villa Hills, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Amending the City's Budget and Ordinance 2025-6 by adjusting revenues and expenses in the General Fund. This is an amended budget ordinance of the City of Villa Hills, in Kenton County, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 91A.030(10) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government and providing that no monies shall be expended by or on behalf of the City of Villa Hills except in accordance herewith. Mr. Bohman explained that the amendment was to add \$300,000 for the Fire Authority line item.

- Next was discussion on the draft summary budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Mr. Ringo inquired about increases in cost of living for utilities, namely the water costs at the field. Mr. Bohman explained that the city pays not only for water but also water runoff for the field and that those costs have increased. Mr. Bohman also discussed increases to the health pool that will be coming up that are estimated to be around 15%. A discussion was also had regarding SB237 which is an act relating to a creation of a new section of KRS Chapter 91A to define terms and require 100% of the wages of an employee associated with the corporate office to be apportioned to the local government where the corporate office is located. Discussion followed regarding SB237 and council discussed contacting Senator Chris McDaniel regarding opposition of the bill. Mr. Bohman and Chief Hall discussed \$137,000 being moved from the Capital Fund to the Police Department Budget for cruisers. Discussion also took place regarding the increase in costs of Parks and Recreation for utilities.
- The next item on the agenda was the Sustainability Fund Discussion. Mr. Thompson presented a proposal to create a sustainability fund for the City to operate on in times of emergency. He discussed setting rules and parameters around the fund regarding amount that will be placed in it and requirements on when money can be withdrawn. Mr. Ringo asked why we needed a separate fund when the City has a large surplus in place. Mr. Thompson explained that it wouldn't be a new fund, but rather an account that is separate from the surplus and that fund was the wrong word to use. Mr. Ringo agreed with the idea providing it wasn't the creation of a new fund.

**General Discussion:**

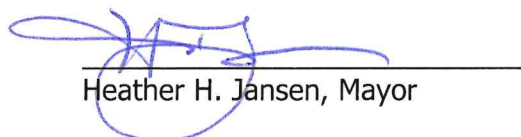
Mr. Ringo thanked Ms. Stover for the work she did in her first year of taking over Shadow Night. Mr. Ringo stated that she did a very good job at handling the process and that Shadow Night was a success.

With there being no further discussion or comments, a motion was made by Ms. Stover, seconded by Mr. Bilz to adjourn. A voice vote was taken, all in favor. Motion passed.

Time of adjournment was 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Anna Bailey, Deputy City Clerk

  
Heather H. Jansen, Mayor