

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
for
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Ben Franklin at 7:04 PM in the Family Life Center of Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

B. **Present:** All Commissioners were present.

Guests: Ms. Phyllis Smith, 3932 Druid Hills Rd.
Officer Kevin Mumphrey, LMPD

C. Minutes for the meeting held November 9, 2015 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Kirkwood Seconded: Barbour

D. **Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 217,596.75 in available funds---
\$215,850.00 in the General Fund and \$ 1,746.00 in the
Road Fund.

Mr. Kirchgessner gave details of the month's expenditures and deposits.
Insurance taxes receipts continue to exceed budget projections.

2. Status of 2015 property tax bills.

Mr. Kirchgessner advised that, as of 11-30-15, 151 of the 178 tax bills
have been paid. There are 27 bills still outstanding. This is comparable to
the numbers last year.

3. Insurance tax premium.

Mr. Kirchgessner questioned whether the City had ever passed an
insurance tax ordinance. The City Clerk could not find any record of such
an ordinance. Mayor Franklin will research in Frankfort to see if there is a

record of a letter or resolution authorizing the City to collect insurance tax monies.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Westfall Seconded: Kirkwood

- E. City Attorney Report:** Items which require a legal opinion.
Mr. Jobson advised the Mayor and Commissioners that resolutions passed by the council only need to have one reading at a Commission meeting.
- F. OLD BUISNESS:**
- 1. Status report on new City web-site.**
Commissioner Kirkwood advised that the web-site has been up-dated and all corrections have been made.
 - 2. Refurbished City street signs defaced with lost dogs signs. How do we keep this from happening?**
City Clerk Westfall reported that signs were posted on our newly painted signs. She was concerned that the signs will be damaged if this continues. Mayor Franklin suggested that she put an article in the next City newsletter requesting that nothing be posted on the signs or posts.
 - 3. Status of blighted property @ 4000 elfin Ave. Trash and boat removed from rear yard?**
Mayor Franklin has not checked with Metro IPL about the status of this complaint. Commissioner Davidson reported no progress in cleaning up the rear yard.

4. Attempted break-in @ 4022 Druid Hills Rd (O'Reilly).

LMPD Officer Kevin Mumphrey attended the meeting to talk to the Mayor and Commissioners about crime in our area. Theft from cars is the most prevalent crime--- frequently cars are left running or with keys left in the ignition. There have been very few recent reports of other crimes.

Residents should always report suspicious activity. They should always lock doors and windows. Outside lights should have a motion detector. Take pictures of valuable items and store in a safe place. If going out of town put lights on a timer. LMPD has a "House Watch" program where they will drive by the homes of vacationing residents once per shift and make sure that everything is OK. Call 574-7636 to set this up. A good Neighborhood Block Watch program is the best defense against crime.

Officer Mumphrey described the process that occurs once a police report is made. Patrol officers turn their reports into supervisors who compile data on similar crimes in the area. Detectives then follow-up on leads and try to solve the crime. He emphasized that putting evidence together takes time. The homeowner should always make a report and take the initiative to follow-up with LMPD. Don't wait for them to contact you.

5. Proposed widening of Chenoweth Lane. Discussion of project and City of Druid Hills official position regarding it. Presentation of City Resolution No. 1-2015.

Mayor Franklin explained the project as presented by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Discussion followed about the impact that this project would have on Druid Hills and the area. Commissioner Barbour said that the proposed improvements could have a positive impact on traffic and that it is needed. The other Commissioners did not feel that any of the options presented by the Transportation Cabinet are needed at this time. Mayor Franklin read the resolution. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Davidson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously. Clerk Westfall will send the resolution to the Transportation Cabinet and to the residents so they will know the City's official position about the project.

6. Second Reading of City Ordinance No. 3-2015, establishing the Regular monthly meetings of the City Commission of the City of Druid Hills for the 2016 calendar year.

Mayor Franklin read the ordinance. The Commissioners passed the ordinance unanimously.

7. Metro Noise Ordinance regarding yard equipment use.

City Clerk Westfall will research Metro ordinances for guidelines regarding early equipment use. Several Commissioners discussed hearing music from the bars on Shelbyville Road late at night.

8. Annual City Christmas luncheon.

Mayor Franklin will host this annual luncheon on Wednesday, 12/16/15. It will be held @ Mesh Restaurant @ 12 noon. Former Commissioner Barbara Noland will also attend.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree removal approvals.

- * Sally Seay--- 4016 Elfin Ave.
- * Janice Brown--- 3904 Elfin Ave.

2. Request for Plan approvals:

Mayor Franklin had no requests this month.

3. Community events:

Mayor Franklin advised that there will be another community meeting about the proposed Chenoweth Lane widening project on 1/13/16. It will be held at the St. Matthews Community Center.

4. Holiday trash collection schedule--- any changes?

Commissioner Barbour advised that there would not be any change to the trash collection schedule since both Christmas and New Years are on Friday this year. City Clerk Westfall will send a notice to the residents letting them know that there would not be any changes.

5. Street light malfunctioning @ 3910 Brownsboro Rd.

Commissioner Barbour advised that this light was not working. Commissioner Kirkwood will report it to LG&E.

- I. Next Meeting:** Monday, January 11, 2016 at Broadway Baptist Church,
4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.