

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
for  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016**

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:** William Seng, Fire Chief, St. Matthews Fire Department

C. Minutes for the meeting held December 14, 2015 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Kirkwood

**D. Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 213,911.73 in available funds---  
\$211,892.68 in the General Fund and \$ 2,019.05 in the Road Fund.

Mr. Kirchgessner gave details of the month's expenditures and deposits. He advised the Commissioners that new Governor Bevin has announced a 12% reduction in municipal aide (road tax revenue that the City receives from our portion of the state gas tax). The City may not receive the amount budgeted for this item this year.

2. Status of 2015 property tax bills.

Mr. Kirchgessner advised that, as of this date, 173 of the 178 tax bills have been paid. There are 5 bills still outstanding. Letters to the delinquent residents will go out this week.

3. Insurance Tax receipts--- is "Just Stick-It" program still needed?

Mr. Kirchgessner questioned whether this program created by Commissioner Kirkwood several years ago is still needed. The program was initiated to encourage residents to identify the City of Druid Hills as their City of record for all their relevant insurance policies. By doing so, the City receives the insurance tax receipts we are due and this revenue does not go to Metro Louisville.

Discussion followed with the Commissioners agreeing that current residents do not need to be reminded to list Druid Hills as the City of record. All major insurance companies already do so. Only new residents would need to be told to do so and that information is included in their new resident packet.

Q--- Do those who own property in the City but live elsewhere (ex—the owner of the four-plex apartments who lives in California) pay an insurance tax to Druid Hills? Or does this tax revenue go to the address where the property owner lives?

4. Update on FY 2014/2015 financial audit.

Mr. Kirchgessner tabled this item until the next meeting.

5. Begin developing the FY 2016/2017 City Budget.

Mr. Kirchgessner advised that he will start developing the City budget for the next fiscal year. He asked the Commissioners to have their recommendations ready for the February meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Barbour      Seconded: Davidson

**E. City Attorney Report:** Items which require a legal opinion.

Mr. Jobson advised the Mayor and Commissioners on the proposed St. Matthews Fire Department resolution. See his comments under Item #6 in the New Business section of these minutes.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Proposed project to widen Chenoweth Lane. City Resolution No. 1-2015 opposing the project. Other City's responses.**

City Clerk Westfall distributed a copy of the City of Bellewood's letter to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet opposing this project. All of the adjacent small cities have unanimously rejected the need to do this road project. A meeting with our elected officials--- State representative and senator, and Metro Councilman Bill Hollander held last Wednesday night in the St. Matthews City Recreation Center, was well attended by many residents from all along the Chenoweth corridor. They were very adamant that this project is not needed or wanted in any of the configurations proposed by the Transportation Cabinet.

**2. Metro Noise Ordinance regarding yard equipment use.**

City Clerk Westfall advised that Metro Louisville Ordinance Chapter 99 allows landscapers to begin using their equipment at 7:00 AM Monday-Friday.

**3. Status of blighted property (Miller, 4000 Elfin Ave.). Trash and boat removed from rear yard?**

Mayor Franklin confirmed that inspector from Metro IPL has not been back to check on the status of this property since 11/15/15. He will follow up on this complaint. Commissioner Davidson reported no progress in cleaning up the rear yard.

**4. Annual Christmas luncheon held 12/16/15.**

Mayor Franklin hosted the annual City Commissioner and staff Christmas luncheon on Wednesday 12/16/15 at MESH restaurant. All of the Commissioners and staff attended.

**5. Street light out on Brownsboro Road.**

Commissioner Kirkwood advised that this light has been repaired by LG&E.

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree removal approvals.**

No requests were received this month.

**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. City of Druid Hills Resolution No. 1-2016, adoption of a Uniform Interlocal Agreement relative to the prospective Google-related franchise for 1 GB of fiber optic internet service and allowing Metro Louisville to administer the bid process for this service.**

Mayor Franklin read the resolution. All small cities in Jefferson County are encouraged to pass it so Google will select metro Louisville as their next 1 GB expansion site. Commissioner Barbour made a motion to adopt the resolution; Commissioner Davidson seconded. City Attorney Jobson advised that resolutions can be read and adopted at the same meeting. The Commissioners voted to adopt the resolution.

**5. Proposed resolution to support the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's application to provide ambulance service to serve the area.**

St. Matthews Fire Chief William Seng requested that the Commissioners support their efforts to get a Certificate of Need (CON) from the state to provide ambulance service for our area. Currently the St. Matthews Fire Department only provides EMT service; they cannot transport patients to hospitals. If granted a CON they will have an ambulance stationed at either of their two fire stations. Also, it will be staffed by paramedics, not just EMT's.

Mayor Franklin, City Attorney Jobson, and the Commissioners questioned Chief Seng about ambulance service now and the need for their proposed service. Will providing this service increase taxes? Discussion followed with the Commissioners tabling the resolution until the next meeting.

**6. Snow Removal.**

Commissioner Westfall will contact Lawn Pro, the City's contracted snow removal service, to make sure that Druid Hills is still on their service list. Make sure that they know that they are to salt the entire street--- not just the entrances.

- I. Next Meeting:** Monday, February 8, 2016 at Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.