

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
for
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Ben Franklin at 7:10 PM in the Family Life Center of Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

B. Present: All Commissioners and City Staff were present.

Guests: None

C. Minutes for the meeting held June 8, 2015 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Westfall Seconded: Barbour

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 190,550.37 in available funds---
\$ 188,076.31 in the General Fund and \$ 2,474.16 in the
Road Fund.

Mr. Kirchgessner advised the Commissioners that the insurance tax line item would come in ~ \$ 3,000.00 over the FY 2014/2015 budget. Property taxes will also end up slightly more than the budgeted amount.

2. Final financial report for FY 2014/2015.

Mr. Kirchgessner reported that over the past three years Druid Hill's has maintained a strong financial position. The City has demonstrated good revenue and expenditure management while completing major infrastructure projects like road paving.

He gave the following end-of-fiscal-year examples:

FY 2012/2013--- \$ 203,286.15
FY 2013/2014--- \$ 219, 889.43
FY 2014/2015--- \$ 190,550.47*

* total after \$ 38,600.00 Druid Hills road paving project

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Kirkwood Seconded: Davidson

- E. City Attorney Report:** Items which require a legal opinion.
No report.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status report on new City web-site.

Commissioner Kirkwood asked the Commissioners to review the web-site and let him know if any changes need to be made. He also suggested that the City obtain the ".org" domain for possible future use. The current web-site is hosted at ".gov" since Druid Hills is a municipality. Commissioner Davidson noted that people looking to move into the area could search our web-site for information about the City. She made a motion to add the ".org" domain to the City's web-site. The motion passed unanimously.

2. City street sign maintenance recommendations.

Commissioner Barbour presented a revised bid from Eagle Sign Co. to refurbish the City's street signs. The final cost will be \$ 5,000.00 which includes painting all posts, new sign hangers, signs and installation. The Commissioners approved the expenditure.

3. Druid Hills Road paving project complete.

Mayor Franklin will talk to Louisville Paving about a couple of issues before he authorizes payment.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree removal approvals.

No permits were requested this month but Broadway Baptist Church removed a tree that was struck by lightning on an emergency basis. Commissioner Barbour also reported that they have removed a tree in their prayer area. City Clerk Westfall will investigate this reported removal and report to the Commission.

2. Request for Plan approvals:

* Bill Simpson--- 3937 Elfin Ave.

Mayor Franklin has approved this request and notified Mr. Simpson accordingly.

3. Community events:

Mayor Franklin reported that LMPD 5th Division Commander Mark Fox is retiring. No announcement about his successor has been made yet.

4. Set Date for Annual Block Party.

The Commissioners scheduled the Block Party for Sunday, 9/20/15. City Clerk Westfall will contact the barrista and the face painter from last year to see if they can be scheduled again. She will also send out a flyer to all residents about this event.

Mayor Franklin will contact the LMPD and see if he can get some officers to attend. Commissioner Kirkwood will contact the fire department and see if he can get a fire truck to come again this year.

5. Set date for Annual Public Meeting.

The Commissioners asked that this meeting be scheduled for either 10/20/15 or 10/27/15. City Clerk will contact Broadway Baptist Church and see which date is available.

6. Complaints about shrubs blocking visibility.

City Clerk Westfall advised that she had received a complaint about a large shrub @ 4025 Druid Hills Road that is blocking the line-of-sight as drivers try to turn onto Chippewa from Druid Hills Rd. Mayor Franklin said that he would contact this resident and ask them to prune the shrub.

Complaints have also been made about the Viburnum hedge at 501 Chenoweth Lane. Drivers trying to exit from Olympic Ave. say that they have difficulty seeing traffic on Chenoweth Lane at this intersection. Commissioner Kirkwood said that he would talk to this resident about pruning the hedge.

7. Vacation coverage.

City Treasurer Kirchgessner advised that he will be out of town 7/18---7/25/15. Mayor Franklin will have the City checkbook in his absence. Mayor Franklin will be out of town 7/16---7/18. Commissioner Barbour will be acting Mayor in his absence.

I. Next Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2015 at Broadway Baptist Church,
4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.