

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Ben Franklin at 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center of Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

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

Guests: Alex Campbell, 4005 Druid Hills Road

B. Minutes for the meeting held August 14, 2017 were reviewed.

The following corrections were requested:

1. Page 2, Item No. 4--- correct spelling of new City Treasurer name to "Strebel"
2. Page 3, second paragraph--- change "residents" to "owners".

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Arnold

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 215,974.69 in available funds---

\$ 213,314.31 in the General Fund and \$ 2,660.38 in the Road Fund.

Mr. Strebel reviewed revenue and expenses incurred by the City since the last Commissioner meeting.

2. City Workmen's Comp insurance coverage.

Mr. Strebel advised that this policy covers the Mayor, all Commissioners and City staff. Mayor Franklin asked if the City Ethics Officer was also covered by this policy since this is a volunteer position. Mr. Strebel will make an inquiry to see if this position is also covered. City Attorney Jobson thought that it would be since volunteer firefighters are covered in their volunteer positions.

3. Second Reading of Amendment No. 1 to City Ordinance No. 1-2017 (establishing the City FY 2017/2018 budget), approving a transfer of funds to pay for the repair of the City of Druid Hills stone entrance walls.

Mayor Franklin read the amendment. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve this amendment.

4. FY 2016/2017 audit.

City Treasurer Strebel advised that he had received the engagement letter from Charles Veeneman, CPA for the next City audit. The fee for this audit will be \$ 4,000.00 and was already negotiated by Mayor Franklin.

5. Proposal to convert monthly payments to electronic bill pay.

Mr. Strebel is exploring changing City bills paid monthly to electronic bill pay. Examples are the LG&E and Waste Management bills. It would be more efficient and would save postage costs. Mayor Franklin will work with Mr. Strebel to continue the City's policy to have two signatures on checks of more than \$ 1,000.00.

6. Draft of Treasurer's Report for Annual Public Meeting.

Mr. Strebel reviewed his draft report for this meeting. Some suggestions and corrections were requested. He will review this report again at the October meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Gipe

Seconded: Arnold

E. City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Jobson reported on the results from the speed hump survey. See the attached print-out for individual votes. Of the 141 letters mailed, 83 total responses were received by the City auditor. This represents ~ 58% of residents. Three responses were received after the due date and

were not counted in the total. (Mr. Campbell, the resident at this meeting, complained that he did not receive his survey letter in time to respond. His letter was sent to his official PVA address which is not in Druid Hills. Mayor Franklin advised that the City could not be responsible for the US Mail.)

Of the 83 responses received, only 50 voted to install speed humps. This is far less than the 99 votes needed to meet the 70% threshold required for action as set by the Metro Louisville guidelines.

Mayor Franklin and the Commissioners discussed these results and what should be their next step. They asked Mr. Jobson to write a letter to be sent to all residents explaining the survey results, Metro guidelines, and the Commissioner's future actions with regards to the issue of speeding on City streets. Mr. Jobson will write the letter and City Clerk Westfall will mail it to all residents

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Radar speed signs.

City Clerk Westfall will collect information from other communities that already use these signs and report at the next meeting.

2. Status report on JCLC and small cities law suit brought by Metro Louisville Mayor Fischer re: solid waste disposal contracts.

City Clerk Westfall gave the Mayor and Commissioners an article about this lawsuit that was in the 8/19/17 Courier-Journal.

3. Status report on preparations for Annual Block party scheduled for Sunday, 10/15/17.

City Clerk Westfall advised that she is working on this event. Mayor Franklin will contact LMPD to see if they can send a representative to the party.

all utilities in the R-O-W would need to be located and possibly moved.

6. Druid Hills Articles of Incorporation.

City Treasurer Strebel is looking for the City's original Articles of Incorporation. He needs them for the new City bank to transfer signature authority from Jack Kirchgessner to himself. Mayor Franklin and City Clerk Westfall will see if they have anything in their files.

7. Google agreement.

Mayor Franklin advised that Google wants to change the agreement that all small cities signed to bring high speed internet to Louisville. They now want to cut into streets to lay the cable rather than string it on existing poles as the original contract specified. Mayor Franklin objects to this change.

I. Next Meeting: Monday, October 9, 2017 at Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.