

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY MARCH 11, 2019**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:03 PM at Family Life Center of Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

B. Present: All Less Commissioner Westfall, Thale (knee replacement) and city Attorney Jobson were present.

Guests: Jack & Eileen Kirchgessner, 3931 Druid Hills Rd. and Susan Merke, 3934 Druid Hills Rd.

C. Minutes for the meeting held February 11, 2019 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Arnold

Seconded: Gipe

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$261,832.80 in available funds---
\$251,763.21 in the General Fund and \$10,069.59 in the Road Fund.
See expenditure details in the attached report.

2. 2018 property tax bills report.

Mr. Strebel confirmed that 179 out of 180 total 2018 tax bills have been paid to-date. The only out-standing bill is for 507 Chenoweth Lane.

3. FY 2019/2020 preliminary budget preparation.

Mr. Strebel will have a proposed budget for review at the April meeting. If any Commissioner has items that they would like included get the information to him for inclusion. Ex---speed humps, paving, increase in tree budget?

4. Tax rate worksheet.

Mr. Strebel recommended that the City continue its 2018 tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100.00 in property value for 2019. This will continue this tax rate for the third consecutive year.

5. Insurance premium tax--- do we follow Metro Louisville proposed increase?
Mr. Strebel advised that the City would lose any additional tax revenue if Metro approves the proposed increase in insurance tax rates and Druid Hills does not do the same (see email from Kentucky Department of Insurance and article from Insider Louisville). The articles advised that small Cities should pass ordinances allowing them to impose the same rate that Metro does. To be effective this year, new tax rates must be given to the state tax commissioner by 3/22/19. The Commissioners discussed and agreed that the City should not abandon this revenue. They agreed to pass an ordinance that would follow whatever rate Metro Louisville decided to impose.
6. First reading of City Ordinance No. 15-2019 establishing the imposition of fees on companies who issue certain insurance policies in the City of Druid Hills.
Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion. A vote will be taken at the April meeting.
7. Investment strategies.
Mr. Strebel proposed transferring \$100,000.00 into two CD's with staggered maturities of nine months and 18 months. Certificates will be issued by the same bank that the City currently uses. This will help diversify the City's assets and bring them under FDIC protection limits. Commissioner Arnold made a motion to follow Mr. Strebel's recommendation; Commissioner Gipe seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
8. Last check for past Mayor Ben Franklin.
Mr. Strebel has been holding a check since December 2018 for Mr. Franklin. He was advised to send it to his estate. Jack Kirchgessner has an address for his family in Florida.
9. APS GOVCARD electronic payment processing company.
City Clerk Westfall distributed information sent out by the KLC about a new endorsed provider. Should the City decide to accept property tax payments via credit cards, they would be a possible provider of this service.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Gipe

Seconded: Arnold

E. City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Jobson was absent from the meeting and had no report.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Commissioner Arnold set-up as City bank account signatory?**
City Treasurer Strebel and Mr. Arnold are still working to set this up.
- 2. New information being posted on City website?**
Commissioner Arnold advised that the website was up to date with the exception of the 2019 sanitation holiday pickup schedule.
- 3. Institute a "Good Neighbor" program to check on residents.**
After discussion, the Commissioners decided that information on the website and periodic emails to our residents are sufficient at this time. But they did encourage everyone to look after their neighbors.
- 4. Request for access to City public records.**
City Clerk Westfall advised that she had sent letters to both companies that had requested access. The company in Florida did not reply; Anytime Sanitation did come by and make copies of the City's current sanitation contract at their own expense.
- 5. Status of complaints from residents made at the February meeting?**
Mayor Barbour has yet to talk to the residents at 4000 Druid Hills Rd. about the sewer pipe in the front yard.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Tree removal approvals.**
None for this meeting
- 2. Request for Plan approvals:**
None for this meeting.
- 3. Community events.**
None for this meeting.
- 4. First Reading of revised City Ordinance No. 12-2008, establishing the Administrative Department for the City of Druid Hills.**
Mayor Barbour read the revised Ordinance, adding job descriptions for each City employee. Commissioner Arnold made a motion to approve the revision; Commissioner Gipe seconded the motion. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

5. First reading of proposed City Ordinance No. 16-2019, establishing the compensation of elected officials, appointed officials and City employees.

Mayor Barbour read the proposed ordinance which lists the current compensation of all elected and appointed officials of the City. The ordinance also specifies when salaries can be changed. Commissioner Arnold made a motion to approve the ordinance; Commissioner Gipe seconded the motion. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

6. Complaint about speeding and disturbing the peace.

City residents Kirchgessner and Merke both registered complaints with the Commission about activity at 4000 Druid Hills Rd. A noisy black truck driven by a resident at that address makes multiple trips down City streets at all hours of the night. There have also been several occasions when loud arguing has been heard at night and other suspicious activity. They asked the Commission to do something about the situation. Mayor Barbour said that he would try to talk to the residents at 4000 Druid Hills Rd. and let them know that there have been complaints. The Commissioners also suggested that the Kirchgessners and Ms. Merke keep a log of instances when they hear the truck. This information will help make a case for the police. Always call the police if you hear loud arguing outside --- they will respond if they suspect a domestic violence situation.

Discussed followed about other speeding vehicles on City streets including delivery vehicles. Would it help if complaints were made to UPS, Fed-Ex and other delivery trucks?

7. Set date for annual Community Yard Sale.

The Commissioners set Saturday, May 11th as the date for the yard sale. Brownsboro Village and the City of Bellewood will again join Druid Hills in this event.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2019 at Broadway Baptist Church,
4000 Brownsboro Road.

I. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.