

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

- A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:03 PM in the home of Mayor Bruce Barbour, 3906 Brownsboro Road.
Note: meeting location was changed due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

- B. **Present:** Commissioner Arnold was absent.

Guests: None

- C. Minutes for the meeting held August 10, 2020 were reviewed.
No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Lloyd

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 271,973.59 in available funds---

\$ 153,033.59 in the General Fund, \$ 15,923.39 in the Road Fund and

\$103,016.61 in the Investment Account. See expenditure/revenue details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in June.

Mr. Strebel reported the following:

*Ordinance mailing: \$231.05

* Commissioner Retirement gift: \$67.324

* Speed Hump Engineer Consultation fee: \$756.24

* Commissioner Arnold bond: \$763.50

* Tree Rebate program payment: \$50.00

* Waste Management paid twice: August and September

3. Auditor Engagement letter.

Mayor Barbour signed the contract with Charles Venemann, CPA for the FY 2019/2020 City audit. Cost is \$4500.00. The audit will start in October, 2020 and should be finished by late January, 2020.

4. Annual Public Meeting.

Mr. Strebel presented his draft report for the annual meeting traditionally held in October. The Commissioners discussed whether they should have this meeting since Broadway Baptist Church is still not open to outside meetings due to COVID-19.

Possibly combine meeting with Block Party since this is an outside event?

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Thale

E. Special Counsel Report:

1. Buschmeyer fine letter--- Mr. Cato reports that he sent letters "Return Receipt Requested". He did get the cards back; one was signed "COVID 19" by the son (?), but the father signed his. Mr. Cato advised that there will be a \$23.00 filing fee to place the lien on the property and requested approval to file. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to process the lien; Commissioner Lloyd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. OLD BUISNESS:

1. Speed humps.

City Clerk Westfall advised that a letter has been sent out to all residents letting them know that the speed humps should be installed within the next three weeks. Copy of letter attached to minutes. Commissioner Westfall will personally contact the residents that live near each hump installation location.

2. Complaint about possible hoarding @ 3912 Elfin Ave. (Connick)
City Clerk Westfall has not contacted this resident yet.

3. PVA story map.

City Clerk Westfall has completed this project.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

*** Jackie Gibbs--- 3909 Olympic Ave.

*** Ray Lovelace--- 3937 Napanee Rd.

*** Thomco Inc./Beau Ruby--- 3907 Napanee Rd.

Two Trees removed without permit

Commissioners voted to fine Mr. Ruby \$500.00 per tree

Letter sent 9/21/20 (copy attached)

2. Request for plan approvals.

*** Randall Pearson—3934 Elfin Ave. (enclosed rear porch)

3. Community events:

The Commissioners decided to cancel this year's annual Block Party and Public meeting to comply with Gov. Beshear's COVID-19 restrictions.

City Clerk Westfall will send out a notice to residents.

4. Request to put assisted living information on City Website.

City Clerk Westfall advised that she had received requests to put information on the City website for two different companies about assisted living facilities. The Commissioners declined to do this---- the City is not in the referral business.

5. Dog Attack on Druid Hills Road.

Commissioner Thale reported this incident after she was contacted by a resident (see emails attached). She contacted the home owner who quickly had the dog removed from the premises (dog belonged to owner's son).

There may be possible court action from one person whose dog was attacked.

6. Complaint about exposed sewer pipe @ 4000 Druid Hills Rd.

Commissioner Thale has also received complaints from other residents about this exposed pipe which has been visible in the front yard for several years. Ms. Thale will contact Mr. Hooker about this matter too.

7. Complaint about parking on Elfin Ave.

Mayor Barbour received a complaint from Jennifer Bells, (347 Chenoweth Ln? 593-3082) about cars parking near the entrance to Elfin Ave. Mayor Barbour confirmed that the City does still have a parking Ordinance that prohibits parking on the street from 12 AM---6AM. He will put a notice on the car advising them of the ordinance and if it is not moved it will be towed at the owner's expense. Call 311?

8. Potholes on Napanee Rd.

Mr. Strebel requested that the Mayor and Commissioners again try to find a way to get the potholes in the unincorporated portion of Napanee Rd. fixed. The portion of this street from St. Matthews Ave. east to Chippewa Lane has City of Druid Hills residents on its north side. The potholes on this street are terrible. Inquiries in the past have not resulted in getting any action to fix this problem. Go to our Metro council representative, Ms. McCraney? Question about who owns this portion of the street. LOJIC maps?

H. Next Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Location to be determined.

I. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM