

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**

- A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:01 PM in the home of City Clerk Caroline Westfall, 401 Chenoweth Lane.

Note: meeting location was changed due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

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

Guests: Charles Jobson, 3917 Druid Hills Rd., Kent Seger, 3907 Elfin Ave., Ann Rogers, 3911 Elfin Ave.

- C. Minutes for the meeting held September 14, 2020 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

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 \$ 272,439.94 in available funds---

\$ 152,646.28 in the General Fund, \$ 16,439.49 in the Road Fund and

\$103,354.17 in the Investment Account. See expenditure/revenue details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in June.

Mr. Strebel reported the following:

* Savatree--- tree removal inspection (Grandinetti) \$90.10

* Tree Removal Fine deposit (Buschemeyer) \$100.00

3. September 2020 Budget summary--- see report.

4. 2020 Property tax bills received from the PVA.
Treasurer Strebel will have the property tax bills mailed by the end of the week.
5. Rolled 18-month CD into 3-month public funds CD.
Mr. Strebel advised that he is staying with a short term CD until interest rates rise.
6. FY 2019/2020 Audit is underway.
Mr. Strebel said that Mr. Venemann will be sending all City Commissioners and staff the annual fraud survey via email.
7. City Domain “druidhillsky.gov” renewal paid?
Mr. Strebel advised that this fee was paid in October.
8. DLG Audit and Financial statement due by 11/01/20.
Mr. Strebel advised that our auditor sends in our report directly to DLG every year. Some other small cities do not comply.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as given:

Motion made by: Arnold Seconded: Thale

E. Special Counsel Report:

1. Buschemeyer fine letter.

Mr. Buschemeyer has paid his tree removal fine. He now owes the lien filing and release fee. He will advise Clerk Westfall the total amount due. She will send Mr. Buschemeyer a letter letting him know the new amount due.

2. Open records request.

Mr. Cato sent a letter on 9/29/20 to Mr. Butler.

F. OLD BUISNESS:

1. Speed humps.

Mayor Barbour acknowledged residents Jobson, Seger and Rogers who all attended this meeting to discuss the City's plan to install speed humps on Druid Hills Road and Elfin Avenue. Among the issues these residents expressed concern about were:

- Drainage--- will speed humps make current issues worse?
- Why were residents not surveyed again to determine the number who supported/opposed speed humps?
- What was the Commissioners decision process? Why did they change their position?
- Why did the Commissioners decide not to follow the Metro Louisville Public Works speed humps guidelines?
- Complained about children playing in the street and lack of parental supervision--- this should not justify the installation of speed humps

A very vocal, passionate and contentious discussion between the residents and the Commissioners ensued. No resolution occurred.

Special Counsel Cato assured the Mayor and Commissioners that the Metro guidelines are only guidelines. Druid Hills is a different jurisdiction than Louisville so the Commissioners can choose not to follow them. We do however need to make sure that the speed humps are installed according to MUFTA guidelines.

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

3. Complaint about parking on Elfin Ave.
Mayor Barbour is working on this issue.

4. Complaint about exposed sewer pipe at 4000 Druid Hills Rd.
Commissioner Thale advised that the resident has acknowledges this problem and will complete the repair.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

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

Two Trees removed without permit. Commissioners forgave fine for one tree and decreased fine for other tree to \$50.00

*** Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell--- 3905 Elfin Ave. Sent letter for failure to remove stump as required by permit.

*** Betsey Reinhardt--- 3914 Druid Hills Rd. Removed tree without permit. Previous owner did have an approved permit for this removal so fine was forgiven. However, new resident reminded that stump must be removed.

*** Kyle Andrew Kulyan--- 4009 Druid Hills Rd. Removed tree without permit. Commissioners decided to impose a \$50.00 fine because he is a new resident.

*** Sara Michael Barlow--- 3908 Olympic Ave. Tree rebate for new tree installation.

*** Phyllis True--- 345 Chenoweth Ln. New street tree to be planted by the Plant Kingdom (Willow Oak)

2. Request for plan approvals.

*** Nathan Holladay--- 3928 Druid Hills Rd. approved

3. Community events:

None.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Location to be determined.

I. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM