

CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

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 less Commissioners Barbour and Gipe were present.

Guests: Charles Veeneman, City Auditor

C. Minutes for the meeting held December 11, 2017 were reviewed.
No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Arnold Seconded: Westfall

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 246,408.37 in available funds -

\$ 241,901.28 in the General Fund and \$ 4,507.09 in the Road Fund.

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

2. Status report on 2017 property tax bills.

Mr. Strebel reported that there are only two tax payments still outstanding.

He will follow-up with these residents.

3. FY 2016/2017 Audit review.

Mr. Charles Veeneman, City Auditor, reviewed the audit report with Mayor Franklin and the Commissioners. Mr. Veeneman clarified several of the report items and made several suggestions for the City to consider for the future.

- Consolidate the budget into a minimum of "category" line items rather than individual line items as it is done now. Then if a particular item in a category goes over budget the Commissioners will not be required to pass a budget amendment as long as the "category" is still in budget.
- The Road Fund must be budgeted to have a positive balance. Income must exceed expenses.

- There might be a potential ethics violation since the City Clerk and Commissioner Westfall are both on the Council. City Attorney Jobson opined that Druid Hills is in compliance with our Ethics ordinance - there is no nepotism or violation.
- An excerpt from the entire report is required by State statute to be mailed to all residents. The City has not done this in the past but will from this time forward.

Mayor Franklin thanked City Treasurer Strebel and Mr. Veeneman for their hard work and the very thorough audit.

4. Second Reading of Amendment No. 2, approving the transfer of the Garden Club and Tree Maintenance line items from the Road Fund to the General Fund.

Mayor Franklin read the amendment. The Amendment passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Westfall Seconded: Arnold

E. City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Jobson had no report.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Radar speed signs.**

No action on this item.

2. **Status report on Metro Mayor Fischer lawsuit brought against Jefferson County small cities re: solid waste disposal board authority.**

Mayor Franklin advised that the judge ruled against JCLC and the small cities. The Solid Waste Board will however have representation from the small cities and the waste management companies.

3. **St. Matthews Avenue/Napanee Road sign replacement.**

City of Bellewood Mayor Orr dropped off a portion of this sign to City Clerk Westfall's house. Commissioner Barbour will work with the supplier the finish the replacement of this sign.

4. **City web-site problems.**

City Treasurer Strebel has been working with Hill Harcourt, of Ashton Advertising, to restore the web-site. The host has been clarified and the domain names secured. Mr. Harcourt will re-build the City web-site for the balance due on the current contract of \$750.00 and \$3,000.00 in FY 2018/2019.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposal and Commissioner Arnold made a motion to accept the proposal as presented; Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. The contract was approved.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree removal approvals.

No requests this month.

2. Request for Plan approvals:

No requests this month.

3. Community events.

Mayor Franklin told the group that Greater Louisville Inc. will meet in Frankfort the end of January. JCLC will meet with our Congressional representatives on 2/07/18.

4. Snow Removal contract.

Commissioner Westfall advised that the regular salt application costs \$ 200.00 per application. To add the "Magic Salt" that Mayor Franklin asked about would add \$ 150.00 to this cost for a total cost of \$ 350.00 per application. The Commissioners decided to go with the standard salt application.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2018 at Broadway Baptist Church,
4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.