

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
For  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

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

**B. Present:** All less Commissioner Gipe and City Ethics Officer Cary Thale were present.

**Guests:** Kent Hall, candidate for Metro Council District 7 seat

**C.** Minutes for the meeting held August 13, 2018 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

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 \$ 231,237.73 in available funds---

\$223,941.55 in the General Fund and \$7,296.18 in the Road Fund.

See expenditure details in the attached report.

2. City FY 2017/2018 audit has begun.

Mr. Strebel provided preliminary data to the auditor. He will send an email with a survey to be completed by each staff member, the Commissioners and the Mayor.

3. Refund of 2017 homestead exemption property tax discount to resident.

Mr. Strebel advised that he refunded \$38.35 to John McQueen, 3911 Druid Hills Rd. The PVA did not deduct his homestead exemption when calculating his 2017 property tax bill.

4. 2018 property tax bills.

Mr. Strebel expects to receive the 2018 property tax bills within the next week from the PVA. They will be mailed to residents ~ 10/15/2018.

5. Treasurer's Report for Annual Public meeting.

Mr. Strebel will have a draft of his report for the public meeting scheduled for 10/30/18.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Barbour

Seconded: Arnold

**E. City Attorney Report:**

City Attorney Jobson had no report.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Annual Block Party scheduled for Sunday, 9/23/18.**

City Clerk Westfall advised that she had hired performers, bouncers, and reserved tables, chairs, and a grill. She asked for help in setting everything up that afternoon. Be there ~ 3:00 to help.

**2. Right-turn sign for Chippewa/Napaneewah intersection.**

Mayor Franklin is still working with Metro Public Works/Transportation to get this sign installed. He hopes that it will be done before the end of the year.

**3. Complaint about trailer parked at 303 Chenoweth Lane.**

Mayor Franklin has not gotten any response from Metro IPL about this complaint. He is still working on this problem.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree removal approvals.**

There were no removal requests this month.

**2. Request for Plan approvals:**

No plans have been submitted to Mayor Franklin for approval since the last Commissioners meeting.

**3. Community events.**

Mayor Franklin advised that the League of Cities will hold its statewide convention on 9/17/18 in Louisville. A reception will be sponsored by the Louisville chapter that evening from 6:30 – 7:30. The Commissioners are invited to attend.

**4. Set date for Annual Public meeting.**

City Clerk Westfall asked Mayor Franklin and the Commissioners to set a date for this meeting. They selected Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. Ms. Westfall will coordinate setting up for the meeting with Broadway Baptist Church. It will be held as usual, in the Fellowship Hall.

**5. Complaint about Charles Miller property @ 4000 Elfin Ave.**

Mayor Franklin has received another complaint about this property. The owner has failed to maintain it to community standards. He has contacted Metro IPL and filed a complaint. He has also requested an inspector to visit and determine if Mr. Miller is in violation of Metro ordinances.

Mayor Franklin also reviewed Druid Hills Ordinance No. 6, "Relating to the Maintenance of Real Property." As written, it does not have a provision to fine a resident if they do not maintain their property. Should it be revised to include fines?

**6. Annual mailing of ordinances to residents.**

City Treasurer Strelbel reminded the Commissioners that we are required to notify all residents each year about the budget and tax ordinances. He recommended that instead of mailing the information via USPS, we email it to them via our Druid Hills email group. The Mayor and Commissioners agreed and instructed City Clerk Westfall to do so.

**H. Next Meeting:** Monday, October 8, 2018 at Broadway Baptist Church,  
4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.