

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
For  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019**

- A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:02 PM at the Family Life Center of Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.
- B. **Present:** All less Commissioners Arnold, Thale and City Ethics Officer Szesny were present.

**Guests:** None

- C. Minutes for the meeting held March 11, 2019 were reviewed.  
The following corrections were requested:  
Page 2, item #6--- correct spelling of Mayor's name to "Barbour"

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Gipe                      Seconded: Westfall

**D. Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 260,624.04 in available funds---

\$ 152,582.62 in the General Fund and \$ 8,041.42 in the Road Fund. Mr.

Strebel transferred \$ 100,000.00 to an investment account as approved by the Commissioners at the last meeting.

See expenditure details in the attached report.

2. 2018 Property Tax bills report.

Mr. Strebel confirmed that all 2018 tax bills have been paid. The only new revenue that the City will get until the end of the year will be insurance tax payments.

3. First Reading of City Ordinance No. 1-2019, establishing the City of Druid Hills budget for the 2019/2020 Fiscal year.  
Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. Commissioner Gipe made a motion to accept the budget as presented; Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. The Commissioners will vote at the May meeting.  
Should the Commissioners decide to pursue project not currently in the Budget (ex—speed humps), they can amend it as needed.

4. First Reading of City Ordinance No. 2-2019, establishing the City of Druid Hills tax rate for real property for the 2019/2020 Fiscal year.  
Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the property tax rate as presented; Commissioner Gipe seconded the motion. The Commissioners will vote at the May meeting.  
Mr. Strebel suggested that the penalty for late payment of property taxes be increased to 5% per month for every month or partial month that the payment is late. The Commissioners will consider this change.

5. Second 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.  
City Attorney Jobson recommended that this ordinance be tabled for now. Metro Louisville did not pass their proposed tax increase so no action is needed by Druid Hills at this time.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Gipe                      Seconded: Westfall

**E. City Attorney Report:**

City Attorney Jobson will again review the State Transportation/Metro Louisville guidelines for speed hump installation. He will also get information about the State usury laws regarding penalties charged for late tax payments.

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**F. OLD BUISNESS:**

**1. Commissioner Arnold set-up as City bank account signatory?**

City Treasurer Strebel and Mr. Arnold are still working to set this up.

**2. Status of complaints from residents at the March Commissioners' Meeting.**

Mayor Barbour reported as follows:

- a. Cars parked at Blandford residence--- all cars are parked legally on pavement as required by ordinance. No further action is required.
- b. Cars parked at Workman residence--- there are cars parked in the front yard, not on pavement. Resident acknowledges this, and advised that he is in the process of widening his driveway and installing a parking pad.
- c. Complaint about children making excessive noise--- the Mayor will address this complaint with the parents.
- d. 4000 Druid Hills Rd.--- the sewer pipe that was in the front yard for several months is gone. Mayor Barbour has been unable to speak with the residents about the loud black truck. Discussion followed with the Commissioners deciding that a letter should be sent to the property owner of record even if this is not who is living there.
- e. Dog attack--- more information is needed about this reported event.

**3. Second reading of revised City Ordinance No. 12-2008, establishing and Administrative Department for the City of Druid Hills and job descriptions for employees.**

Mayor Barbour read the revised ordinance. It was approved unanimously.

**4. Second Reading of City Ordinance No. 16-2019, establishing the compensation of all elected officers, appointed officials, and City employees.**

Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. It was approved unanimously.

**5. Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> set as date for annual Community yard sale.**

City Clerk Westfall confirmed that this event has been scheduled. Brownsboro Village and the City of Bellewood will again participate this year.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree removal approvals.**

\*\*\* William Flowers--- 3923 Druid Hills Rd.

**2. Request for plan approvals.**

None for this meeting.

**3. Community events:**

Mayor Barbour is still following up with the resident on Napanee about building a garage without a City of Druid Hills permit.

**4. Information to be sent to residents.**

City Clerk Westfall was requested to send out an email to residents. Items to be included:

- City Yard Sale on 5/11/19
- Leash laws
- Speeding delivery trucks
- "Gypsies" seen in the City
- Dog Poop not picked-up or left in bags at entrances
- Mayor and one Commissioner will need to run again in 2019 general election. Advise of deadline to register to run for office

**H. Next Meeting:** Monday, May 13, 2019 at Broadway Baptist Church,  
4000 Brownsboro Road.

**I. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.**