

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
For  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

**A.** The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:03 PM in the Broadway Baptist Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

**B. Present:** All LESS Commissioner Gipe were present.

**Guests:** None

**C.** Minutes for the meeting held January 13, 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 \$281,156.74 in available funds---  
\$165,898.49 in the General Fund, \$13,381.88 in the Road Fund and \$101,876.37  
in the investment Account. See expenditure details in the attached report.

2. Key expenditures in December.

Mr. Strebel reported that the City paid our annual dues to the Kentucky League of Cities (\$400.00) and made the final payment to the auditor for the FY 2018/2019 audit (\$1,500.00). The City is due a refund from Greenhaven/Savatree for an overpayment of a recent invoice (\$1,100.00) which has not yet been received.

3. Status report on 2019 property tax receipts.

Mr. Strebel reported that 176 of 178 tax bills have been paid to-date. Two bills remain outstanding--- total due is \$ 658.77 (with penalties).

One resident underpaid by \$28.29 which he is still in the process of collecting.

4. FY 2020/2021 budget perpetration.

Mr. Strebel advised that he has begun working on the budget for next fiscal year. The first reading will be at the April meeting. He would like any new budget items by the March meeting.

Next year he recommends combining the Tree replacement and tree maintenance line items. He will also add a line item for legal services.

5. Jefferson County League of Cities update.  
Mr. Strebel reported that at the most recent meeting, the JCLC discussed the increasing cost to cities of employee pension programs. Cities are looking for new revenue sources to help defray these costs. Currently the Kentucky constitution only allows cities to collect property and insurance taxes. Metro Louisville wants to change the constitution to allow cities to levy their own sales tax.
6. KRS 83A.075(1) setting the maximum salary for Mayors.  
Mr. Strebel advised that the City needs to revise Ordinance No. 16-2019 to bring it into compliance with this statute. City Counsel Cato will work on the revision.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Arnold

Seconded: Westfall

**E. City Attorney Report:**

Mr. Cato wrote a letter addressing the Vail lien and sent it to the Druid Hills Road address. Commissioner Westfall advised that it should have been sent to Mrs. Vail's son who is handling his deceased mother's affairs. He will provide Mr. Cato with Vail's Crestwood, KY address.

Mr. Cato presented Municipal Order No. 1, approving the engagement of Special Counsel for the City of Druid Hills. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Arnold; seconded by Commissioner Westfall.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Speed humps.**

Commissioner Westfall gave a status report on his inquiry into prices. Mayor Barbour will get pricing on signage that matches our current signs.

**2. New Ethics Officer Search.**

Mayor Barbour is still searching for someone to take this position.

**3. Snow removal contract.**

Commissioner Westfall advised that Lawn Pro has extended our current contract at the same pricing as last year. Commissioner Arnold made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Westfall seconded. The contract was approved. Mr. Cato advised that only the Mayor has the authority to sign contracts for the City.

**4. City records.**

Mayor Barbour will continue to review the City records that were stored at Mr. Jobson's office. He and the City Clerk will go through them and retain items as required by statute.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree removal approvals.**

There were no approvals requested this month.

**2. Request for Plan approvals:**

No requests this month.

**3. Community events.**

The Kentucky League of Cities will celebrate its 65th anniversary on 2/20/20 @ 7 PM. The meeting will be held at I0235 Timberwood Circle.

**4. Census Boundary validation.**

Mayor Barbour responded to a 2020 census questionnaire confirming the City's boundaries.

**H. Next Meeting:** Monday, March 9, 2020 at Broadway Baptist Church,  
4000 Brownsboro Road.

**I. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**