

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020**

- A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:00 PM in the home of Mayor Bruce Barbour, 3906 Brownsboro Road.
Note: meeting location was changed due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

- B. **Present:** All less Commissioners Thale and Arnold were present.

Guests: None

*** Ms. Tammy Lloyd, 3918 Elfin Ave., was sworn-in by Mayor Barbour to complete the unexpired term of Commissioner Alex Gipe who resigned effective April 1, 2020.

- C. Minutes for the meeting held March 8, 2020 were reviewed. Note: The Commissioners did not meet in April, 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. No corrections were requested to the March minutes.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Lloyd

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 284,635.44 in available funds---
\$ 167,355.11 in the General Fund, \$ 14,871.85 in the Road Fund and
\$102,408.48 in the Investment Account. See expenditure/revenue details in
the attached report.

2. Key transactions in April/May.

Mr. Strebel reported the following:

- Mayor's bond: \$763.50

- 1099 tax document preparation fee: \$100.00
- Paul Sandman tree reimbursement: \$439.88
- Vail lien paid to City: \$146.00
- Savatree refund for overpayment: \$1,100.00

3. Status report on 2019 property tax receipts.

Mr. Strebel reported that all 178 tax bills have been paid to-date.

4. First Reading of City of Druid Hills Ordinance No 1-2020, establishing the City of Druid Hills budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. The Commissioners will vote at the June meeting.

5. First Reading of City of Druid Hills Ordinance No. 2-2020, establishing the City of Druid Hills tax rate for real property for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

At the suggestion of City Treasurer Strebel, the Commissioners discussed lowering the tax rate from the current rate of \$0.101 per \$100.00 in value to \$0.075 per \$100.00 in value. Commissioner Westfall made the motion; Commissioner Lloyd seconded. The motion passed.

Mayor Barbour read the ordinance with the new tax rate. The Commissioners will vote at the June meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Lloyd

Seconded: Westfall

E. Special Counsel Report:

Mr. Cato was not present at this meeting but sent in the following items:

1. The City received the Vail lien payment and he prepared the lien release and sent it to the County clerk and the family.
2. The Buschmeyer tree removal fine letter was resent to the correct Resident name and address, 4018 Druid Hills Rd.

F. OLD BUISNESS:

1. Speed humps.

Commissioner Westfall advised that he met with Hall Paving and reviewed the installation sites for the approved speed humps. Locations are marked with paint on Druid Hills Road and Elfin Avenue.

He also met with a civil engineer from Michael Baker International to review placement with regards to any existing drainage issues, particularly on Druid Hills Road. The civil engineer approved the proposed locations and suggested reducing the width of each speed hump ~ 6" from the edge of the road. This would allow rain water to flow unrestricted to the storm drains.

The total cost for the project is \$13,900.00. This does not include Signage. Mayor Barbour was unable to get pricing from the company that made our current signage because they are no longer in business. Commissioner Westfall will see if Hall can give us a price for the signage too.

Mr. Westfall also had Hall Paving to price repairing an area of Elfin Avenue (on the east end near Chippewa) where the pavement edge is collapsing. They quoted \$19,000.00 for this project. He thinks that this is much too expensive and is going to ask them for another bid.

2. New Ethics Officer search.

Mayor Barbour is still searching for someone to take this position. Kelly Watts was suggested as a possible candidate.

3. Second Reading of City Ordinance No. 16-2020 Revision #1, setting the Compensation of all elected City Officers, appointed officials and employees of the City of Druid Hills.

Mayor Barbour read the revised ordinance. It was approved by the Commissioners with 3 ayes; 0 nays.

4. Jefferson County PVA delays property tax reassessment for Druid Hills until 2021 (see announcement attached).

City Clerk Westfall made the Commissioners aware of this change.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

*** Ben Arnold--- 3904 Olympic Ave.

2. Request for plan approvals.

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3. Community events:

All community events in Jefferson County and throughout Kentucky have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

4. Force Majeure (unforeseeable circumstances that would prevent fulfilling their contract) notification letter from Waste Management due to COVID-19.

Mayor Barbour received this letter from our sanitation contractor. It Advises the City that they may enforce this clause in our contract if conditions worsen to a point where it is unsafe for their employees to collect our garbage.

5. Completion of Annual Statements of Financial Interest and Code of Ethics Pledge by elected officials and City staff.

City Clerk Westfall distributed these forms and asked that they be completed and returned to her by the next meeting.

6. Inquiry from Broadway Baptist Church--- does Druid Hills have an ordinance prohibiting the interment of cremains in their prayer garden?

The City of Druid Hills does not have an ordinance prohibiting this action. City Clerk Westfall asked Special Counsel Cato if Jefferson County had such an ordinance. He advised that cremains may be interred on private property as long as the owner agrees to it.

7. Complaint about parking on both sides of Elfin Avenue.

The City received this complaint from Phyllis True, 301 Chenoweth Lane. She had difficulty getting into/out of her driveway because cars were parked on both sides of the street. The Commissioners agreed that this was probably due to an estate sale at her neighbor's house and not a reoccurring event.

8. City Yard Sale?

Mayor Barbour was asked by the City of Bellewood if Druid Hills was planning to have their annual yard sale this year. If so, they would like to partner with us. The Commissioners agreed that with the current health pandemic not to have a yard sale at this time. Perhaps in the fall???

9. Complaint about hoarding/vermin?

Commissioner Lloyd was asked by a neighbor to look into a possible hoarding situation at 3912 Elfin Ave. (Wade Connick). They are worried That there might be mice or other vermin coming from his property to theirs. City Clerk Westfall said that she would talk to Mr. Connick about this.

10. Update City website to delete City officials home addresses and phone numbers.

City Treasurer Strebel asked the Commissioners to think about eliminating this personal data from the City's website. Email addresses should be sufficient for residents to contact anyone about City issues.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020 at Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.