

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

- A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:03 PM in the home of Commissioner Tammy Lloyd, 3918 Elfin Ave.

Note: meeting location was changed due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

- B. **Present:** Commissioner Thale was absent.

Guests: None

- C. Minutes for the meeting held July 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 \$ 271,164.46 in available funds---
\$ 152,306.37 in the General Fund, \$ 16,176.85 in the Road Fund and
\$102,681.24 in the Investment Account. See expenditure/revenue details in
the attached report.

Mr. Strebel reported that revenue for the first month of the 2020/2021
fiscal year was ~ \$1800.00. Expenditures were ~ \$5000.00.

2. Key transactions in June.

Mr. Strebel reported the following:

- * Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance payment: \$4788.86
- * PO Box annual rental: \$254.00
- * Storm Damage tree limb removal from Elfin Ave.: \$530.00

3. Seven month CD matures in July and will roll into a six (6) month CD @ 0.05% interest.

4. Annual audit.

Mr. Strebel advised that Charles Venemann will charge the City \$4500.00 for the FY 2019/2020 audit. The City paid \$4100.00 for last year's audit. Mr. Strebel allocated \$5000.00 in the budget for this report. The CPA's hourly rate is \$125.00 and his assistant's rate is \$95.00 per hour. If we paid them by the hour for the audit, the total would be ~\$6300.00.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Arnold Seconded: Lloyd

E. Special Counsel Report:

1. Buschmeyer fine letter--- Mr. Cato reports that the PVA lists W. Cooper Buschmeyer as the owner of the property. The letter will be sent to him advising that a lien will be placed on the property for \$100.00. The fine is levied because the resident removed a tree without an approved tree removal permit.

2. Open Records Request--- in response to a request for name and salary paid to all City employees from a company in Florida (which will sell this information), Mr. Cato responded that the City of Druid Hills has no employees. All City staff are appointees.

F. OLD BUISNESS:

1. Speed humps.

Commissioner Westfall advised that the total cost of this project including signage is ~ \$15,500.00. There will be one "Speed Hump" sign at each end of the street. We will use existing sign poles if possible. Mr. Westfall made a motion to approve the installation of speed humps on Druid Hills Road and Elfin Avenue + signage for \$15,500.00. Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion.

The Motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Westfall will draft a letter to all residents advising them when the humps will be installed. He will also personally contact each resident that lives near each hump installation location.

2. Complaint about possible hoarding @ 3912 Elfin Ave. (Connick)

City Clerk Westfall has not contacted this resident yet.

3. Letter sent to residents (copy attached).

City Clerk Westfall sent a letter to all residents with the FY 2020/2021 budget and the 2020 property tax notification. The letter also included information about the annual yard sale and block party.

4. PVA story map.

City Clerk Westfall is working on this project.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

*** Hal Noland---- 3905 Napanee Rd. (storm damage)

2. Request for plan approvals.

*** Eric Bort--- garage demo and rebuild approved

3. Community events:

No information at this meeting.

4. Email to residents about men in red pick-up truck.

City Clerk Westfall warned residents of a suspicious group of men in the City offering to do tree/yard work. They had no company identification on either their truck or any type of uniform. They had no license plate on the truck. The leader got belligerent when requested to leave. Possibly "gypsies"?

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H. Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Location to be determined.

I. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM