

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:13 PM virtually via Microsoft Meeting.
Note: Meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

B. **Present:** All Commissioners and staff were present.

Guests: None

C. Minutes for the meeting held December 14, 2020 were reviewed.
No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Jobson Seconded: Arnold

D. **Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 300,790.60 in available funds---
\$ 179,431.88 in the General Fund, \$ 17,990.81 in the Road Fund and
\$103,367.91 in the Investment Account. See expenditure/revenue details in
the attached report.

2. Key transactions in June.

Mr. Strelbel reported the following:

* Elected and Appointed Official Pay--- (\$5,687.50)

* Tree Rebate--- 3909 Olympic Ave (\$100.00)

3. Tax bills collected to-date.

One hundred forty-two (142) bills (of 143 total) paid through 01/11/21. Total collected \$34,179.58. One bill still outstanding. Received a notice from the PVA that the City needs to reduce taxable amount on two properties because a Homestead credit was not applied to original bill. A Homestead credit deducts \$35,000.00 from the total property value before the tax rate is applied. The City will issue a refund to these residents in January.

4. Future Investment Strategy.

Treasurer Strebel did not renew the maturing City CD because the current interest rate is only 0.05%. He transferred all of the funds back into the general fund. The funds will remain there until interest rates improve. Mr. Strebel will do the same for the City's other CD which will also mature soon. He will keep track of the interest rates and advise the Commissioners when he recommends reinvesting these funds.

5. Website provider renewed.

Mr. Strebel renewed the City's current website provider, GODADDY, for a three year term for \$360.00. The City recently renewed our domain name, druidhillsky.gov, for \$400.00

6. FY 2019/2020 Audit.

Mr. Strebel presented the final audit report. There were no significant issues found by the auditor. The main changes were due to the fact that the City pays bills on a cash basis but operates on a fiscal year. Corrections were made for an engineering bill paid in July for work that was done in May and for interest that accrued for the CD but not realized until it was closed.

The auditor had the following suggestions:

1. The Road Fund should list all Municipal Aid and be used only for road construction.
2. Commissioner Westfall should abstain from voting on any tree related issues since City Clerk Westfall works for Greenhaven/Savatree.

7. Mr. Strebel requested a copy of City Ordinance #3 for the Auditor.

8. Speed Hump Construction project payments.

Mayor Barbour and Commissioner Arnold will sign any checks related to this project.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Arnold

Seconded: Jobson

E. Special Counsel Report:

Mr. Finn had no report.

F. OLD BUISNESS:

1. Speed humps.

Mayor Barbour led the discussion about this project. Commissioner Jobson and Mr. Strebel measured the humps and according to their measurements all are higher than the specifications in the bid. They also object to the striping pattern which they say is too big--- they would prefer a less obvious pattern. They also asked that Hall Contracting not be paid until these issues are corrected.

Mayor Barbour and Commissioner Westfall will meet with Hall Contracting and address these concerns. They will also have an official measurement made for each hump.

Commissioner Westfall also advised that he has the replacement signs which are more size appropriate. He will have them installed when weather permits.

City Counsel Cato reminded the Commissioners that there is a differentiation between road features and traffic control items. Speed humps are classified as a road feature and are not covered by the traffic control manual. The signage and striping however, are covered.

2. Complaint about parking on Elfin Ave.

Mayor Barbour believes this issue is resolved. House has been sold.

3. Oath of Office/Swearing-in for Commissioner Thale.

Mayor Barbour performed this official duty.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

None.

2. Request for plan approvals.

None

3. Community events:

Commissioner Jobson advised that the KLC will offer a virtual seminar for elected officials January 19-21, 2021. The cost is \$200.00 per person which includes a manual/handbook. There are still openings available.

4. 2021 City Directory.

City Clerk Westfall has the 2021 directory but needs Commissioner Jobson's email and cell phone information to complete.

5. Ethics Pledge and Financial Disclosure 2021 statements.

City Clerk Westfall distributed these to all elected and appointed officials and requested that they be returned to her by the next meeting.

6. Larger recycling containers.

Commissioner Arnold said that an Olympic resident has requested a larger recycling container on wheels. WMI does not offer this type of container at this time. If they want one they will need to buy one for themselves. Several other residents have purchased their own from local suppliers.

7. Ponding in yards on Olympic Ave.

Commissioner Arnold advised that he has contacted MSD about ponding in several yards on Olympic Ave. after heavy rains. These residents want storm drains installed. He will let the Commission know what their response is to this request.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Location to be determined.

I. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM