

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
For  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**

- A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:05 PM virtually via Microsoft Meeting.  
Note: Meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

- B. Present:** All less Commissioner Jobson were present.

**Guests:** Becky Musser, Druid Hills Road

- C. Minutes for the meeting held February 8, 2021 were reviewed.  
No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Thale

**D. Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 298,580.99 in available funds---  
\$ 279,608.76 in the General Fund, and \$ 18,972.23 in the Road Fund.  
See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in January, 2021.

Mr. Strebel reported the following:

\*Zoom Hosting (\$158.89).

\* Replacement Check Fee (\$25.00)

3. Tax bills collected to-date.

All 2020 property tax bills have been paid in full.

4. Preliminary FY 2021/2022 budget.

Mr. Strebel presented the proposed budget for next fiscal year. He asked for feedback from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Westfall requested that the snow removal line item be increased to \$ 5,000.00.

Mr. Strebel recommended that the 2021 property tax rate be returned to the 2019 tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100.00. To do so will required a public hearing before the first reading (?). City Attorney Cato to advise how this should be done to comply with both Kentucky statute and COVID 19 restrictions. The First Reading will be in April; the second in May, 2021.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Arnold                      Seconded: Westfall

**E. Special Counsel Report:**

Mr. Cato advised that the Buschmeyer's have paid for their lien release. The City imposed a lien on their property because they removed a tree without an approved City Tree Removal Permit and then would not pay the imposed fine.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Speed humps.**

Mayor Barbour led the discussion about this project. After negotiating with Hall Construction, he has a verbal agreement to pay 75% of their bill. Hall will in turn remove and replace the speed humps that do not meet specifications. The plan is for this work to be done by 4/05/21 weather permitting. The back-up date is 4/30/21. City Attorney Cato will write up the agreement.

Commissioners Arnold, Westfall and Thale agreed to Mayor Barbour's Proposal.

**2.Speed hump damage to vehicle?**

Mayor Barbour received a report from Eugene Callahan (not a Druid Hills resident) that his wife's car muffler was damaged while going over one of the City speed humps. However, he hasn't returned any of the Mayor's calls or provided any documentation of the damage.

**3.Financial Interest/Ethics Pledges still needed.**

City Clerk Westfall advised that she still needs these signed documents from Barbour and Jobson. She also needs Copies of the Oath of Office from Mayor Barbour. Mr. Barbour will bring them to her.

**4.Personal email vs. City email for City officials.**

Mayor Barbour's personal email has been hacked. He will now be using [mayordruidhillsky@gmail.com](mailto:mayordruidhillsky@gmail.com) for all City business. Discussion about whether all of the City Commissioners and staff should also have separate City email's and not use their personal followed.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree Removal approvals:**

\*\*\* David Smith--- 3904 Brownsboro Rd. Tree removal for pool Construction.

**2. Request for plan approvals.**

\*\*\* David Smith---3904 Brownsboro Rd. Pool addition. Mr. Brown has not yet gotten a permit from Metro Louisville.

**3. Community events:**

The PVA will have a zoom meeting 3/30/21 @ 6:30 to discuss the upcoming property reassessments. The link is in the attached flyer. Druid Hills will be included in this year's reassessment. Becky Musser recommends that residents closely go over the physical characteristics of their homes when they get their reassessment to make sure that their taxes are accurate.

There will be a Metro Budget hearing for Districts 1-7 on Tuesday, 3/09/21. It will be held via zoom.

**4. Response to Public Records Information request.**

The City has no employees so it doesn't have to comply with this request.

**5. Snow removal bills.**

City Commissioner Westfall approved the Lawn Pro snow removal bills for payment.

**6. AT&T project.**

Mayor Barbour advised that AT&T will be doing a project at the corner of Napanee and Chenoweth. They have asked if a bond is needed before they do the project. The City does not have any construction bond requirements at this time. Mr. Cato recommends having them sign a letter saying that they will restore City property if they damage it.

**H. Next Meeting:** Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Location to be determined.

**I.** Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

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