

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:04 PM virtually via Microsoft Meeting.
Note: Meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

B. Present: All less Commissioner Thale were present.

Guests: None

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

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Jobson

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 281,765.85 in available funds---
\$ 271,767.88 in the General Fund, and \$ 9,997.97 in the Road Fund.
See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in March, 2021.

Mr. Strelbel reported the following:

- * Auditor fee--- \$104.00
- * Courier-Journal Ordinance Publication--- \$127.11
- * GoDaddy update SSL--- \$103.36
- * Lawn Pro snow removal--- \$2,517.50
- * Hall Contracting--- \$6,740.00 & \$4,660.00
- * Filing fees--- \$46.00

3. 2021/2022 FY budget.

Mr. Strelbel presented his updated FY 2021/2022 City Budget.

The only change from the previous budget presentation was to increase the snow removal line item as recommended by Commissioner Westfall.

4. First Reading of City Ordinance No. 2021-1, establishing the City of Druid Hills budget for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.

With the City Treasurer and Commissioners recommending an increase in the 2021 property tax rate, Special Counsel Finn advised that the reading of this ordinance should be delayed until May.

5. First Reading of City Ordinance No. 2021-2, establishing the City of Druid Hills property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

With the City Treasurer and Commissioners recommending an increase in the 2021 property tax rate, Special Counsel Finn advised that the reading of this ordinance should be delayed until May, 2021. There will need to be a special called Public Hearing for the proposed tax increase before the tax rate can be approved.

The Commissioners want to increase the property tax rate back to \$0.010/\$100.00 in property value from the current rate of \$0.075/\$100.00 in property value. The tax rate was decreased in 2020 in consideration of possible COVID-19 ramifications for our residents.

0. Special Public Hearing.

Special Counsel Finn advised that a mailing advertising this hearing must be sent to all residents or a notice published in the Courier-Journal. It is acceptable to host the meeting via Zoom or Microsoft Meeting. It can be held before the next regularly scheduled Commissioner meeting.

6. PVA reassessment notices.

City Treasurer Strebel advised that the increase in our property assessments this year by the Property Valuation Administration (PVA) will not significantly increase the amount of taxes collected.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Jobson

E. Special Counsel Report:
Mr. Cato had no report.

F. OLD BUISNESS:

1. Speed humps.

Mayor Barbour advised that the speed humps will be re-done this week from April 13-14th. Re-striping will be re-done after that.

2. Speed hump damage to vehicle?

Mayor Barbour has not received any additional information about this reported damage.

3. Personal email vs. City email for City officials.

The Commissioners discussed this possibility. Mr. Strebel advised that ".gov" is different from ".com" or ".org" when it comes to mailbox hosting. It was decided to stay with our current personal email addresses for now.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

None.

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:

None.

4. Annual City Yard sale.

Commissioner Arnold received an inquiry from the City of Bellewood, asking if Druid Hills would be hosting their annual yard sale this year. If so, would we like to do it jointly? The Commissioners said yes, and City Clerk Westfall will contact them to make arrangements. The date will be Saturday, 5/22/21.

5. Street light out @ 3908/3910 Brownsboro Rd.

City Commissioner Westfall will contact LG&E about this light again. It has been out for several months.

Discussion followed about switching our current lights out to LED lights which would be more cost efficient. The City of Bellewood may be investigating this also. Commissioner Westfall will contact Bellewood to see what progress they have made on this project.

6. Drainage issue @ 3904 Elfin Ave.

Mayor Barbour advised that he had been contacted by Janice Brown about a reoccurring drainage issue at her house. When we have a heavy rain, her front yard floods. She wants the City to correct this problem.

Discussion followed. This is not a new problem--- it's been going on for years. She has had her driveway resurfaced recently, raising it above the level of her yard. This may compound the problem since water cannot drain out under the drive into an adjoining ditch. The Commissioners do not think that this is a City problem.

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

I. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM