

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021**

- A.** The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 6:54 PM virtually via Microsoft Meeting.
Note: Meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

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

Guests: Kelley Watts, 4010 Druid Hills Rd.

- . Minutes for the meeting held April 12, 2021 were reviewed.
No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Thale

- C. Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 277,800.60 in available funds---

\$ 267,354.10 in the General Fund, and \$ 10,446.50 in the Road Fund.

See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in April, 2021.

Mr. Strebel reported the following:

* Hall Contracting--- \$4,800.00 (Final Payment)

* Filing fees--- \$46.00

3. 2021/2022 FY budget.

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

4. Special Called Public Meeting/Hearing for property tax increase.

Mayor Barbour led this special called meeting held on 5/10/21 @ 6:30
(before the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting) to advise

residents of the proposed property tax increase to \$0.10 per \$100.00 in real value. This is an increase from the 2020 tax rate of \$.075 per \$100.00 in real value. The \$0.10 tax rate is the historic rate imposed by the Commissioners. They decided to lower the rate in 2020 in consideration of the COVID 19 pandemic. The new rate will generate — \$50,000.00 in revenue vs. \$38,000.00 generated last year with the lower rate. None of the residents who attended this virtual meeting had any questions or objections to the tax increase.

5. First Reading of City Ordinance No. 2021-1, establishing the City of Druid Hills budget for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.
Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. The Commissioners will vote on the Ordinance at the next meeting.
6. First Reading of City Ordinance No. 2021-2, establishing the City of Druid Hills property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.
Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. The Commissioners will vote on the ordinance at the next meeting.
Special Counsel Cato advised that the ordinances will need to be published in the Courier-Journal within seven days after approval. The notice of the Property tax rate will need special wording. He will provide it for the Clerk before the ad is placed.
7. American Rescue Plan--- Federal Funding for COVID-19.
Treasurer Strebel questioned whether Druid Hills would qualify for any of the funds available from this recovery plan. Funds will be distributed by the Kentucky Department of Local Governments. The City can be reimbursed for any expenses incurred through 2024 for public health, emergency response or a decrease in revenue.
Special Counsel Cato has more information about this plan and will send it to Mr. Strebel before the next meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Westfall Seconded: Thale

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

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Speed humps.

Mayor Barbour advised that the speed humps project is complete and the final payment has been made to Hall Contracting.

2. Janice Brown, 3904 Elfin Ave., drainage issues.

Mayor Barbour has met with Ms. Brown several times about the issue of ponding in her front yard. She gets ponding during heavy rains. The water cannot drain under a closed pipe under her driveway into the adjacent ditch. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the driveway has been resurfaced several times.

The Mayor and Commissioners agreed that this is not a City issue or responsibility. Mayor Barbour will call MSD again to see if they can do anything about her issue.

3. LG&E street light out on Brownsboro.

Mayor Barbour reported to Commissioner Westfall that this light is still out. Mr. Westfall will call LG&E again about it.

4. Switch LG&E street lights to LED?

The neighboring City of Bellewood is reportedly investigating switching their street lights to LED. Commissioner Westfall will contact them to see how they are progressing with this inquiry. Perhaps we can do the same?

5. Annual Yard Sale scheduled with Bellewood, Saturday 5/22/21. City Clerk Westfall reported that this event is planned and ready to go.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

*** Peggy Wooley--- 3921 Druid Hills Rd.

*** Ray Lovelace--- 3937 Napanee Rd. (tree replacement)

2. Request for plan approvals.

*** Derek Szesny--- 3932 Druid Hills Rd. (new deck)

3. Community events:

None. City Clerk Westfall gave a copy of a Courier-Journal article dated 5/11/21 "Small Cities bring Government closer to the People" By Bonnie Jung, President of the JCLC.

4. City stationery.

City Clerk Westfall requested permission to purchase some new City stationery, specifically envelopes. The Commissioners approved the purchase.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Location to be determined.

I. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM