

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
For  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:05 PM at Commissioner David Westfall's house, 401 Chenoweth Lane. The Commission cannot meet as usual due to COVID-19 restrictions closing Broadway Baptist Church.

B. **Present:** All less Commissioner Thale were present.

**Guests:** Kelley Watts, 4010 Druid Hills Rd.

. Minutes for the meeting held May 10, 2021 were reviewed.

The following corrections were requested:

\*\*\* Correct item # 6 under Treasurer's Report to read "...a legal notice..."

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Jobson                      Seconded: Westfall

C. **Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 280,403.67 in available funds---

\$ 269,435.49 in the General Fund, and \$ 10,968.18 in the Road Fund.

See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in April, 2021.

Mr. Strelbel reported the following:

\*KMCA annual Membership (Westfall) --- \$45.00

\*City Officials Academy (Jobson) --- \$199.00

\*Surety Bond (Mayor) --- \$763.50

3. Second 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. Commissioner Arnold made a motion to approve the ordinance as read; Commissioner Jobson seconded. The

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Commissioners voted: four (4) ayes; no nays. The ordinance passed.

4. Second 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. Commissioners Arnold made a motion to approve the ordinance as read; Commissioner Westfall seconded. The Commissioners voted: Four (4) ayes; no nays. The ordinance passed.

5. American Rescue Plan--- Federal Funding for COVID-19.

Treasurer Strebel advised that he had submitted the required application for these funds. The City is eligible for \$58,211.00 in total over the next two years. (\$29,000.00 per year).

"SAM" U.S. Government Systems for Award Management is the agency tasked with distributing this money. There are stipulations and restrictions on how it can be used, primarily to reimburse the City for any COVID-19 related expenses. The exact qualifications are not yet clear, but Mr. Strebel submitted the application anyway because we could not make a claim without the application.

The City may have no qualifying expenses. If we received funds, then must we return them? Could this windfall be used to lower property taxes for next year? There are many questions but not many answers yet. Mr. Strebel and Mr. Cato will follow this situation closely and keep the Commissioners informed as more information becomes available.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Jobson

Seconded: Arnold

**E. Special Counsel Report:**

Mr. Cato advised that with the passage of the FY 2021/2022 budget and property tax ordinances, the City is required by Kentucky statute to either publish a notice in the legal notice section of a local newspaper or mail them to all of the residents. Additionally, a specific legal notice is required this time because the Commissioners voted to increase the property tax for 2021.

Mr. Cato and Mr. Strelbel will work together to put the legal notice in the Courier Journal in the Clerk's absence. Discussion followed about the expense of putting a notice in the C-J and how many residents would actually see it since most no longer receive the daily paper Ms. Westfall will do a mailing of the ordinances to all of the residents when she returns.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Janice Brown, 3904 Elfin Ave., drainage issues.**

Mayor Barbour has met with Ms. Brown and advised her that this is not a City issue/responsibility. He will try to help her get relief from MSD.

**2. 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.

**3. Switch LG&E street lights to LED?**

Commissioner Westfall got a name of someone @ LG&E to talk to about this project but has not yet contacted them.

Mr. Cato advised that Bellewood has already completed this project and encouraged the Commissioners to go by and see the difference that the LED bulbs make.

**4. Annual Yard Sale scheduled with Bellewood, Saturday 5/22/21.**

City Clerk Westfall reported that this event was a success with more resident participation this year.

**4. Purchase new City stationery.**

City Clerk Westfall advised that she has not done this yet.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree Removal approvals:**

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

\*\*\* Brian Silvers--- 353 Chenoweth Lane

\*\*\* Jack Kirchgessner--- 3931 Druid Hills Rd.

\*\*\* Emery Lewis--- 3920 Elfin Ave.

**2. Request for plan approvals.**

Mayor Barbour said that he had been contacted by a resident Swafford (?) about installing a fence, but that no permit was needed.

**3. Community events:**

Mayor Barbour invited all City Commissioners and staff to join him and Beth at a reception to honor Jefferson County small city mayors on Thursday, 6/16/21. It will be hosted by the Jefferson County League of Cities.

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

**I. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM**