

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

- A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:02 PM at Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.
- B. Present:** All except Commissioner Thale were present. **Guests:** None
- C. Minutes for the meeting held August 9, 2021 were reviewed. The following correction was requested:
Correct spelling of BUISNESS to BUSINESS in heading for Old Business Section.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Arnold Seconded: Jobson

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 305,253.28 in available funds---
\$256,745.77 in the General Fund, and \$ 48,507.51 in the Road Fund.
See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in August, 2021.

Mr. Strebel reported the following:

- *Courier-Journal legal posting--- (\$397.53)
- *Caroline Westfall reimbursement--- (\$543.32)
- *Gallagher Insurance surety bond for Mayor pro tern Arnold-- (\$763.50)

3. Contract to administrate ARPA funds.

Special Counsel Cato advised that KIPDA is offering contracts to administrate each City's ARPA funds. The contract is fee based. They will

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 BUSINESS:

1. Switch LG&E street lights to LED bulbs?

Commissioner Westfall is still working on this project.

2. Appoint new City Ethics officer.

Mayor Barbour is still trying to contact Kelley Watts, 4010 Druid Hills Road. If he doesn't hear back from him soon, he will reach out to Tammy Lloyd (previous Commissioner).

3. Begin bid preparations for new 2022 sanitation contract.

WMI, the current provider of sanitation services has been unable to fulfil their contractual obligations for the last several months. They have been unable to provide weekly garbage, recycling and yard waste pickup each week. Instead, they have changed our service to weekly garbage and alternate weekly recycling/yard waste pickup due to a shortage of workers. Mayor Barbour is in constant contact with our WMI representative Andy Reynolds to discuss our ongoing problems. City Clerk Westfall will email the current contract to Special Counsel Cato for his review. There is a provision to renew the existing contract which the City has done before. Renewing the existing contract may be the most economical alternative--- we anticipate a significant price increase if we go out for bids.

**4. Annual City Block Party and Annual City Public Meeting---
COVID Questions.**

City Clerk Westfall questioned whether the Commission should host these events at this time with the advent of the COVID 19 Delta Variant. The Commissioners discussed the issue and decided to cancel both events. However, residents will be invited to attend the next Commission meeting which will start thirty minutes earlier (at 6:30 vs. 7:00 PM) to ask any questions or discuss issues with Mayor Barbour and the Commissioners.

5. MSD sinking drain.

Commissioner Westfall met with MSD on 9/13/21. They inspected the drain and made a report. In the meantime, they have placed a steel plate over the collapsing drain. MSD will schedule the repair as soon as possible.

**6. Abandoned car @ 3910 Elfin Ave. (Andrew Binford) and
hoarding situation @ 3912 Elfin Ave. (Wade Connick).**

Mayor Barbour and Ms. Westfall visited both of these residents and discussed these situations. Mr. Binford agreed to have the car moved and Mr. Connick said that he would clean-up some of the items in his carport. Mayor Barbour will contact these residents again and see if any progress has been made. If the car hasn't been moved, Mr. Cato will write a letter to Mr. Binford giving him thirty (30) days to move the car. Also--- check into Metro Louisville ordinances about abandoned cars. Would they apply?

Ms. Westfall advised that there is a car at 3933 Druid Hills Road (Geisler) that has also been parked on the road for a long time. Should they also be contacted about moving this car? Mayor Barbour will contact this resident and remind them about the ordinance prohibiting on street parking for an extended time.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

*** Jackie Gibbs--- 3909 Olympic Ave.

2. Request for plan approvals.

No plan approval requests this month.

3. Community events:

No events this month.

4. Janice Brown email.

Mayor Barbour shared an email sent from Ms. Brown (3804 Elfin Ave.) complaining about lack of yard waste pick-up and the drainage issue she has. The Commissioners discussed her drainage issue again and again agreed that it is not a City problem.

Mayor Barbour will personally invite Ms. Brown and Jennifer Bell to the next Commissioner's meeting.

5. Complaint about David Smith (3904 Brownsboro Rd.). loud pool music.

Mayor Barbour reported that several residents that live on Olympic Ave. have complained about the loud music from Mr. Smith's new pool. The music has continued until late at night and is preventing some residents from using their back yards. Commissioner Arnold confirmed that he has also heard some complaints about the music. Mayor Barbour will talk to Mr. Smith who is his next door neighbor.

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- H. Next Meeting:** Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM. at Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

- I.** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Bruce Charles Barbour

From: b.c.barbour@twc.com
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 4:07 PM
To: b.c.barbour@twc.com

Today was yard waste pickup and they only took half of my yard waste. Not only have they cut us down to twice a month but they seem to not take it all. I have a lot and a half and may have more waste but I am paying for something that I am not getting.

I have had no help with my flooding problem.

Why in the world would you put in speed bumps and then RAISE the speed limit to 25 miles an hour?

Most streets have 15 to 20 miles an hour. Makes no sense to me.

Also back to the rain water, I counted 12! sewers down the street and there are some places that are higher than in front of my house. As I have told you before all the rain water runs from 3905 and 3907 into my yard.

For years it have been giving my money to Druid Hills. I have been here 50 years so that certainly has added up. I and several other neighbors are rethinking that.

Could you PLEASE at least have them pick up my yard waste. I really don't think that it too much to ask since I pay taxes and have so for 50 years.

Please send me an explanation.

Janice Brown

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device