

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:00 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 September 13, 2021 were reviewed. The

following correction was requested:

Section D., Item #3--- add the following line which was cut off---
"file all required reports and meet required deadlines."

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Arnold

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 302,861.59 in available funds---
\$ 253,821.09 in the General Fund, and \$ 49,040.50 in the Road Fund.
See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in August, 2021.

Mr. Strebel reported that there were no significant expenditures this month other than the regular LG&E and WMI payments.

3. 2021 property tax bills will be mailed by 10/15/21.

Mr. Strebel advised that he had received the property tax bills from the Jefferson County PVA in August.

4. FY 2020/2021 audit.

Charles Venemann, our auditor, has begun the audit. He will try to have it

completed by the end of the year.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Jobson Seconded: Westfall

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. Continuing problems with WMI and recycling/yard waste pickup.

Mayor Barbour advised that trash and yard waste will be picked up every week from now through the end of the year. Recycling will be picked up every other week.

Discussion followed with the Commissioners asking if WMI will provide larger containers for recycling since if it is only going to be picked up every other week. Special Counsel Cato said that other cities have gotten the larger containers from WMI. If they won't provide them to Druid Hills, then could the City purchase them for residents? Would this be an acceptable use for some of the ARPA funds?

Mayor Barbour will again contact WMI and request the containers.

City Treasurer Strebel will ask the auditor how this expenditure would be handled.

4. MSD sinking drain at 3932 Druid Hills Road

City Commissioner Westfall met with a representative from MSD. A Repair order has been initiated. A temporary steel plate has been placed over the drain until a permanent repair is made.

5. Abandoned cars @ 3910 Elfin Ave. (Andrew Binford), 3933 Druid Hills Rd. (Geisler) and hoarding situation @ 3912 Elfin Ave. (Wade Connick).

Mayor Barbour will contact these residents again and give them 30 days notice to move the cars. If no action is taken by then, he will contact Metro Code Enforcement. He asked Counsel Cato to draft a letter for his s Signature.

Discussion followed about City Ordinance No.5, which covers on-street parking. The current ordinance specifies that there can be no on-street parking overnight. But most residents have parking pull-offs (especially on Druid Hills Rd.) and some of those do not allow for the full width of a vehicle to be off of the street. Could Druid Hills Rd. and Elfin Ave. be striped along the edges to establish the area where cars cannot be parked?

The Commissioners proposed re-writing this ordinance in 2022 to address these issues and clarify what/when parking is allowed.

6. Bid preparations for 2022 new sanitation contract.

No action on this item this month.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

No requests this month.

2. Request for plan approvals.

No plan approval requests this month.

3. Community events:

No events this month.

4. Vail house, 4016 Druid Hills Rd., for sale

A resident brought to the Commission's attention that the current owner of this property has rented the garage apartment for over a year. She is concerned that this will continue when the house is sold. The advertisement for the house mentions that the owner can expect \$800.00 per month in rental income.

This appears to be a violation of Druid Hills' deed restrictions which do not allow out buildings to be rental properties. Also, when the Vail's came to the Commission for a plan approval, they said that the improvements were to convert the garage into an artist studio. They specifically said that it was not going to be an apartment.

Discussion followed with the Commissioners questioning if there are valid deed restrictions or is this restriction in an old ordinance. Old City Ordinance no. 9, page 16, Item #6 appears to prohibit out building rentals. Mayor Barbour asked Counsel Cato to investigate and report to the next Commission meeting.

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

5. Holiday dinner.

City Clerk Westfall asked if Mayor Barbour and the Commissioners would like to have a holiday dinner this year---- last year we did not have one.

Yes, they would like to have one again this year at Mesh Restaurant. She will call for reservations for 12/13/21.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM. at Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

I. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM