

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
For  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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 Arnold were present.

**Guests:** None

**C.** Minutes for the meeting held October 11, 2021 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion made by: Thale                      Seconded: Westfall

**D. Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 309,507.09 in available funds---  
\$ 259,891.80 in the General Fund, and \$ 49,615.29 in the Road Fund.  
See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in October, 2021.

\*\*\* Jefferson County PVA (property tax bill preparation)  
\$2,520.14

3. 2021 property tax bills have been mailed.

Mr. Strebel advised that he has begun receiving property tax bill payments.

4. FY 2020/2021 audit.

Charles Venemann, our auditor, has begun the audit. He emailed the annual Fraud survey on 11/08/21. These are sent to the Mayor, Commissioners and City staff. Can respond via email and typing signature will serve as an electronic signature.

5. ARPA Funds.

Commissioner Jobson asked if these funds could be used for additional public safety expenses incurred during the holidays or Derby. Treasurer Strebel asked our auditor this questions. Mr. Venemann advised that if the City's expenses for this type of service exceed the amount included in the budget, then a budget amendment or a new ordinance would be required. This is a two month process.

6. Bank card fraud.

Mr. Strebel advised that the bank card he uses for reoccurring City expenses like mail box rental, postage and the website was breached. The bank caught it quickly and the card was cancelled. A new card will be issued.

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. Appoint new City Ethics officer.**

Mayor Barbour read Municipal Order No. 1, appointing Mr. Kelly Watts, 4010 Druid Hills Rd., as the new City of Druid Hills Ethics officer. Commissioner Westfall made the motion to approve the order; Commissioner Thale seconded the motion. All voting members present approved. Mayor Barbour then gave the oath of office to Mr. Watts.

**2. 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 through the end of the current contract in June, 2022.

WMI will provide residents with 95 gallon recycling containers when Mayor Barbour signs the new amendment to our contract releasing WMI from providing recycling pickup each week.

Commissioner Jobson made a motion to approve the contract amendment; Commissioner Thale seconded the motion. All voting members present approved. See copy of signed amendment attached.

The Commissioners discussed the probability that any new sanitation will have substantially higher costs. There will not be any backyard pickup and the every other week recycling pickup will continue.

**3. MSD sinking drain at 3932 Druid Hills Road**

City Commissioner Westfall advised that this repair has not yet been done. Mayor Barbour has also talked to MSD about a drain problem at 347 Chenoweth Lane. MSD had to order a special drain cover for this drain. Once it is received, they will have it installed.

**4. Abandoned cars @ 3910 Elfin Ave. (Andrew Binford) and 3933 Druid Hills Rd. (Geisler).**

Mayor Barbour will contact these residents again. Special counsel Cato will draft a letter to them giving them thirty (30) days to have the cars moved. The City will then contact Metro Code Enforcement and initiate a complaint about abandoned cars.

**5. Bid preparations for 2022 new sanitation contract.**

Rumpke has made an open records request for a copy of the City's current sanitation contract with WMI. City Clerk Westfall emailed it on 11/08/21.

**6. Vail house, 4016 Druid Hills Rd., for sale.**

The possibility of deed restrictions or old ordinance language restricting rentals of out buildings were brought up at the last Commission meeting. The Commissioners were concerned about this issue because this property has been advertised as having a rental unit. Apparently the current owners have been renting a converted garage as a separate apartment for some time. The current owners presented the renovation of the garage as an artist studio and specifically said that it would not be used as a rental. City Counsel Cato led new discussions about the validity of these old documents. He referred to Louisville Metro ordinance No. 092, series 2021 which governs accessory dwellings. This ordinance may apply. The Commissioners also questioned if the current owners got a Metro building permit when they did the renovations in 2016. Mr. Cato will see if he can find any Metro building permit. Mayor Barbour will look into the old City records to see if there is anything in our files.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree Removal approvals:**

\*\*\* Kent Seger--- 3907 Elfin Ave.

**2. Request for plan approvals.**

\*\*\* Joshua Bell--- 3911 Olympic Ave. Has filed for a Metro building permit but has not submitted the Druid Hills building permit form. He will also possibly need a Tree Removal approval.

**3. Community events:**

No events this month.

**4. Fraudulent emails.**

Mayor Barbour advised that his email may have been compromised. A series of fraudulent emails have been sent to both Commissioners and

others. Could they have gotten his email from the City website?

**5. Holiday dinner.**

City Clerk Westfall advised that the City's annual Holiday dinner will be Monday, 12/13/21 @ 7:15 at Mesh Restaurant. We will go directly from the City Commission meeting.

**H. Next Meeting:** Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM. at Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

**I.** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM