

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

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 6:34 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 November 8, 2021 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion made by: Jobson                      Seconded: Westfall

**D. Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of\$ 352,048.67 in available funds---  
\$ 301,931.23 in the General Fund, and\$ 50,117.44 in the Road Fund.  
See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in November, 2021.

\*\*\* Jefferson County League of Cities dinner--- \$148.50

3. 2021 property tax bills.

Mr. Strebel advised that only seven bills remain outstanding. See report for details.

4. FY 2020/2021 audit.

Charles Venemann, our auditor, is still working on the audit. Mr. Strebel will invite him to a meeting next year after the audit is completed.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Arnold                      Seconded: Jobson

**E. Special Counsel Report:**

Mr. Cato brought to the Commissioner's attention the National Opioid settlement. The Kentucky Attorney General agreed to settle with the manufacturers of opioids for ~ \$440-480 million. Cities with more than 10,000 residents must sign off on the settlement. Small cities do not have to individually sign off.

The allocation agreement dictates that half of the settlement monies will go to the state; half to cities. Cities with more problems get more of the money according to a formula.

Druid Hills is eligible for ~ \$2400.00. We don't actually have to get the funds but by participating we can have control over them. The City can elect to give them to another agency.

Mr. Cato drafted Municipal Order No. 2 to approve the settlement. Commissioner Arnold made the motion to approve the settlement; Commissioner Westfall seconded. The Commissioners approved unanimously.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mayor Barbour has received requests from residents for larger recycling bins. He will contact WMI and request them again.

**2. MSD sinking drain at 3932 Druid Hills Road and 347 Chenoweth Lane.**

City Commissioner Westfall advised that these repairs have been done.

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

Mayor Barbour has taken photos and will have Mr. Cato draft a letter to them thirty (30) days to have the cars moved. The City will then contact Metro Code Enforcement and initiate a complaint about abandoned cars.

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

Rumpke is interested in bidding on a new contract.

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

No further news on this issue.

**6. Second Reading of City Ordinance No. 3-2021 (Series 2021-3) establishing the regular monthly meetings of the City of Druid Hills City Commission for the 2022 calendar year.**

Mayor Barbour read the ordinance. The Commissioners unanimously approved it.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree Removal approvals:**

\*\*\* Kent Seger--- 3907 Elfin Ave. Reimbursement for planting two Trees

\*\*\* Martha Welch--- 3913 ElfinAve.

**2. Request for plan approvals.**

No requests this month.

**3. Community events.**

City Commissioners annual holiday dinner 12/13/21.

**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

**5. Snow removal contract.**

Commissioner Westfall requested Mayor Barbour's signature on the snow removal contract for 2022 with Lawn Pro.

**6. Street lights out.**

Commissioner Westfall has reported to LG&E that the following street lights are not working at this time.

Elfin Ave.: 4015, 3921, 3914 & 3907

Druid Hills Rd.: 3905 & 3934 (light is leaning)

**7. Metro Council re-districting.**

As the result of the recent census, Druid Hills will now be part of Metro District 9 rather than District 7. Our new Metro Councilman is Bill Hollander. He would like to attend one of our meetings in 2022.

**8. Commissioner Thale resignation.**

Mayor Barbour advised that due to health reasons, Cary Thale has submitted her resignation effective immediately. He will contact Tammy Lloyd and request that she be appointed to fill out Cary's remaining term of office.

**H. Next Meeting:** Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

I. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM