

CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bruce Barbour at 7:00 P. M. at Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

B. **Present:** All except City Ethics Officer Watts were present.

Guests: Metro Louisville District 9 Councilman Bill Hollander

C. Minutes for the meeting held December 13, 2021 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Note: Without a quorum present, no official meeting was held in January, 2022.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

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\$ 344,229.20 in available funds---
\$ 293,032.23 in the General Fund, and\$ 51,196.67 in the Road Fund.
See details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions in through January, 2022.

*** Christmas decorations:(\$ 858.00 and\$ 111.19)
*** Homestead Exemption Refund for 2019/2020 (\$ 69.17)
*** Tree Rebate program, 3907 Elfin Ave. (\$ 100.00)

3. 2021 property tax bills.

Mr. Strebel advised that only one bill remains outstanding. Mr. Strebel waived late penalties on two bill payments. One resident gave a check for \$100.00 as a donation for the City's Tree program. Discussion followed about how to use donation.

4. FY 2020/2021 audit.

Charles Venemann, our auditor, presented the audit and his findings. In his opinion, the City is in good financial position with no problems with internal controls or deficiencies in the City's financial records. Mr. Venemann also congratulated our treasurer, Mr. Strebel, on his work for the City.

Mr. Venemann did bring to the Commissioners attention that there is a slight difference in the insurance tax premiums reporting. This is primarily due to when the payments are received during the year.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Arnold

Seconded: Jobson

E. Special Counsel Report:

Mr. Cato presented Municipal Order 1, Series 2022, to approve the appointment of Ms. Tammy Lloyd to the City Commission. She will replace Cary Thale who has resigned for health reasons. Mayor Barbour read the Order. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the Order as read. The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the appointment. Ms. Lloyd will begin serving as soon as she takes the Oath of Office.

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 does not have a delivery date yet. City Clerk Westfall will send an email to residents advising them of the situation.

2. Report on abandoned cars at 3910 Elfin Ave. and 3933 Druid Hills Rd.

Mayor Barbour advised that both cars have finally been moved by these residents.

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.

The Commissioners discussed whether the City had the option to renew the existing contract with WMI again. If the City could retain current pricing, it might be in our favor to keep this contract. This would be despite the recent problems with WMI's service and the change in the pick-up schedule.

City Attorney Cato will get a sample sanitation bid for the City to use if we prepare our own bid for sanitation services.

A requirement to keep the current contract will be for WMI to immediately supply larger recycling containers to accommodate the bi- weekly recycling pickup schedule that is currently in place.

5. Kelly Watts issue with neighbor.

Mayor Barbour advised that Mr. Watts is having an issue with a neighbor's dog getting into his yard.

6. Metro Louisville re-districting--- Druid Hills is now in District 9. Bill Hollander is our new representative.

Mayor Barbour introduced Mr. Hollander. He will not be running for re-election but his office will help in any issues the City might have for this year until the new Metro Councilman is chosen.

Mayor Barbour asked Mr. Hollander to look into paving the unincorporated portion of Napanee Road.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

*** Peggy Wooley --- 3921 Druid Hills Rd. Reimbursement for planting two trees

*** Josh Bell --- 3911 Olympic Ave.

2. Request for plan approvals.

No requests this month.

3. Community events.

No events this month.

4. Snow removal contract.

Commissioner Westfall re-sent the signed contract to Lawn Pro who had not plowed or salted City streets because they said that they had not received it. A resident brought to his attention that our streets were not serviced during the recent two snow events.

5. 2022 City Officials update form completed and submitted to Kentucky Department for Local Governments.

City Clerk Westfall completed this task.

6. Andrew Owen, candidate for Metro Council District 9.

Mr. Owen would like to attend a Commissioner's meeting. City Clerk Westfall suggested that he attend the March meeting.

H. Next Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

I. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM