

CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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 Treasurer Strebel were present.

Guests: Metro Louisville District 9 Candidate Jim Mims

C. Minutes for the meeting held March 14, 2022 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion made by: Arnold Seconded: Lloyd

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of\$ 340,688.39 in available funds---
\$288,504.59 in the General Fund, and\$ 52,183.80* in the Road Fund.

*Includes \$35,908.60 of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds See
details in the attached report.

2. Key transactions through March, 2022.

*** Reissued check to former Commissioner Thale

*** Stop payment fee (\$25.00)

*** Website Maintenance (\$250.00)

3. 2021 property tax bills.

Mr. Strebel advised that all bills have been paid.

4. Local Fiscal Recovery Funds--- SAM (System for Award Management) updated for 2022.

Mr. Strebel advised that the City has received an extra \$120.00 in ARPA funds.

Discussion followed about whether the City needs to amend the City budget ordinance to officially accept the ARPA funds. City Counsel Cato advised that this is required. First reading should be in May; second reading in June.

5. Begin preparation of FY 2022/2023 City Budget.

Mr. Strebel presented a draft budget for the Commissioners review and comment (see attachment to Treasurer's Report).

Mr. Strebel advised that the City will receive another \$35,000.00 (the second part of our ARPA funds) in 2023/2024.

See discussion above about amending the budget to accept funds.

6. City Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022-1 Establishing the City Budget for 2022/2023 and City Ordinance No. 2, Establishing the City Property tax rate for 2022 will have their first reading at the May meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Westfall

Seconded: Jobson

E. Special Counsel Report:

Mr. Cato had no report other than what has already been discussed in the Treasurer's Report.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. WMI sanitation contract renewal through 06/30/23.

Mayor Barbour advised that Counsel Cato's renewal document has been sent to Andy Reynolds of WMI for his signature. Once it is returned with

Mr. Reynolds signature Mayor Barbour will also sign it and it will become effective.

2. Annual City Yard Sale date set for 05/21/22.

City Clerk Westfall has spoken to Bellewood and Brownsboro Village--- they will both join Druid Hills in this event. She will place notices in local publications and on-line.

3. How can ARPA funds be used?

Commissioner Jobson is still investigating what are approved uses for the ARPA funds. The approved uses are evolving. Road-related expenses are generally an acceptable use. He is still investigating what else may be authorized.

4. Former Commissioner Thale.

Mayor Barbour advised that Ms. Thale will be moving to the West Coast to join her daughter.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Removal approvals:

No requests this month.

2. Request for plan approvals.

No requests this month.

3. Community events.

No events this month.

4. Mayor re-election.

Mayor Barbour announced that he will not run for re-election in

November. He and his wife may move out of the City. He encouraged the Commissioners to consider running for Mayor.

5. New Development on Westport Road.

City Commissioner Jobson advised that LDG Properties have purchased the land at the intersection of Westport Road and Ridgeway Road (around the Plant Kingdom). They have filed to build a mixed use development which will include some “affordable housing.” They are known for their Section 8-type housing. He encouraged the other Commissioners to investigate the proposed project. Would a grass-roots opposition be effective in getting the project cancelled?

6. Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at
Broadway Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4000
Brownsboro Road.

H. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM