

City Commission Meeting January 13, 2025 Minutes

Broadway Baptist Church 4000 Brownsboro Road

Mayor ☑ Caroline Westfall

Commissioners

David Westfall

Charles Jobson

🗹 Tammy Lloyd

🗹 Jackie Gibbs

Others

☑ Mark Strebel Clerk & Treasurer ☑ Finn CatoLegal Counsel

☑ James ScottEthics Administrator

Visitor Susan Mercke Muffy Sattich Address 3934 Druid Hills Rd 4014 Elfin Avenue Purpose Snow Removal Clerk

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

Minutes for the meeting held December 9, 2024, were reviewed.

A motion was made to approve by Commissioner <u>Gibbs</u> and seconded by Commissioner <u>Lloyd</u> The <u>motion carried</u> unanimously by all present to approve the minutes with **no** adjustments.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Strebel presented the full report at the meeting. A summary of the report is made available on the City's website.

A motion was made by Commissioner <u>Westfall</u> and seconded by Commissioner <u>Jobson</u> The <u>motion carried</u> unanimously by all present to approve the Treasurer's Report. The auditor, Charlie Veeneman, presented the 2023-2024 audit to the Mayor and Commissioners. Mr. Veeneman provided three recommendations:

- 1. Designate someone other than the treasurer to review the bank reconciliation each month.
- Mr. Westfall should abstain from actions on SavATree, a City vendor, due to Mayor Westfall's employment.
- 3. The residents should have a direct line (email) to the Ethics Administration.

The Commission noted that all bank transactions are presented at the monthly meeting including discussions on reconciliation. Also, the City does have a designated email address for the Ethics Administrator.

Legal Counsel Report

Attorney Cato will draft a repeal of the second amendment of ordinance number 12. This will revert the combined clerk and treasurer position back to two separate positions.

Old Business

- Remaining Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA Funds) Tabled to a future meeting.
- 2. Street Parking Tabled to a future meeting.

Permits & Plans

- 1. Tree Removal Approvals None
- 2. Plan Approvals None

New Business

1. Clerk Candidates

Ms. Sattich provided her background and qualifications for the clerk position with Druid Hills. The general agreement of the Commission was to invite Ms. Sattich to be clerk. A motion will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Information Retention

Retention policy was provided as part of the monthly information, but it was not discussed at the meeting.

3. Snow

The Mayor received several complaints regarding snow removal from the January 5, 2025, snowstorm. An oversight in obtaining the snow removal contract was noted. As a corrective measure, it was suggested a reminder and agenda item be added for the October meeting going forward.

The City did have SavATree clear the sidewalks and the street entrances on Chenoweth Lane. The snow removal contractor was able to plow the streets on January 8, 2025; however, at that point much of the snow was compacted and had turned to ice. Another pass was completed on January 10, 2025, and additional plowing was scheduled for the evening of January 13, 2025.

A question was raised regarding plowing on Olympic. Commissioner Westfall was to check on this. The Mayor is also reaching out to our neighboring community, Brownsboro Village, regarding their snow removal contractor. The Mayor will also explore other alternatives.

4. Community Events None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Meeting

Monday February 10, 2025 Broadway Baptist Church 4000 Brownsboro Road