# City of Douglass Hills

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MINUTES
Council Meeting—October 17, 2017

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Jung at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2017 in City Hall. Members of Council in attendance were Jeff Riddle, Jason Bowman, Denise Scarapellini, Becky Hunter and Bill Middleton Patti Eubanks was not present. City Treasurer Ronnie Hodgson, City Clerk Clay Porter and City Attorney John Singler were also in attendance.

Mayor Jung led the Council and those present in **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.** 

## POLICE REPORT

Darrell Spurgeon, of **Off-Duty Police Services**, was in attendance. Mr. Spurgeon spoke about a plan that he, Mayor Jung and John Singler had devised for the City of Douglass Hills. He talked in depth about the step his company will take to address the Council's concerns. 1) Input from residents and City Council. 2) Crime reports of all official calls for service per a report from Metro Call. 3) ICAP. 4) Compare to prior years reports. 5) Follow other surrounding cities crime rates for analysis. 6) New reports will be completed after each shift and placed in Douglass Hills external mailbox at City Hall. 7) Douglass Hills Council is welcome to make patrol schedule if so desired. 8) Regarding speeding and stop signs, Off-Duty Police Services, will have unmarked cars for patrol. Mr. Spurgeon asked citizens for letters of permission to park in home owners' driveways to clock speeders for radar enforcement.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the **September 7, 2017** Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Riddle moved to accept the **August 2017** Treasurer's report. Mr. Bowman seconded. The **motion** passed unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER -Bryan Slade with Eco-Tech: Mr. Slade address several issues probably seen in prior Newsletters and communications. First, regulations that effect the City of Douglass Hills. Items specifically that cannot go in the trash or recycling. For example, e-waste is exempt from that, television sets tube and non-tubed, paints, paint thinners. Two specific sites in Jefferson County that will handle these types of materials. One is located at 636 Meriwether Ave which accept e-waste, tires and anything that requires special packaging. Second is Haz Bin located at 5701 Grade Lane which pesticides, liquids, paints, etc. Mr. Slade

said Eco-Tech had performed a self-audit over the past four weeks. Eco-Tech does this annually. We have been following the trash, recycling and yard waste. The reason we do that is to take studies of materials, physically inspect and keep percentage of weights. Recycling on the front end, last year at this time Douglass Hills averaged 13.16 lbs. from residents that participated. 47% of residents recycle which is way above the normal. Data mining showed that before and after July 1st pickup had increased 14.91 lbs, from 13.67 lbs, per home set out. 400 recycling 64-gallon totes are currently in the city. Douglass Hills has the highest increase of any community serviced by Eco-Tech. He stated the one major problem that was discovered in audit. This is that 99 residents out of 1300 plus homes had commingling of materials in containers that was either recycling in trash or yard waste in recycling. Eco-tech cannot take commingled materials. It must go into trash automatically per law. We need to do a better job educating the residents on these issues. Eco-tech would prefer containerized services rather than trash bags. Mr. Slade encouraged the Council and citizens to Google "Green Wall in China". China currently accepts more that 50% of USA recycling materials. China has set different standards for rejecting "Dirt Materials". Cities are having trouble cleaning recyclables to prep them to be sent overseas. 13-15 Cities in USA will not recycle due to processing costs becoming prohibitive. Mr. Slade talked about a 10,000 trees philanthropy initiative that began 4.5 years ago. Eco-tech has planted over 4500 trees thus far and have planted trees in every city in Jefferson County.

## **NEW BUSINESS- MUNICIPAL ORDER #11, SERIES 2017**

A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF MONUMENT SIGN FOR MIDDLETOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 500 NORTH WATTERSON TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee for the City Council of the City of Douglass Hills has received and reviewed the sign application for Middletown Christian Church, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee recommends to the full council that the sign be approved, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS:

Mr. Riddle moved to accept MUNICIPAL ORDER #11, SERIES 2017

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CHURCH, 500 NORTH WATTERSON TRAIL.

Mr. Middleton seconded., 4 Yea-1 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bill Torres, of 523 N Watterson Trail, came to the Council Meeting to discuss a Letter of Compliance for a church sign at Middletown Christian Church. He stated that it would be detrimental to have a sign with bright shining and flashing lights. Mr. Torres said he would accept a low light digital sign. After much discussion among the Council Members, it was determined that flashing lights would not be acceptable for the church sign in front of Middletown Christian Church at the corner of Blankenbaker Parkway and N. Watterson Trail.

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Sharon Angermeier, of 11008 Fellswood Court, would like an easement to the common area behind subject property for purpose of fencing. Mr. Singler will draw up a Lease document to convey the land.

OLD BUSINESS- None
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## **MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT**

- Mayor Jung attended Kentucky League of Cities conference. She was elected atlarge position on the board of directors as well as being elected to the KLC Insurance Board. This will be a good appointment to help Douglass Hills to stay on the forefront of what is happening in the Commonwealth of KY
- Shred-It Event had a hundred and sixty-five cars and nine walk-ups. Mayor Jung, former Mayor Lile, Council Member Scarpellini, Council Member Riddle and City Clerk Clay Porter.
- Tax Bill went out October 15, 2017. City Hall open M-F 8:30a.m. 5p.m. or use the secure Tax Bill box on front door.
- Elite Homes has submitted a rendering of entrance to the Enclaves. They have stated the clearing of the lot and construction of the water retention basin.
- Mayor Jung set a date of October 25, 2017 @ 8:30 for a Planning and Zoning meeting at City Hall.
- O'Reilly's is coming along well. It really fits the look of Blankenbaker Pkwy. They hope to have a grand opening on 11/11/2017
- The Boy Scouts will be having a Flag Retirement Day on 11/11/2017 from noon-2p.m.at Warren Walker Park.
- Jefferson County League of Cities Dinner. Please let Clay know if you and your spouse plan to attend.
- Mrs. Hamilton on Locivar Court has several trees with Bacterial Scorch.
- Traffic lights on and Blankenbaker Pkwy and Finchley Road to get flashing turning lane. Moser Road and Shelbyville Road waiting on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Report is in the works.
- RV's in the City of Douglass Hills need a parking permit.
- KLC stuffed 1200 backpacks for children in need.
- Santa Clause at City Hall will be December 16, 2017 from noon-2p.m.
- Two new water fountains have been installed in both of Douglass Hills parks for a approximately cost of \$10,000.
- Adopt-A-Basin in newsletter and next Council meeting.

## **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Nathan and Carol Lankford, of 404 Willenhall Court and 10810 Dartford Place were asking that the previous ruling that allowed the residents of 402 Willenhall Court to build onto their existing fence in the front of 404 Willenhall Court be reversed and that the current fence location remain the same. No Action was taken by the City Council.

Mr. Bowman moved to close Council Meeting open **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Middleton seconded., The **motion** passed unanimously.

Mrs.Scarpellini moved to close **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Middleton seconded., The **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Bowman moved to open Council Meeting—October 17, 2017. Mr. Middleton seconded., The **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Riddle moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Middleton. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Clay Porter, City Clerk

Bonnie Jung, Mayor