

MINUTES

Council Meeting—**January 7, 2016**

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2016 in City Hall. Members of Council in attendance were Patti Eubanks, Denise Scarpellini, Bill Middleton, Becky Hunter, Jeff Riddle and Jason Bowman. City Clerk Rheba Roten and City Treasurer Ronnie Hodgson were present along with City Attorney John Singler.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Terry Grohe, a Douglass Hills' resident, discussed with the Council his concern for a better method of displaying house address numbers on Prestwick that would be more recognizable for delivery and emergency vehicles.

Darrell Spurgeon, of **Off-Duty Police Services**, stated there will be 100 hours of patrolling for January 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **December 3, 2015** 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. Bowman moved to accept the **November 2015** Treasurer's report. Mrs. Scarpellini seconded. The **motion** passed unanimously.

Mayor Jung's Report

- Santa's visit to City Hall on December 12, 2015 was a success with over 50 children attending. Gratitude was expressed to Becky and Billy Hunter, Denise Scarpellini, Jeff Riddle, plus Bill and Bonnie Middleton for their assistance.
- The City's holiday project for the Wayside Christian Mission collected a total of 245 towels along with 43 hand towels and 13 blankets. In addition, there were 20 pairs of socks, bottles of mouthwash, toothbrushes and dental floss. Becky Hunter was thanked for chairing this program.
- The City's Christmas lights remained lit without interruption this year except for the Burnley entrance. This is due to a broken wire that will be repaired in the near future.
- Louvino's Restaurant broke ground and construction will soon follow.
- The City granted permission to LG&E to remove 3 Ash trees behind Scone Court.
- For this year only, an addendum was signed with Kentuckiana Pool Management regarding increased coverage for minimum wages.
- If enough residents respond, a CPR or First Aid course is being considered sometime in February or March.
- A public meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 with MSD at Crosby Middle School. Metro Council members Marilyn Parker, Julie Denton and Stuart Benson were instrumental in organizing the meeting in conjunction with Douglass Hills. All citizens with drainage issues are encouraged to attend and bring pictures of their problems.
- City Attorney John Singler sent a letter of complaint to the paving company that performed repairs on Whiteheath. There has been no response; however, the issue will be further pursued.
- The 2016 pool membership applications will soon be prepared and ready for delivery with the March newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS—None

NEW BUSINESS—Mr. Keith Hubbs, from Welenken, CPA, presented the 2014-2015 audit report. The financial highlights for the City, which ended on June 30, 2015, showed a net position increase by \$175,602 as a result of revenues exceeding operating expenses. The total cost of the City’s governmental activities totaled \$870,565. Cash and investment holdings increased by \$168,090. Insurance premiums taxes contributed \$339,003 to the general fund. The City completed \$125,250 in road construction. He added that the City ended with strong financial figures. With regards to the internal control of the City’s finances, they found no problems nor any deficiencies. After completion of the report and with some discussion, Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept the 2014-2015 audit. Seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously.

Municipal Order 1, Series 2016 “ A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO COMMUNICATION SERVICES ”. This municipal order would entitle Mayor Jung to enter into joint bidding with Louisville Metro and other small cities to jointly advertise for a service provider to obtain (1 gigabyte) internet fiber optic service for Jefferson County. A **motion** was made by Mr. Riddle to pass **Municipal Order 1, Series 2016**. Seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed unanimously.

City Attorney John Singler introduced **Ordinance 1, Series 2016—“AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REVISION OF CERTAIN BUILDING REGULATIONS IN THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS”**. This ordinance is for revision to the building code 70.103. There was much discussion by the Council members plus additional revisions are expected.

ADJOURMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rheba Roten, City Clerk

Bonnie Jung, Mayor