

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES

Council Meeting—April 5, 2018 Pg1

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Jung at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018 in City Hall. Members of Council in attendance were Bill Middleton, Becky Hunter, Patti Eubanks and Denise Scarpellini. City Treasurer Ronnie Hodgson, City Clerk Clay Porter and City Attorney John Singler were also in attendance. Jeff Riddle and Jason Bowman were not in attendance.

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

## POLICE REPORT

Officer Jeff Haddock, of **Off-Duty Police Services**, was in attendance. Mr. Haddock submitted last month's report and the new schedule of patrols to Mayor Jung and Council. He stated it has been a great pleasure working with the residents and community of Douglass Hills. As things change including weather and kids being out of school for the summer, patrolling schedules will change as well. Officer Haddock works the 8<sup>th</sup> division and has reported some stolen cars stolen in the early morning hours. Do not leave valuables in your cars items include purses, computers, golf clubs & cell phone; lock car doors and garage doors. He states that it is an open invitation to criminals. This includes guns, please take your guns inside and secure them in a lock box. Off-Duty Police will be monitoring stop signs and speeding. Officer Haddock stated if you are speeding around the pool-Slow Down! He will not give you a break and will ticket you for a moving violation.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **March 1, 2018** Council meeting were put on the table. Mrs. Scapellini made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Middleton moved to accept the **February 2018** Treasurer's report. Mrs. Scarpellini seconded. The **motion** passed unanimously.

**GUEST SPEAKER-** Operation Brightside speaker could not attend to speak this evening. Jacob Rommel of Troop 380 spoke about his Eagle Scout Project in Warren Walker Park. Jacob will replicate the Eagle Scout Project Bill Lile Park on Running Creek Road which is a picnic shelter with a pergola topping near the volleyball courts. Anticipated cost is about six hundred dollars. All building materials including wood, nails, hurricane ties, rental tool will be provided by Middletown Equipment. What will Douglass Hills provide? Jacob is asking for the Douglass Hills Council for funding of this project to build the structure in early June.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS** – Brent Rhodes, of 427 Whiteheath Road, a resident since 1982. He has been here before with past mayors and councils. He is looking to have a clear understanding of current ordinance of noise relating to dogs. He cannot enjoy my den or back yard due to barking dogs. This has been a problem for a long time. Everybody has a responsibility to take care of their dogs. He believes its deteriorating my home value. I feel like my first complaint is to the City of Douglass Hills because I pay taxes in Douglass Hills.

Chris Billard, of 10807 Bellrock Court, has been there sixteen years. He stated that he lives behind Mr. Rhodes and behind the said barking dogs. Just to let you know Brett is not crazy. These dogs bark all the time. He can't enjoy my porch. Is there a noise ordinance to address the barking dogs?

John Singler advises that the City of Douglass Hills will write a modern dog ordinance.

Mayor Jung advised all home owners' who have a complaint to fill out affidavits with Louisville Metro Animal Control. Douglass Hills will update and strengthen our dog ordinance to modern language.

Bruce Knolls, of 305 Kinnard Lane, has an issue with a neighbor of a possible illegal shed being built. Builder said he didn't need a permit. Does Douglass Hills have a welcome letter that is sent to new home owners regarding ordinances? Neighbor has a large back yard and I have short back yard. The nine-foot shed is on my property line. Next question, how does the City enforce the ordinances?

Mayor Jung will issue a stop work order if the shed is determined illegal. We can make the home owner move or take down the shed.

Charmaine Combs- two citizens, Chris Combs and Michael Chan of Douglass Hills are in Michigan preparing to defend a Big Ten Gymnastic Crown for Ohio State University. OSU is going for threeppeat! NCAA tournament will be in Chicago in three weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS  
MUNICIPAL ORDER #2, SERIES 2018  
A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO ACCEPTING  
THE MOWING CONTRACT FOR THE CITY...**

A motion was made by Mrs. Eubanks that Douglass Hills accept the bid from TLS to continue the city's mowing service. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Passed unanimously 4-0

**OLD BUSINESS-** None

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT**

- On June 16, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm Metro Council Woman Julie Denton is having a 19<sup>th</sup> District cleanup which will include Douglass Hills, Middletown, Blue Ridge, Eastwood Village and Woodland Hills. This will take place at Target in Middletown. They will take shredding, junk, e-cycling (no TV's, paint, tires or large appliances). Council Persons who would like to help are welcome.
- Last date to register to vote in the May Primary is April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Comprehensive Plan 2040 that Douglass Hills will be voting on comes before Metro Louisville on April 16<sup>th</sup>. John Singler has notified Planning and Design that Douglass Hills is not do any reading or passing anything until Metro gets it correct.
- The pool update: Deck extension has been poured this week. It is 5' x 65' and new fencing plus gates. This concrete was done for less than \$17,000.
- All-American Painters is giving an estimate on painting bathrooms, breezeway and doors of bathrooms. Each year we try to do something fairly large at the pool because we want a healthy balance in the pool fund.
- In July the pool will be fifty years old. We are having "50 years of Fun" at the pool.
- The City will be 50 Years old in 5 years in 2023.
- The Pool last year as of 4/5/2017 received \$10,982 in season passes. As of 04/05/2018 we received \$19,860 in season passes.
- The water fountains will be turned on next week if the weather breaks.
- The sidewalks are finished. As soon as weather breaks, if there is no more snow removal we will have a little money left in the Road Fund. Then we will start on phase two of the sidewalks. In July when the next Road Fund check comes in we can repave a couple of streets.
- Legislative Update: The Governor has vetoed the phase in of pension. Current projections would cost Douglass Hills about \$8,000 for our employees for their increase in retirement. We be putting around \$10,000 extra in the Budget next year for their retirement.
- The leak at Bob's shop has been fixed. In next month Financial Reports, you will see a substantial increase in the payment to the Water Company around \$2,000. Water Company will refund 50% of bill.
- Mr. Howard Hardin tennis Director is retiring. His son Steve Hardin is taking it over for the future. Information is in this month's Newsletter.
- Strategic Plan seminar the continuing education training through Kentucky League of Cities is on hold for now.
- Jonathon Strode Eagle Scout Project will be performing work on the volleyball courts the weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- A lot of people in the City have been parking in easements destroying grass and road. People are still parking the wrong direction on the street, on sidewalks and in the grass. I have instructed Off Duty Police Services to give these cars citations.

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- In the newsletter there was a section about we need your help. We tried to facilitate people who want to help with people who need help. People are getting older might need a onetime spring clean up or their yard taken care of for the summer. If anyone need help or like to volunteer their time and services, please call Clay.

We need to move the next Council Meeting date to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Mrs. Scarpellini make a motion to move Council Meeting to April 30, 2018 to replace May Council Meeting; seconded by Mrs. Eubanks. Passed unanimously 4-0

Council Person Becky Hunter had an observation, not a criticism. The sidewalk people left some small chunks missing of concrete which were probably already there. I'm wondering if each Council Person can hand in our sections where we see a problem. Then Bob and Ted can use regular concrete to fill them in. I don't think the sidewalk people caused the problem. With them making it smooth made damage more obvious.

Have you done anything with Douglass Hills' Sweep Account? Mr. Porter stated that we have contacted four banks. We have interviewed Stockyards Bank, Republic Bank and Commonwealth Bank. Different products have varying rates and fees.

Mrs. Hunter did a calculation that is not for anyone to see because it is just written on paper. It looks like we always have a million dollars that is never touched. We need nine hundred thousand to run the City. And we basically run, as you can see, \$1.6 million, \$1.8 million, \$1.9 million and \$1.3 million It never goes below \$1.3 million per month. It looks like there is one million that is never touched. Mr. Singler advised Mrs. Hunter to show these figures to the Treasurer.

Mrs. Hunter questioned if we are going to notify people with the volunteer program. Mrs. Hunter questioned Minutes from last month. Do you see number 6? Many people have inquired about tennis lessons. I don't think there should be reservations for leagues. Mrs. Hunter asked if Douglass Hills had a men's league? Mayor Jung answered yes for years, and that no reservation for anyone else other than our men's league. Mrs. Hunter asked if Douglass Hills men's league is staying intact? Mrs. Jung said the league will stay intact.

Mrs. Hunter stated that sometimes the minutes don't reflect everything we talk about. Didn't we say two months ago or two meetings ago that the wall does not belong to Douglass Hills? Mr. Singler stated the wall is on state right of way. Mrs. Hunter wants that statement to be documented in the minutes for the people 10 or 20 years down the road who comes behind us. Mrs. Hunter asked Mr. Singler if Douglass Hills owns the state right of way? Mr. Singler said Douglass Hills does not own the state right of way.

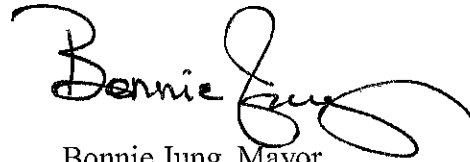
**ADJOURMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clay Porter".

Clay Porter, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Jung".

Bonnie Jung, Mayor