

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES Council Meeting—September 5, 2019 Page 1

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Bonnie Jung at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at City Hall. Members of the Council in attendance were Bill Middleton, Jeff Riddle, Patti Eubanks, Matthew Nelson, Denise Scarpellini and Neil Sandefur, City Clerk Clay Porter, City Treasurer Holly Sanford 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

Officer Darrell Spurgeon, of **Off-Duty Police Services**, was absent from meeting

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **August 1, 2019** Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Riddle moved to accept the **July 2019** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

### GUEST SPEAKERS – None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- John Carpenter, of Running Creek Road, brought up several concerns about the Douglass Hills East entrance and the island at Bruner Hill Drive. Mr. Carpenter stated that the entrance is dated and does not match other Douglass Hills entrances. He asked the City Council to consider updating the entrance and landscaping on Bruner Hill Drive.

Mrs. Lyons, of Bruner Hill Drive, a new citizen to Douglass Hills asked the City Council if it be okay for citizens to help maintain the island on Bruner Hill Diver by replacing shrubs.

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT**

- Mayor Bonnie Jung spoke about the statistics of the speed sign placed on Helmsdale Lane. Most drivers were in compliance with the speed limit.
- Mayor Jung stated that MSD has started behind Farmington Road. This project was scheduled two years ago.
- The sidewalks on Farmingham Road will be getting ADA compliant ramps and other need repairs on eight sections.
- The City is having Libs Paving Company paint crosswalks, and directional arrow around the City. They are also going to replace two storm grates on Bowmore Place. Mrs. Eubank asked the City Clerk to see if MSD will replace the grates.
- Mayor Bill Lile and Ecotech will be forming a tree committee within Douglass Hills to replace lost and dying tree to strengthen the tree canopy.
- Douglass Hills has chosen Lost Sheep Ministries and Humane Society as the charities for the holiday season.
- Mayor Bonnie Jung spoke to a Boy Scout about his Eagle Scout Project. He stated he would like to build a picnic table with shade or a hammock stand. Mrs. Eubanks suggested that he could build stone edging for Gatehouse Lane to create better drainage.
- The new swings and benches in Warren Walker Park have been very popular. Mayor Jung stated that one of the new concrete pads for a bench was vandalized. Someone carved "tree killed" in the new concrete pad.
- Douglass Hill has ordered new swing seats for the Warren Walker and Bill Lile playgrounds.
- In March of 2017, Mayor Greg Fischer sued all the suburban cities in Jefferson County. He is trying to prevent suburban cities from vending with their own waste haulers. Judge Shepard ruled this action as unconstitutional. The Appellant Court of Kentucky agreed with Judge Shepard's ruling. Mayor Fischer will be taking this case to the Supreme Court of Kentucky.
- Douglass Hills newsletter is going to have an advertisement for a full time Public Works employee. Also, the deadline to register to vote for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- Shred-It event will be October 12, 2019 from 9:00am to noon at the swimming pool parking lot.
- The Kentucky League of Cities is collecting post cards for veterans doing the Honor Flight.
- Ecotech will be exchanging carried recycling totes for new rolling totes on September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Larry Warren took the old concrete from Farmingham Road to fill the sink hole in and build paths in his back yard.

- Mayor Jung stated that the results of the City survey will be discussed at the Strategic Plan meeting.
- The water fountain at the swim pool saved 20,896 plastic bottles this year.
- There were a couple of unexpected expenditures last month. First, the water heater at the swim pool had to be replaced (\$900). Secondly, the HVAC went out in the Council room (\$6,400)
- Mayor Jung spoke about talking to the three Metro Councilpersons that represent Douglass Hills about matching funds for a sidewalk on Tattenham Lane.
- The City is gathering proposals to create shade at the two playgrounds and replacing some equipment.
- Gate fee at the swim pool increased \$4,000 from last year. Mr. Nelson asked for a break down of demographics for the gate the past few years.

**OLD BUSINESS**- None

**NEW BUSINESS**- VARIANCE REQUEST FOR JOH KLARER'S SHED. MR. SANDEFUR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SHED. SECONDED BY MR. NELSON. THE MOTION FAILED WITH A 2-4 VOTE. Mr. SANDEFUR AND MR. NELSON WERE THE ONLY TWO YAY VOTES.

**-PROCLAMATION "City Government Month"**

**-1<sup>ST</sup> READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #6, SERIES 2019 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS. MR. RIDDLE MADE A MOTION TO CREATE AN INVESTMENT ORDINANCE THAT COMPLIES WITH KENTUCKY STATE LAW. SECONDED BY MRS. SCARPELLINI. THE VOTE WAS 6-0 UNANIMOUS.**

**-CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #9 A MUNICIPAL ORDER REALATING TO APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS TO THE WHISPER WALK (\$500.00). MRS. EUBANKS MADE A MOTION TO GRANT \$500.00 TO THE WHISPER WALK. SECONDED BY MR. NELSON. THE VOTE WAS 6-0 UNANIMOUS.**

**- CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #10 A MUNICIPAL ORDER REALATING TO APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS TO TWISTED PINK (\$300.00). MR. SANDEFUR MADE A MOTION TO GRANT \$300.00 TO TWISTED PINK. SECONDED BY MR. RIDDLE. THE VOTE WAS 6-0 UNANIMOUS.**

**-CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ORDER #11 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR POOL RENOVATIONS IN THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS. NO MOTION WAS MADE ON MUNICIPLE ORDER #11**

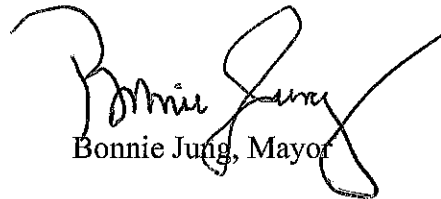
Mayor Jung set a Special Meeting Wednesday 09/11/2019 6:30pm @ Douglass Hills swim pool.

**ADJOURMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Eubanks. The vote was 6-0 unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clay Porter, City Clerk

  
Bonnie Jung, Mayor