

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES

Council Meeting—March 1, 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 Jeff Riddle, Jason Bowman, Becky Hunter, Patti Eubanks and Denise Scarapellini. City Treasurer Ronnie Hodgson, City Clerk Clay Porter and City Attorney John Singler were also in attendance. Bill Middleton was not 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 submitted last month's report and new schedule of patrols to Mayor Jung and audience. He stated that crime reports for Douglass Hills and the 8<sup>th</sup> Division Police were down last month. Next month Off-Duty Police Services will be running radar in the early evenings.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **February 1, 2018** Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bowman. The **motion** passed unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Scarapellini moved to accept the **January 2018** Treasurer's report. Mr. Riddle seconded. The **motion** passed unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER- Chief Andy Longstreet with Middletown Fire Protection: There is a lot to be excited about with your Middletown Fire Protection District (MFPD). This year will see monumental changes for the better for our community and our Fire Service. First, you will see our name change as we merge with our long-time partners at Anchorage Fire and EMS. The MFPD surrounds the Anchorage Fire District. We have a long history of working seamlessly together to the mutual benefit of both jurisdictions. Not only will we have a new name, we will have an expanded mission, providing emergency ambulance service alongside our traditional fire, rescue and hazardous materials response roles. What this means for you is a more robust and reliable system to respond when you or a loved one is in need. There will be more ambulances, paramedics and firefighters available to meet the increasing demands of our ever-growing community. The change comes with a modest increase in property taxes. The funding mechanism for Districts like ours was created more than 75 years ago to support rural, volunteer fire departments. It is wholly inadequate to support the modern, predominantly paid, professional service which you have come to expect. In addition to better service, these changes will help us keep your property insurance premiums at the lowest rates possible. Many insurance carriers use

a fire department's Public Protection Classification grade as one portion of the calculation when setting premiums. Both Anchorage and Middletown currently have the highest grade possible. Ambulance service will also become more affordable. Residents of the jurisdiction will not receive a bill at their home from our service when they need an ambulance. We will bill the insurance carrier and any remaining, out-of-pocket expense not covered by insurance will be written off. On another note, I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as your new Fire Chief. I have been with the MFPD for over 20 years after beginning my career in the fire service as a volunteer with the Worthington Volunteer Fire Dept in 1994. I have served in front line positions as a firefighter, Sergeant, and Captain, as well as spending many years working in our Fire Prevention office. I served on our Board of Trustees for six years prior to being promoted to Assistant Chief in 2013. At the beginning of this year, the Board honored me by offering me the position of Fire Chief. My educational background includes an Associate Degree in Fire Science and a Bachelor of Science in Business from Murray State University. As your Chief, my focus will be on working with the Board to advance the delivery of emergency services in a fiscally responsible way by implementing continuous improvement planning, performance measurement and analysis and professional development for our workforce.

David Dabble with Independence Bank said that his bank is family owner out of Owensboro, KY. They are new to the Louisville area and are building two new banks one in St. Matthews and the other in Middletown. He informed the City Council that his bank has competitive rates on CD's and Money Markets. He hopes the City of Douglass Hills would consider investing with them in the future.

Mr. W. A. Loeffler with Firework Enterprises stated the Independence Day Firework Show will be on July 7, 2018 with the rain day set as July 14, 2018. He has arranged for the Fire Marshall to be at the celebration.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Mr. Riddle made a motion to accept a bid from John Henry Stone Mason to repair the entrance at Shelbyville Road and Burnley Road. Seconded by Mr. Bowman. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS-** None

### **MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT**

- Next Thursday March 8, 2018 is the City of Middletown Chamber Luncheon with guest speaker Mayor Greg Fischer.

- Strategic Plan seminar is continuing education training through Kentucky League of Cities. Cost is \$1,500 per city.
- Pool application form will go out with the next newsletter. There will be a \$5.00 increase for families and individuals.
- Jeff Miller Landscaping will be performing work on the volleyball courts. He will be removing railroad ties, leveling and squaring courts.
- Comprehensive Plan 2040 is complete. A copy can be found on the Metro Louisville website louisvilleky.gov
- Precision Concrete Cutting has completed 51% of work on the sidewalks in the City.
- Many people have inquired about tennis lessons. I do not think there should be reservations for leagues and schools due to liability insurance. If Council feels differently please let me know your thoughts.
- I have received my complaints regarding noise in the city. I have referred people to get a copy of the Metro Louisville Ordinance.
- A lot of people in the City have been 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.
- On June 16, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm Julie Denton is having a 19<sup>th</sup> District cleanup which will include Douglass Hills, Middletown, Blue Ridge and Woodland Hills. This will take place at Target in Middletown.
- Douglass Hills has purchased a logo tent to service events.
- I will be attending the Nation League of Cities Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico in May. The Kentucky League of Cities will be paying for this event.

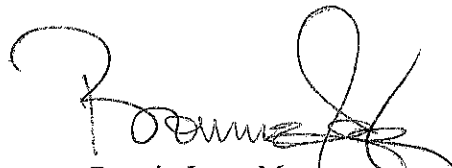
**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS** – No Comments

**ADJOURMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clay Porter, City Clerk

  
Bonnie Jung, Mayor