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MINUTES Special Council Meeting via Zoom—January 7, 2021 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, January 7, 2021 via Zoom. Members of the Council in attendance were Bill Middleton, Jeff Riddle, Patti Eubanks, Denise Scarpellini, Matthew Nelson and Neil Sandefur, City Clerk Clay Porter, City Treasurer Holly Sanford, City Attorney John Singler and Public Works Burke Davis were also in attendance.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Darrell Spurgeon, of **Off-Duty Police Services**, was absent from meeting. Mayor Jung has asked for extra patrols in the City. CARES Act will pay for said extra patrols.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **December 3, 2020** Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Middleton moved to accept the **November 2020** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Riddle. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0. Mrs. Sanford stated that she had deposited over \$451,000 from Real Property Tax Bills.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Mr. Burke Davis reported that Public Works has been working on leaf removal around the City. Mr. Davis stated that there has been extensive cleaning of the Public Works shop. Mr. Davis acknowledged that the new beehive grate at the retention area on Running Creek Road is working well. He stated the water seems to be flowing well to the drainage system. Mr. Nelson asked if anyone had recently complained about the retention pond on Running Creek Road. Mr. Davis answer was no.

GUEST SPEAKER- AT&T Hank Mangeot, Pat Dour, and Brian Deak spoke to the City Council about the partnership with Home Rule Cities and Jefferson County League of Cities. They spoke about the first phase rollout of fiber in Douglass Hills. The first phase will include 163 homes and Douglass Hills condos in the City. The remaining rollout will be done in 4-5 sections of Douglass Hills. All houses that are affected will receive a door flyer prior to work being performed. Marker flags will be used as locators to bore the fiber through the grass in yards. One connection box for two homes will be flush mounted in the yards. Each section of the City will have a main Drop Box for connectivity. These boxes are 18x36x35 and will be hidden by shrubs. This project will take approximately two years.

Precision Concrete Shayne Lingg and Jessica Spriggs spoke to the City Council about sidewalk hazard repair proposal (phase2) in Douglass Hills. Mr. Lingg explained that Precision Concrete.

will inventory all the trip hazards on the City's sidewalks. Repairing the side will show that Douglass Hills is taking step to become ADA compliant. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept the bid from Precision Concrete to perform phase 2 of sidewalk repairs at a cost of \$26,676.01. The **motion** was seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- Mr. Jerry McGraw spoke in regard to the Safety Committee. He stated that the Safety Committee had reviewed the data from the speed machine which sat on Whiteheath Lane for two weeks. Mr. McGraw indicated that thousands of cars passed the speed sign during the stated time. There were only 25 cars traveling at a rate of speed greater than 15 mph over the speed limit. Mr. McGraw's opinion is that there is not a real speeding issue on Whiteheath lane. Mr. McGraw also spoke about a suggestion made on the Nextdoor app that Douglass Hills should invest in solar speed signs like ones the City of St. Matthews has on several roads. He stated that the Safety Committee will investigate these said speed signs.

MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT

- Mayor Jung stated that another Eagle Scout wants to build a Monarch Butterfly station in Warren Walker Park. She asked Councilmembers for a suggested site in Warren Walker Park.
- Mayor Jung stated that if the City Council has any budget request for 2021-2022 please get then to her ASAP.
- Mayor Jung informed the City Council that Douglass Hills donated more coats and N95 masks to Lost Sheep Ministries.
- Mayor Jung stated that the 8th Division Louisville Metro Police are using the rest station at City Hall. She also thanked Sheila Schmidt, Douglass Hills resident, for donating a chair and ottoman to the police rest station.
- Mayor Jung suggested that the City Council sign op with KLC for City Officers training January 19-21, 2021.
- Mayor Jung informed the City Council about establishing a Code Enforcement Board for Douglass Hills

OLD BUSINESS- DISCUSSION OF THE FINAL YEAR OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DOUGLASS HILLS SWIMMING POOL. After much discussion, the City Council was satisfied with the new contract with Kentuckiana Pool Management.

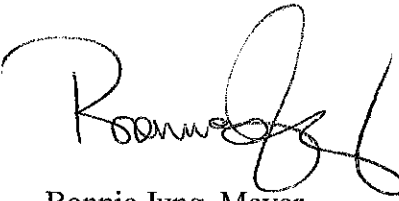
NEW BUSINESS- DISCUSSION OF DOUGLASS HILLS OPEN SPACE LAWSUIT. Mr. John Singler stated there are six development companies that are defunct who's names are on the Douglass Hills open space. These parcels should be deeded to the City of Douglass Hills. Mr. Singler will petition the court system to transfer these parcels via a Commissioners Deed.

ADJOURMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Clay Porter, City Clerk


Bonnie Jung, Mayor