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MINUTES Council Meeting via Zoom—July 1, 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, July 1, 2021. Members of the Council in attendance were Bill Middleton, Jeff Riddle, Denise Scarpellini, Matthew Nelson, Patti Eubanks, 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. Officer Roberto Grider stated that officer had been spending several hours a night at the pool parking lot. **Off-Duty Police Services** have been working 100 hours per month. Last week the City of Middletown Police covered a wreck at the corner of Blankenbaker Parkway and Finchley Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **June 3, 2021** Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Riddle moved to accept the **May 2021** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Nelson. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Mr. Burke Davis reported that he is working with Booker Design Group to redesign the city entrances. The two teenage boys are staying productive with trimming grass and cleaning the city. Mr. Davis plans on having the teens paint light poles around the city. Mr. Davis spoke to the owner of Crew Cuts about missing areas in the city. Mr. Davis advised the City Council that the mowing contract will need to be adjusted for the next time it is bid out.

GUEST SPEAKER- Rick Grismer Transmission Right-of-Way Coordinator, with LG&E, spoke about a project to clean vegetation away from power lines in Douglass Hills. This project will be along Blankenbaker Parkway next to the sound barrier wall. This project will affect 76 homes in Douglass Hills. This project will start in July and completed in August. Mr. Grismer stated that this vegetation cleanup will be performed on a three-year cycle.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- Kurt Wallace, of 402 Willenhall Court, spoke about predatory purchasing of properties in the city for rental purposes. He encouraged the city to pass an ordinance restricting such purchases and allow only owner-occupied properties. He believes that this will protect property values. City Attorney John Singler stated that this is not an

ordinance Douglass Hills could pass. Mr. Singler advised Mr. Wallace to speak with Louisville Metro Planning and Design about changing the Land Development Code.

MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT

- Mayor Jung stated that the Douglass Hills annual July 4th fireworks show has been moved to Labor Day weekend September 4, 2021.
- Mayor Jung reported that the annual Whisper Walk will be on Sept 25, 2021. The Whisper Walk organization has asked for a donation from Douglass Hills. The city will prepare a Municipal Order for the August City Council meeting.
- Mayor Jung reminded the citizens that the city that there is one swim meet remaining on the schedule for the Douglass Hills Hurricanes. She stated that there have been several parking issues at the swim meets.
- Mayor Jung recognize Major Joshua Hasch with Louisville Metro Police department's eighth division. Mayor Jung would like to plan a reception at City Hall for Major Hasch.
- Mayor Jung stated that the city had received three applications for the open Public Works position. Interviews will be conducted the third week of July.
- Mayor Jung would like to form a committee to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Douglass Hills incorporation.
- National Night out will be on August 3, 2021 from 5pm to 8pm in Warren Walker Park.
- Mayor Jung stated that there are citizens concerned with short term rentals in Douglass Hills. Mayor Jung confirmed that short term rentals are not legal in Douglass Hills. Any complaints about short term rentals should be referred to Metro Louisville.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS- - ORDINANCE NO. #2, SERIES 2021 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AD VALOREM TAX ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2021. Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to accept **ORDINANCE NO. #2, SERIES 2021 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AD VALOREM TAX ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2021 at a rate of .137.** Mr. Riddle seconded the **motion**. The **motion** failed with a 3-3 vote. Mr. Sandefur, Mr. Middleton and Mrs. Eubanks having Nye votes. Mayor Jung voted Nye on the tiebreaker. Mr. Middleton made a new **motion** to accept **ORDINANCE NO. #2, SERIES 2021 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AD VALOREM TAX ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX**

THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2021 at a rate of .134. Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed with a 4-2 vote with Mr. Nelson and Mr. Riddle having Nye votes.

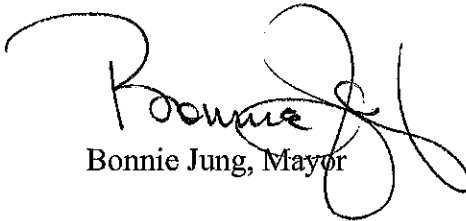
DISCUSSION OF PLAYGROUND BIDS Mr. Matthew Nelson discussed the 4 bids Douglass Hills received to replace the playground in Warren Walker Park. Mr. Sandefur made a **motion** to accept a bid from PlayPro to replace the playground in Warren Walker Park. Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed with a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Clay Porter, City Clerk


Bonnie Jung, Mayor