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MINUTES Council Meeting—August 5, 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, August 5, 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 **Off-Duty Police Services** have been working 100 hours per month. Officer Roberto Grider stated there have been some minor issues with kids in the City. **Off-Duty Police Services** will be increasing radar with school starting in August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **July 1, 2021** Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Mr. Burke Davis reported that he is working MSD to have the headwall repaired behind 231 Moser Road. Mr. Davis spoke about the clearing, grading, and seeding of the common area behind Alloway Court.

GUEST SPEAKER- None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- Mr. Daniel Flaherty, of 11210 Rannoch Lane, spoke about his concern of LG&E removing trees along the back side of the Blankenbaker Lane wall. Mr. Flaherty wanted to know if Douglass Hills City Council approved the project. Mr. Flaherty talked about all the governmental entities he contacted regarding the LG&E project. Mr. Flaherty believes LG&E overreached on the tree removal due to less voltage on the powerlines than LG&E had initially stated. Mr. Steven Jess echoed Mr. Flaherty's concerns. Mr. Jess stated that he hopes LG&E would replant trees and shrubs to cover the Blankenbaker Lane wall. Mr. Michael McKinney, of 401 Braemoor Place, spoke about the project to put parking spaces around gatehouse Lane. Mr. McKinney is concern that the Warren Walker Park will look like a parking lot.

MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT

- Mayor Jung stated that the National Night Out was a raging success. Louisville Metro Police Department thanked Douglass Hills greatly for the use of Warren Walker Park.
- Mayor Jung asked the City Council to think about ways to spend the ARPA money on infrastructure.
- Mayor Jung spoke about the new swim pool hours 4pm to 7pm on the weekdays and 12pm to 6pm on weekends.
- 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 has prepared a Municipal Order for the August City Council meeting.
- Mayor Jung invited the City Council to the KLC conference in Northern KY September 25th-27th.
- Ecotech will be hosting a shred event at the pool parking lot on October 9, 2021, from 9am to 12pm.
- Olympian silver medal winner Brooke Forde will be at the swim pool for autographs and photographs on August 9, 2021, from 6pm to 8pm.

OLD 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. 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. Scarpellini seconded the **motion**. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Middleton Yea, Mr. Nelson Yea, Mr. Riddle Yea, Mrs. Scarpellini, Mrs. Eubanks Yea, Mr. Sandefur Yea. The **motion** passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS- - CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #3 SERIES 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 24, TO UPDATE THE ORDINANCE TO CURRENT STANDARDS IN THE REVISED PORTIONS OF THE KENTUCKY OPEN RECORDS LAW KRS 61.870- 61.884. Mr. Riddle made a new **motion** to accept **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #3 SERIES 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 24, TO UPDATE THE ORDINANCE TO CURRENT STANDARDS IN THE REVISED PORTIONS OF THE KENTUCKY OPEN RECORDS LAW KRS 61.870- 61.884** Mr. Nelson seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 6-0.

CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #3 SERIES 2021 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO APPROVAL OF A GRANT FROM THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS TO HELP FUND THE WHISPER WALK. Mr. Sandefur made a new **motion** to accept **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #3 SERIES 2021 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO APPROVAL OF A \$500.00 GRANT FROM THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS TO HELP FUND THE WHISPER WALK.** Mr. Riddle seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 6-0.

LMPD 8th Division has requested that the City of Douglass Hills donate exercise mats for the weight room at the new police station at 2927 Goose Creek Road Louisville, KY 40241. Mr. Middleton made a new **motion** to accept **LMPD 8th Division has requested that the City of Douglass Hills donate eighteen exercise mats for the weight room at the new police station at 2927 Goose Creek Road Louisville, KY 40241.** Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION OF PLAYGROUND BIDS Mr. Matthew Nelson discussed the need to pick a location for the new playground. Mr. Nelson also stated that the City Council needed to pick the type of ground cover to be installed. Mr. Sandefur stated that the playground needs to be relocated to higher ground due to water issues. City Treasurer Holly Sanford asked if the playground would be paid for with the ARPA funds. City Attorney John Singler stated that ARPA funds would pay for the new playground. Mr. Riddle made a new **motion** to accept **the playground equipment as designed with a solid-state surface and new location on higher ground east of current playground in Warren Walker Park.** Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 6-0.

Mr. Riddle made a new **motion** for the **City of Douglass Hills to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 pickup truck for Public Works at a cost of \$47,850 (Approves State Contract Amount).** Mr. Middleton seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810 (1) (F)- DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL. Mr. Riddle made a new **motion** to close the regular City Council meeting and go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION to DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL** Mrs. Scarpellini seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL. Mr. Middleton made a new **motion** to close **EXECUTIVE SESSION** and return to the regular City Council meeting when no vote was taken. Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 5-0. Mr. Nelson recused himself from the **EXECUTIVE SESSION** due to one of the candidates for the Public Works position being a relative. Mr. Sandefur made a new **motion** to **hire Craig Nelson as a new full time Public Works position.** Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 4-1.

Mr. Riddle was a Nye vote. Mr. Nelson abstained from the vote.

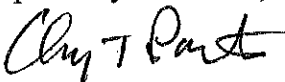
Mr. Jeff Riddle spoke with Melonie Skeeters, of 501 Grand Vista Place, about water issues on Grand Vista Place and in particular her residents. She was concerned that she feels like she is getting no assistance from Louisville Metro, Louisville Metro City Council, Douglass Hills elected officials as well as MSD.

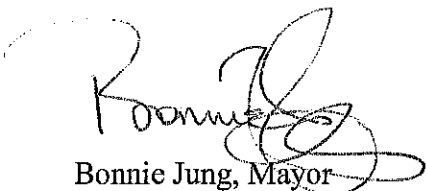
Mr. Jerry McGraw gave an update on the Public Safety Committee. Mr. McGraw stated that prior to the next Public Safety Committee on September 2, 2021, at 5:30pm. He has invited a company named Flock to demonstrate the Public Safety Committee on license plate camera readers for the city via Zoom. This demonstration will be on September 2, 2021, at 4:30pm. Each camera has a subscription with **National Crime Information Center (NCIC)** at a cost of \$2,500 per year.

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