

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES Council Meeting—October 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, October 7, 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. Matthew Nelson was absent from the meeting.

### POLICE REPORT

Officer Darrell Spurgeon, of **Off-Duty Police Services**, stated **Off-Duty Police Services** have been working 150 hours per month. Officer Darrell Spurgeon reported that there are very few police runs to Douglass Hills. He stated that most of the calls are from La Fontenay. **Off-Duty Police Services** will be performing two shifts on Halloween.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **September 2, 2021**, Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Riddle. The **motion** passed 5-0.

Minutes of the **September 6, 2021**, Special Council Meeting were put on the table. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed 5-0.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Scarpellini moved to accept the **August 2021** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed unanimously 5-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Mr. Burke Davis spoke about Booker Design Firm plans to refurbish the Douglass Hills entrances included plant materials. Public Works has been trimming trees, shrubs and edging plant beds around the city. Mr. Burke reported that Crew Cuts has been doing well with the mowing of Douglass Hills.

### GUEST SPEAKER- NONE

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS-** Mr. Jerry McGraw gave an update on the Public Safety Committee. Mr. McGraw discussed a reception for Major Hasch with the 8<sup>th</sup> Division LMPD on December 4, 2021. Mr. McGraw would like to have the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to perform finger printing and hair DNA for children. This information would be held in a database for abductions. Mr. McGraw asked the City Council to consider buying license plate reader camera for the entrances at Finchley Road & Blankenbaker Parkway and the entrance at La Fontenay.

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Mr. Sandefur moved to purchase license plate reader camera from Flock for the entrances at Finchley Road & Blankenbaker Parkway and the entrance at La Fontenay; seconded by Mr. Riddle. The **motion** passed unanimously 5-0.

Several citizens asked the City Council about what might be developed on the Burnett property. Mr. John Singler stated that the Burnett property was purchased by Clark Construction out of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Singler stated that Clark Construction intended to build condominiums on this property. Mr. Singler stated that will be several meetings in the future to discuss the development. These meetings will for the public to have input on the project.

Mr. Justin Wilkey, of 301 Bromwick Court, had questions for the City Council about chapter 70.100 pf Douglass Hills codified ordinances. Mr. Wilkey wanted to know if there was an exemption for playhouses. City Attorney John Singler stated that a playhouse over 160 square feet or 9 feet tall would need a variance from the City Council.

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT**

- Mayor Jung stated that the Douglass Hills will be performing electrical work in Warren Walker Park. The electricians will be rewiring the park at a cost of \$20,000 plus.
- Mayor Jung reported that the Tattenham Lane sidewalk should be getting guard rail next week.
- Ecotech will be hosting a shred event at the pool parking lot on October 9, 2021, from 9am to 12pm.
- AT&T is still working in the city installing optic fiber lines. If there are any questions or concerns, please call (865) 281-1514 Ext. 10221
- Mayor Jung has been contacted by the manager of Charlestown Apartments about rehabilitating the spring house on there property. Mayor Jung is investigating grants for historical properties.

**OLD BUSINESS- SWIM POOL CONTRACT**

Mr. Sandefur made a new **motion** to **Table the SWIM POOL CONTRACT BID until the next City Council Meeting**. Mr. Riddle seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS-LG&E FRANCHISE DISCUSSION-** Mayor Jung and City Attorney John Singler met with LG&E representatives to discuss future maintenance of the tree and plant grown along the Blankenbaker Parkway wall. Mr. Singler advised that the Constitution for the Commonwealth of Kentucky allows for franchise agreements with utilities. This franchise agreement would have LG&E would maintain the area and pass the charges to residents on the monthly LG&E bill. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to enter into a franchise agreement with LG&E at 3% for 20 years to maintain behind Blankenbaker Parkway wall. Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MUNICIPAL AID ROAD FUNDS PER KRS 174.100**

Mrs. Scarpellini made a **motion** to leave the regular City Council Meeting and enter the **PUBLIC HEARING ON MUNICIPAL AID ROAD FUNDS**. Mr. Middleton seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 5-0.

City Attorney John Singler stated there is a carry-over amount of \$117,250 in the current Road Fund. The Commonwealth of KY contribution for 2021 is \$106,100. The total amount of the Road Fund account is \$223,350.

Mr. Jerry McGraw asked the City Council to consider extending the paving of Burnett ridge Place from 606 to 612 Burnett Ridge Place. Mayor Jung stated that Mr. McGraw's request will be considered by the City Council.

Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to leave the **PUBLIC HEARING ON MUNICIPAL AID ROAD FUNDS** and enter the regular City Council Meeting and enter the. Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed 5-0.

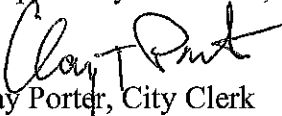
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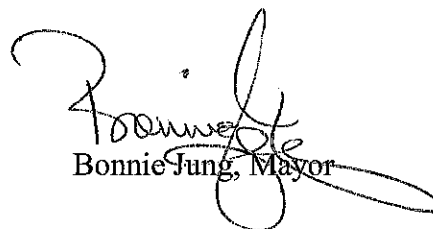
Mrs. Denise Scarpellini announced that Mayor Bonnie Jung had been elected to the Kentucky League of Cities Executive Board of Directors. Mrs. Scarpellini invited the audience and City Officials for cake and ice cream after the meeting to celebration Mayor Jung's election.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The vote was 5-0 unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clay Porter, City Clerk

  
Bonnie Jung, Mayor