

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES Council Meeting—April 7, 2022, 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, April 7, 2022. Members of the Council in attendance were, Mayor Bonnie Jung, Patti Eubanks, Bill Middleton, Jeff Riddle, Matthew Nelson, City Clerk Clay Porter, City Treasurer Holly Sanford, Public Works Director Burke Davis, City Attorney John Singler and were also in attendance. Denise Scarpellini and Neil Sandefur were absent from the meeting.

OFF DUTY POLICE SERVICES Darrell Spurgeon, of Off Duty Police Services, reported doing 130 hours of patrol during spring break month. Jeffersontown Police have issued a warning about people stealing items out of cars while pumping gas. The tagger of the Blankenbaker Parkway wall has not been identified. Officer Spurgeon stated that he is working on a couple of code enforcement issues for Douglass Hills.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **March 3, 2022**, Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed 4-0.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Nelson moved to accept the **February 2022** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Riddle. The **motion** passed unanimously 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Mr. Burke Davis gave the Public Works report. Mr. Burke stated that the new Ford truck the city bought should be in the store soon. Mr. Burke spoke about cleaning and mulching the beds around the city. He also stated that mowing of the common areas by Crew Cuts will start next week.

## GUEST SPEAKER- Bill Dieruf: Why Mayor Bill Dieruf

"I will be the **Mayor for Everybody** to establish a strong sense of unity and equality for all people of Louisville Metro. I want Louisville Metro to be a better place than it is today – a place where leadership is strong and serving people is a priority.

"As I have done in Jeffersontown, I can bring results to Louisville Metro when it comes to public safety, economic development, education and improved quality of life. Every person in this community is entitled to justice, safety, and prosperity. Louisville Metro falls short on those fronts today. As a lifelong member of this community, I want to see that services, programs and resources are delivered efficiently and equitably so all citizens have an opportunity to prosper.

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“I know how to lead a city and how to get the job done starting on Day One. I want to see Louisville Metro be a place where no one wants to leave and others want to come and make their home and establish their business.

“I believe the people of Louisville Metro want a leader who brings solutions and changes the course of the past few years. I will bring strong and proven leadership that has been missing here. The people of Louisville Metro deserve that.”

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## Career

### Civic Career

#### **Mayor, City of Jeffersontown, KY**

Elected to three terms as Mayor, beginning in 2010

- As Mayor for the past 10 years in a nonpartisan form of government, Bill Dieruf has worked with agencies, associations, and local and state officials to make Jeffersontown a place of economic growth and development for businesses of all sizes. He has strived to ensure that Jeffersontown is a great place to live, work and play.

#### **Councilman, City of Jeffersontown, KY**

Appointed to the City Council in November 2000 and served until elected Mayor 10 years later.

### Business Career

- Previous owner of Dieruf Hardware, now owned and operated by his daughter and son-in-law. Dieruf Hardware, which opened in 1946, is the oldest continuously operating family-owned business in the City of Jeffersontown.
- University of Louisville School of Business Management substitute professor where Mayor Dieruf's emphasis was in teaching his students the “WOW” value of customer service.

Susan Tyler Witten is running for District 31 of the State legislator. Mrs. Witten's family moved to Douglass Hills in 1971. She was on the swim and dive teams for the Hurricanes. Mrs. Witten was a product of Jefferson County Public Schools. She is a graduate of Transylvania University. Mrs. Witten Works at Consolidated Electrical Distributors - Texarkana as a lighting specialist. Mrs. Witten kindly asks for your vote in the May primary election.

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Claudette Patton is originally from Louisville, attended Jefferson County Public Schools and graduated three times from the University of Louisville earning her Bachelor's, Masters and law degrees. She grew up on Jefferson Hill in Fairdale, KY.

After earning her two teaching degrees in education and as a reading specialist, she was encouraged by Governor Martha Layne Collins and other women leaders in Kentucky to attend law school.

During law school, Claudette became one of the first female law clerks in the law office of criminal defense attorney Frank Haddad, Jr. where she learned from one of the country's most prominent criminal defense lawyers. In her final year of law school, Claudette was honored to be selected for Law Review for the Journal of Family Law while also serving as Editor of the Journal of Law and Education.

Graduating law school, Claudette served the Commonwealth in Frankfort as an Assistant Attorney General under the leadership of David Armstrong where she helped establish the first Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control unit to investigate and prosecute patient abuse and neglect. She also helped ensure the financial integrity of the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program, holding healthcare providers accountable for fraudulently billing or abuse of the Medicaid system.

Claudette was then selected for a two-year Legal Clerk assignment by Judge Charles Mengel Allen, of the US District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

Following her valuable judicial and courtroom experience with the US District Court, Claudette joined the Louisville law firm of Roach, Becker & Wheat where she expanded her courtroom experience with civil, commercial and intellectual property cases with the regions highly regarded intellectual property attorney, Jack Wheat.

Drawing from her extensive legal, business and education experience, Claudette was able to spend the next years as a law, ethics and business transactions professor and seminar teacher with various assignments in Europe, China and the United States, including Hunan University, University of Miami, and the University of Louisville. The flexibility in these assignments allowed her to support her daughter's competitive figure skating training as the family traveled extensively while basing from Sun Valley, Idaho.

Returning to Kentucky full-time, Claudette soon associated with the highly regarded litigation firm, Wilhoit Law Office and managing partner William H. Wilhoit where she enjoyed a successful practice in commercial and civil litigation, family law, and wills and estates. She served with Teen Court on FAIR (Family, Accountability, Intervention, and Response) Teams working in conjunction with court designated workers to keep juveniles out of the formal court system by providing greater access to treatment services and diversion programs, often meaning the difference between a bright future and one with layers of lifelong challenges.

Always a proponent of volunteer community service and youth mentoring, Claudette was selected by the Governor to receive the Kentucky Volunteer Service Award at a State Capitol Ceremony for her tireless dedication to mentoring youth in support of the US Congressional Award Foundation. In 2018, the White House also recognized Claudette's lifetime achievements with the President's Volunteer Service Award for youth mentorship and community service, highlighting her as a distinguished youth advisor and mentor for at-risk youth with the US Congressional Award Foundation in Washington, DC.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS-** Dick Snider wanted to know what Douglass Hills can do about people walking in the streets and not using the walks.

Bedia Peters spoke about the Gatehouse Lane parking project. Mrs. Peters stated that she liked greenspace. She did not want to see Warren Walker Park become all concrete.

Glen Hedgspeth spoke regarding the Gatehouse Lane parking project. Mr. Hedgspeth stated that he was concerned about cars backing up onto Gatehouse Lane. He stated that it is a safety and aesthetics issue. Mr. Hedgspeth indicated that Douglass Hills would be better off spending the money on sidewalks in the city.

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT-**

- Mayor Jung announced that pool passes are available for 2022.
- Tennis Technology has painted pickle ball lines on the tennis courts.
- Mayor Jung has contracted with 502 Horns for Thunder Over the Hills on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- Mr. Mark Madison, of Milestone Design Group, submitted a report concerning conditions of roads and sidewalks.

**OLD BUSINESS-** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS-** JOHN SHEREK, 502 FINCHLEY CT, VARIANCE FOR A FENCE- Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to approve the fence variance at 502 FINCHLEY CT. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was 4-0 unanimous.

**-RAY CHAWANSKY, 11610 RUNNING CREEK RD, VARIANCE FOR A FENCE--** Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to table the fence variance at 11610 RUNNING CREEK RD Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was 4-0 unanimous.

**-ELITE HOMES HAS ASKED DOUGLASS HILLS TO OPEN FARMINGHAM RD TO ENCLAVES (DISCUSSION OF THE PLAN)** After much discussion Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to abide by the binding elements between Elite Homes and Douglass Hills not to open Farmingham Road until the last home is finished in the Enclaves. Mr. Riddle include a requirement for Douglass Hills to set a public meeting with the citizens of the Enclaves and surrounding streets that might be affected. Seconded by Mr. Middleton. The vote was 4-0 unanimous.

**-PROJECT GRADUATION EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL** Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to grant PROJECT GRADUATION EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL \$200. Seconded by Mr. Middleton. The vote was 4-0 unanimous.

**-MOVE MAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE** after much discussion the May regular City Council Meeting has been moved to Wednesday May 4, 2022, at 7:00pm as a Special Council Meeting.

**-CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #10, SERIES 2022 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE APPROVAL FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)** Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to grant **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #10, SERIES 2022 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE APPROVAL FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)**. Seconded by Mr. Middleton. The vote was 4-0 unanimous.

**-CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #1, SERIES 2022 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS.** Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to introduce a first reading to resend and replace the new mayor's pay from \$45,000 to \$24,000. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The **motion** passed with a 3-1 vote. Mr. Middleton was the Nay vote.

**-A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE** has been set for Wednesday April 20, 2022, at 7:00pm.

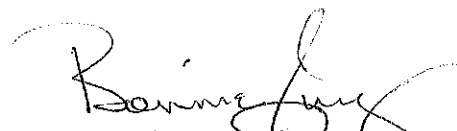
-Mrs. Eubanks asked the City Council to consider reseeding the common area behind Bowmore Court.

**ADJOURMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Riddle. The vote was 4-0 unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clay Porter, City Clerk

  
Bonnie Jung, Mayor