# City of Douglass Hills

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# MINUTES Special Council Meeting May 23, 2024, Page 1

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Bonnie Jung at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Members of the Council in attendance were Jeff Riddle, Denise Scarpellini, Bill Middleton, Patti Eubanks, Neil Sandefur, City Clerk Clay Porter and City Treasurer Holly Sanford, Public Works Director Burke Davis, City Attorney John Singler, were also in attendance. Matthew Nelson was absent from the meeting.

OFF DUTY POLICE- Mr. Darrell Spurgeon was absent from the meeting. Mayor Jung stated that Off Duty Police services will be performing 120 hours per month during the summer. Off Duty Police Services will be shifting more hours to early am when most crime occurs.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **April 25**, 2024, City Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; Mrs. Scarpellini seconded by. The **motion** passed unanimously 5-0.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Sandefur moved to accept the **March 2024** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Riddle. The **motion** passed unanimously 5-0.

<u>PUBLIC WORKS REPORT</u> Mr. Burke Davis reported that the Public Works Department has been cleaning out common areas around the city to prepare for mowing season. Mr. Davis has been mulching beds around the city. Public Works has been helping the Events Committee with the set up and breakdown of various events in the city. Mr. Davis expects to add a part-time worker for the summer. Mr. Riddle reported that the light at the entrance of Burnsdale Road has been repaired and is in working order.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS- NONE**

SAFETY COMMITTEE- Mr. Jerry McGraw was absent from the meeting. Mr. Jeff Riddle spoke about a complaint of speeding on Dunbar Place. The radar machine indicated speeds from 18mph to 30mph on Dunbar Place. The Safety Committee recommended repainting the crosswalks and stop bars in the city, which should be done in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Riddle spoke about the requirements the Commonwealth of KY has to repaint the Blankenbaker wall. He stated that it would be very costly for Douglass Hills to incur. The Safety Committee recommended buying two more Flock Cameras and a new speed detection device for the city. Also, the Safety Committee discussed purchasing rumble bumps and humps to address speeding in the city.

**TREE COMMITTEE-** Mrs. Lynn Carrie reported that tree give away on Earth Day was extremely popular. The Tree Committee would like to have another tree give away in September. The Tree Committee purchased a Swamp Oak to plant in Warren Walker Park for the City's 50th anniversary. The Tree Committee is investigating a tree grant from MSD. Mrs. Carrie spoke to City Attorney John Singler about revising the city's tree ordinance.

**EVENT COORDINTOR-** Mrs. Jennie Norfleet spoke about recent events in the city. Jazz in the Park had roughly 200 people in attendance. Mrs. Norfleet spoke about how fantastic the Farmers Market event was with thirty vendors. She highlighted upcoming events such as the city-wide yard sale and Movie Night in the park (Grease)on 06/08/2024. Also, Thunder in the Hills fireworks show on 07/06/2024. Mayor Jung suggested doing a new survey for the citizens of Douglass Hills. Mayor Jung spoke about the demographics changing in the city. She believes a survey would benefit the City Council's planning for the future of the city.

<u>PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE-</u> Mr. Jeff Riddle stated that Hagan Properties had a neighborhood meeting on 05/22/2024 regarding Sweetwater Development. Mr. Riddle stated that about 35 people attended the meeting. Mr. Riddle stated that Hagan Properties has not submitted the plans for Sweetwater Development to Louisville Metro Planning and Design.

RECREATION COMMITTEE- Mr. Neil Sandefur spoke about the new concession stand vendor at the swim pool. Her name is Dani Merritt, and she owns Yummy Nosh Catering. Mr. Sandefur stated that the pool pass sales are up from last year. The Recreation Committee got estimates for additional shade at the swimming pool. The first was an extension to the baby pool shade at a cost of \$125,000. The second was an extension of shade from the breezeway to the pool house at a cost of \$370,000. The second area would have rentable space for parties. Mr. Sandefur stated that having plans drawn to go to bid will cost the city \$9,000. Lastly, the tennis courts need to be refurbished sooner than later. The Recreation Committee had discussed adding a diving well or lap pool to the rear of the tennis courts. He stated that the logistics of the tennis courts and possible swimming pool addition would need to be determined before bidding the refurbishing of the tennis courts.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- NONE** 

#### MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT-

- Mayor Jung reported that Farmers Market and Shred-It Event went well.
- Mayor Jung stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on 06/06/2024 @ 6:00pm. She stated that Douglass Hills will be having a Special Council meeting on 06/19/2024 @ 6:00pm.
- Mayor Jung told the City Council that she is signing a cooperative agreement with Louisville Metro Government for disaster and emergency money.
- Mayor Jung spoke about adding an audio/video system to the council room at city hall to live stream city council meetings.

### **OLD BUSINESS-** NONE

NEW BUSINESS- CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #6, SERIES 2024 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE MOWING CONTRACT FOR THE CITY Mr. Riddle made a motion to accept Quality Mowing letter rescinding their contract with Douglass Hills and rebid the mowing contract CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #6, SERIES 2024 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE MOWING CONTRACT FOR THE CITY. Mrs. Scarpellini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Clay Porter, City Clerk

Bonnie Jung, Mayor