

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES Council Meeting February 6, 2024, Page 1

Mayor Jung was absent from the meeting. Mrs. Scarpellini made a **motion** to make Mr. Jeff Riddle Mayor Pro-tem for the meeting; the **motion** was seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Councilperson Riddle at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2025. Members of the Council were Jeff Riddle, Denise Scarpellini, Bill Middleton, Patti Eubanks, Neil Sandefur, Matthew Nelson, City Attorney John Singler, City Clerk Clay Porter and City Treasurer Holly Sanford, were also in attendance. Public Works Director Burke Davis was absent from the meeting.

**OFF DUTY POLICE-** Mr. Darrell Spurgeon reported that there have been reports of car break-ins in Douglass Hills. Mr. Spurgeon encouraged citizens to file police reports with the LMPD 8<sup>th</sup> Division to increase police patrols within Douglass Hills.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 5, 2024, the City Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Eubanks. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Sandefur moved to accept **November 2024** Treasurer's report: seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Nelson moved to accept **December 2024** Treasurer's report: seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Burke Davis absent from the meeting. Mr. Riddle reported that crews worked for over 200 hours plowing and salting roads in Douglass Hills. The city laid down 70 tons of salt. The cost of the last snow event was roughly \$23,000. Mr. Riddle reported few complaints other than snow blocking the ends of the driveways and mailboxes.

**GUEST SPEAKERS-** Mrs. Grace Simrall and Mr. Darren Stout with Lumos Fiber spoke regarding a franchise agreement with Douglass Hills. Lumos Fiber would like to install underground fiber optic lines in the right-of-way in Douglass Hills. Lumos Fiber currently has franchise agreements with Louisville Metro, City of Middletown and other Home Rule Cities in Jefferson County. Lumos Fiber proposes installing flush mounted underground boxes throughout the city. Representatives stated that there will be no above ground boxes installed within the municipal boundaries of Douglass Hills. Representatives believed that this process would take approximately sixty days to complete. City residents will be updated by Lumos Fiber via door hangers, emails and a project tracker. Lumos Fiber will repair any damage including reseeding

grass, sidewalks and street. According to the representatives any complaints will be resolved in up to five business days. Lumos Fiber representatives will be sending the City Clerk photographs and videos of past projects to share with the City Council and citizens.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**- NONE

**TREE COMMITTEE**- Mr. Morgan Herndon and Mrs. Lynn Carrie reported that the Tree Committee is getting estimates to treat trees on Kirkham Road for ash bores and fertilization.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**- Mr. Sandefur spoke about the shade for the swimming pool, drainage and tennis courts being completed by this spring. Mr. Sandefur reported that the Recreation Committee reviewed the revenue and expense report for the swimming pool. The Recreation Committee advised the City Council to increase the pool rates for 2025. Mr. Sandefur reported that the Recreation Committee will be looking for a new Event Coordinator to replace Mrs. Jennie Norfleet. Mr. Sandefur reported that the job description will be advertised soon.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** -Mr. Jeff Riddle reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee have not met recently.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**- Mrs. Janet Mattingly voiced concern over the rumble strips that have been placed in front of her house on Gatehouse Lane. Mrs. Mattingly stated that she believes that the noise from the rumble stripes could decrease the value of her property. Mrs. Mattingly spoke about the City Council saying that there is a six-month review on the rumble strips. She requested that the City Council vote on whether to remove or replace the rumble strips.

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT**-

- Mr. Jeff Riddle reported that the remaining ARPA money has been allocated by the City of Douglass Hills for refurbishing the tennis courts and additional swimming pool shade.
- Mr. Riddle reported few complaints other than snow blocking the ends of the driveways and mailboxes. Snow removal cost approximately \$23,000 with 70 tons of salt spread around the city.

**OLD BUSINESS- SECOND READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO. #7, SERIES 2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TREE BOARD AND RELATED ORDINANCES** Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to accept the **FIRST READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO. #7, SERIES 2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TREE BOARD AND RELATED ORDINANCES** Seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Middleton Yea, Mr. Riddle Yea, Mr. Nelson Yea, Mrs. Eubanks Yea, Mrs. Scarpellini Yea, Mr. Sandefur Yea. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS- FIRST READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #1, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USER FEES FOR USE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS SWIMMING POOL.** Mr. Sandefur made a **motion** to accept the **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #1, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USER FEES FOR USE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS SWIMMING POOL**. Seconded by Mrs. Eubanks. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

**FIRST READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A UNIFORM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.** Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to accept the **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A UNIFORM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**. The **motion** was seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote. After much discussion Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to rescind his motion to accept **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A UNIFORM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT** and made a **motion** to table **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A UNIFORM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT** until the next City Council meeting. The **motion** was seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

**THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KY RESOLUTION NO# 1, SERIES 2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, OPPOSING ANY BILLS BROUGHT FORTH DURING THE 2025 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE, IN FULL OR IN PART, THAT PROVIDES FOR THE MANDATED CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL FEES/TAXES BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY OR OTHER THIRD PARTIES.** Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to accept **THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KY RESOLUTION NO#1, SERIES 2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, OPPOSING ANY BILLS BROUGHT FORTH DURING THE 2025 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE, IN FULL OR IN PART, THAT PROVIDES FOR THE MANDATED CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL FEES/TAXES BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY OR OTHER THIRD PARTIES**. Seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

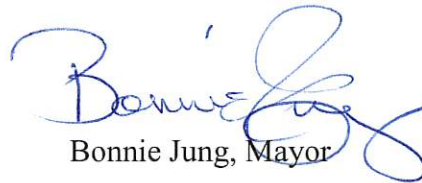
Councilmember Jeff Riddle addressed the issue of a recreational vehicle parking on Rannoch Lane. Mr. Riddle walked from door to door speaking to all but three of the residents on Rannoch Lane and Rannoch Court. One resident stated that it can be difficult to get around if two cars are trying to pass the recreational vehicle at the same time. The rest of the residents had no complaints regarding the recreational vehicle parking on Rannoch Lane. Mr. Riddle stated that the biggest complain was about cats killing small animals and leaving them on neighbors' door stoops.

**ADJOURMENT**

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