

City of Douglass Hills

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MINUTES Special Council Meeting **June 26, 2025, Page 1**

A Special Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Bonnie Jung at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Members of the Council were Denise Scarpellini, Bill Middleton, Neil Sandefur, Patti Eubanks, Matthew Nelson, and Jeff Riddle. Public Works Director Burke Davis, City Attorney John Singler, City Treasurer Holly Sanford, City Clerk Clay Porter were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of **June 6, 2025**, the City Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- NONE

MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT-

- Mayor Jung stated that at the July Council meeting Publix will have representatives to speak about the development of the old Walmart property.
- Mayor Jung invited citizens to participate in the city-wide yard sale on June 28, 2025.
- Mayor Jung announced movie night, Sand Lot, on June 28, 2025, in Warren Walker Park.
- Mayor Jung announced that the Thunder in the Hill will be on July 5, 2025. We will have fireworks, 12 food trucks, and the band Wax Factory.
- Mayor Jung stated that the gazebo in Warren Walker Park is being repainted, and having new lighting installed.
- Mayor Jung announced that the slide at the swimming pool is broken and will cost \$56,000 plus to replace. Mayor Jung stated that the city is getting a structural engineer to evaluate the slide for possible repairs.
- Mayor Jung stated that the slide at the Bill Lile Playground was damaged by a vendor. The city is getting estimate to replace the slide.

OLD BUSINESS- TAX HEARING Read by Attorney John Singler

City of Douglass Hills, KY will hold a KRS 132.027 public hearing for its 2025 real property tax rate 6 p.m. June 26th, 2025, at 219 Moser Rd., Louisville, KY 40223. The 2024 tax rate \$.00176 produced \$1,083,610.00. The compensating tax rate for 2025 is \$.00174. The proposed 2025 tax rate of \$.00179 would produce \$1,124,012.00 with the expected revenue spent on general government expenses. The General Assembly requires publication of this advertisement.

Per Mayor Jung

The 2025-26 budget for the City of Douglass Hills will focus primarily on maintenance and anticipated repairs to city property and facilities.

Total anticipated revenue for the city is \$2.13 million dollars, with possible expenses at \$2.254 million dollars. General Revenue will be fluid, due to possible new revenue in licenses, bank deposits, and franchise income.

Anticipated Expenses from the 3 major funds:

General fund - \$1,280,000.

Road Fund-\$191,500.

Pool Fund-\$242,547.

There are 2 categories within the budget that may reach a deficit will depend on the cost of repairs or replacements.

Pool-

Income continues to be healthy which has helped the pool be self-sustaining since 2011. The award-winning Douglass Hills Swim and Dive team (that averages over 300 swimmers and divers), has continued to be the catalysis that brings a substantial amount of income to the facility.

The two anticipated large expenses will be to replace the 16-year-old pump motor, and either repairs or replacement of our 20-year-old slide.

Road Fund

The state legislature continues to hold the keys to all city's road funding. The 1947 Road Tax is split 3 ways with the state, county, and cities splitting the .25 cent per gallon road tax. Up until last year, the state failed to collect road tax on electric and hybrid cars. Whereas this amount may not be significant, it certainly helps increase our funds.

Despite the astronomical cost of materials, and the uncontrollable weather, we will continue to replace deteriorating roads and sidewalks. Appropriations of \$191,500 include \$40,000 in anticipated snow removal.

Public Works is our largest category of appropriations with \$641,717.00 in expenses.

Subcategories of this account include:

Maintenance salaries, taxes.

Event coordinator salary and taxes

Tree Services

Mowing, landscaping

City wide utilities (water)

Holiday decorations, and entertainment in the park

Entrances maintenance

Both Parks maintenance and repairs

In conclusion, it has always been the mission of this administration and council to present a balanced budget, and to provide excellent and affordable services to our citizens, while maintaining a safe and progressive environment that folks want to raise their families together.

-SECOND READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO #4, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026. Mr. Sandefur made a **motion** to accept the **SECOND READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO #4, SERIES 2025 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.**

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

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

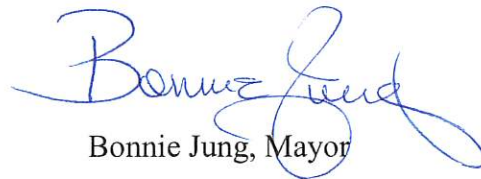
ADJOURMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was 6-0 unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly Sanford, Treasurer



Bonnie Jung, Mayor