

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES Special Council Meeting **January 15, 2026, 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, January 15, 2026. Members of the Council were Denise Scarpellini, Bill Middleton, Matthew Nelson, Jeff Riddle, Neil Sandefur, Patti Eubanks, City Clerk Clay Porter, City Attorney John Singler, City Treasurer Holly Sanford, were also in attendance.

**OFF DUTY POLICE-** Mr. Darrell Spurgen was absent from the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of **December 4, 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.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Middleton moved to accept **November 2025** Treasurer's report: seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

**SWEETWATER SPRINGS DISCUSSION** The City Council discussed Louisville Metro Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning change. The City of Douglass Hills City Council will make the final decision on the zoning change. The City of Douglass Hills Planning and Zoning Committee will work with the City Engineer to review development plans to ensure there is compliance with Douglass Hills development code. Louisville Metro Planning Commission used several development standards that do not comply with Douglass Hills' ordinances of development. The Sweetwater Springs developer is working with their engineering team to correct these issues. The City Council discussed the binding elements that apply to the development. Sweet water Springs will be developed in two phases, being residential and commercial. The residential phase does not meet the Commonwealth of Kentucky standards for a traffic light on Blankenbaker Parkway. The second phase of the development, which is commercial, could justify a traffic light on Blankenbaker Parkway.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Mr. Burke Davis reported that during the last snow event that Douglass Hills vendor Miller Mowing and Landscape had a truck breakdown during plowing. Douglass Hills Public Works cleared the main thoroughfares and then the secondary streets. Both replacement slides for Bill Lile playground have been delivered and are ready to be installed by the playground vendor.

**GUEST SPEAKERS-NONE**

**TREE COMMITTEE**- Morgan Herdon of the Tree Committee reported that the Tree Committee has completed documentation of the Falkirk Rd planting for reimbursement from an MSD grant. MSD will be performing an audit of the Falkirk Rd planting.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**- Mr. Neil Sandefur reported that the Recreation Committee reviewed swimming pool pass rates for 2026 to recommend to the City Council.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** -Mr. Jeff Riddle set the next meeting for February 2, 2026 @ 5:30pm to discuss Sweetwater Springs zoning case.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE** Debbi Blakley reported that the holiday event in Warren Walker Park was well attended despite the cold weather. Mrs. Blakley stated that the Event Committee has developed a rough draft for 2026 city events which includes twelve events. The Event Committee is starting a new event this year called "Slide Into Summer" which will include a band and food.

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT-**

- Mayor Jung reported that Bayle Burke has asked the city to build a new bike rack for his Eagle Scout Project.
- Mayor Jung spoke about Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's proposal to rebuild Watterson Trail.

**OLD BUSINESS- NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS- CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #1, SERIES 2026 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USER FEES FOR USE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS SWIMMING POOL** Mr. Sandefur moved to accept **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE #1, SERIES 2026 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USER FEES FOR USE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS SWIMMING POOL**: seconded by Mr. Riddle. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- NONE**

Mrs. Patti Eubanks, seventeen-year city council member, announced her resignation from Douglass Hills City Council. Mayor Jung thanked Mrs. Eubanks for her hard work and dedication to the City of Douglass Hills. Mayor Jung stated that per the Kentucky Revised Statutes the City Council has thirty days to appoint a new City Council member.

**ADJOURMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Clay Porter, City Clerk



Bonnie Jung, Mayor