

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 2019 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
4200 River Road (40207)
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Frank Doheny
Laura Dunbar
Lee Garlove
LuAnn George
James Giesel
Kate Lindsay
Kay Matton
Gary Ulmer
Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

City Treasurer: Robin Roberts

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Alice Cowley	5538 Tecumseh Circle	Observe

1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Recognize any Visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized the visitor.

3) Minutes – Mailed

(a) December Minutes – Councillor Giesel moved to approve the December Minutes as mailed; seconded by Councillor Garlove; motion passed unanimously.

4) Committee Reports – Mailed

(a) Finance and Budget Report

1. Treasurer’s Report- December (Dunbar) – Councillor Dunbar presented the Treasurer’s Report to Council.

2. Approval of Disbursements (City & Police Disbursement Details-December)

Councillor Ulmer moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and approve City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.

(b) Public Safety Report – Spratt & Doheny & Garlove

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt – December – Chief Spratt’s report included two crimes, two collisions and year-to-date stats.

(c) Public Works & Building

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – December/January – Mr. Graven’s report included Turner Development update; an issue between a Calumet resident & the Country Club regarding cut trees; potholes; Winding Falls sidewalks are not complete due to weather; Jan 12th snow, plowing/salting went well; River Hill Rd. improvements working out well; drainage work will be done on the Totem and Wampum next week; new house being built on Lot 72 Westwind; Lot 74 Westwind is back on the market.

Councillor Doheny moved to return the \$66,000 bond to Mr. Turner; Councillor Zinniel seconded. Following discussion, Councillor Doheny withdrew the motion. Councillor Doheny moved to refund to Mr. Turner \$60,000 of the \$66,000 in bonds that he has posted to date; Councillor Dunbar seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Mayor Hancock stated Eco-Tech has scheduled a tour of the recycling facility for some of the Councilmembers for January 23rd.

6) Councilmembers Comments – Councillor George moved that the Council:

1. Create a committee composed of up to the legal limit of four (4) council members, to include the moving member and council member Mimi Zinniel, to serve on an ongoing basis as an educational and advisory resource on Best Management Practices to preserve and enhance the beauty and health of Indian Hills’ natural environment and eco-system.

2. The Committee will use the Comprehensive 2040 Plan as a guiding document and will utilize other resources as appropriate.

3. No money will be expended without the advance authorization of the council or, between council meetings, the Mayor.

4. The motion recognizes the environmental concerns of property owners regarding a need for Indian Hills to maintain the city as an attractive, current & updated place to live, the need to maintain its property values as environmental changes occur and generally maintain its quality status of Indian Hills in the community.

5. The committee will present to the Council no later than February 2019 its general plan of action to fulfill its objective as described in Paragraph 2; motion seconded by Councillor Zinniel.

Attorney Cato stated that forming a committee is an executive function; it is completely appropriate for a councilmember to approach/call the Mayor and say they are interested in forming a committee for such and such so everybody kind of works together.

Attorney Cato advises Council against sending group emails where there would be a quorum in an email chain because it may be considered to be in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Following discussion, Councillor George withdrew her motion; she and Councillor Zinniel will meet with Mayor Hancock to discuss the formation of such a Committee and a general plan of action that includes more detail. An update may be provided at the next meeting.

7) Old Business

(a) Website – Mayor Hancock reported Steve Gruebbel will continue posting minutes, etc., on the City’s website at no cost until the new website is complete.

8) New Business

(a) Kentucky League of Cities – Membership – Councillor Matton moved for the City to join the Kentucky League of Cities at a cost not to exceed \$975 for dues; Councillor Zinniel seconded; motion passed

unanimously.

(b) Statement of Financial Interest – Due from elected officials by January 31, 2019 – Attorney Cato stated the City has adopted a Code of Ethics Ordinance. It requires each elected official to fill out a Statement of Financial Interest to be turned in by January 31st. Typically, the Ethics Board keeps the originals on file but the ordinance provides the Ethics Board may designate an official custodian to keep them on file. Mayor Hancock has talked with the Ethics Board members and they agreed to designate the City Clerk as the official custodian of the Statements.

(c) Potential Conflicts of Interest – Mayor Hancock stated he would like the Minutes to reflect three potential conflicts of interest; one being himself. He works for Republic Bank and the City has an account with Republic Bank; Jim Graven is the owner of Steepleton and Steepleton snow plows for the City; Penny Blanchard cleans the City and Police offices weekly for \$60 per cleaning and has a relationship with Chief Spratt. Chief Spratt stated part of having access to any police facility an employee or contractor must be CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) compliant which is controlled by the FBI. Penny Blanchard is employed by the Jefferson County Sheriff's office and meets those requirements.

9) Legal – Cato

Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2019 (Item 9) (b) on Agenda) – Appointment of Police Officer (Shrout) – Attorney Cato read Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2019 relating to the appointment of full-time Police Officer Christopher L. Shrout effective January 1, 2019; Councillor Garlove moved to approve Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2019; seconded by Councillor Matton; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1, Series 2019 (Item 9) (a) on Agenda) - Amending Ordinance No. 09-01 – Estate Sales – Introduction of Ordinance No. 1, Series 2019 made by Councillor Dunbar; first reading given by Attorney Cato.

10) Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock informed Council that the Code of Ordinance book is outdated so he did not want to make copies of an outdated book to give them but the Code of Ordinances is on the City's website.

11) Executive Session and/or Adjournment – Councillor Ulmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

Thursday – February 21, 2019
6:00 p.m. – Louisville Boat Club

Chip Hancock, Mayor

Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk