

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 18, 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 - Absent  
Lee Garlove - Absent

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

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Cathie Astorino	130 Council Rd.	Observe
Bob Astorino	130 Council Rd.	Indian Hills Tree Program
Jamie Swyers	203 Council Rd.	Landscaping
Pam Rogers	55 Tepee Rd.	Drainage
Alice Cowley	Indian Hills Village	Observe

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any Visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized the visitors.
  - (a) Bob Astorino – Tree Program Update – Mr. Astorino reported/provided a 2018 year-end update on the Tree Program and plans for 2019.
- 3) Minutes – Mailed
  - (a) March Minutes – Councillor Doheny moved to approve the March Minutes as mailed; seconded by Councillor Matton; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Committee Reports - Mailed
  - (a) Finance and Budget Report
    1. Treasurer’s Report- March (Dunbar) – In Councillor Dunbar’s absence, Councillor Ulmer presented the Treasurer’s Report to Council.
      2. Approval of Disbursements (City & Police Disbursement Details-March) – Councillor Matton moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and approve the City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Hancock asked Council for approval to move forward in engaging Dean Dorton to do the annual audit at a cost of \$12,000, same as last year's cost. Following discussion, Councillor Zinniel moved to approve the expenditure of \$12,000 to engage Dean Dorton to do the annual audit; seconded by Councillor Giesel; motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hancock informed Council the State Auditor's letter recommended five changes; he, Councillors Ulmer and Dunbar, City Accountant Robin Roberts and if needed, Jim Tencza (Dean Dorton) will work on this.

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt – March – Chief Spratt's report included 98 calls for service in Indian Hills; 49 traffic stops; three criminal reports in Indian Hills, five arrests, and year-to-date stats.

(b) Public Works & Building

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – February/March – Mr. Graven's report included, in part, working on plantings and beds; storm damaged trees in Locust Hill, trees replaced; Poplar Crest Rd. rose bushes lost due to winter, will replace with boxwoods and install irrigation system; weeds were cleared and dead trees were removed from Westwind Rd. at Indian Hills Trail, new trees to be planted after Derby; cleared weeds and honeysuckle on Indian Hills Trail at I-71; bushes on Indian Hills Trail at River Road that were lost due to last year's flood waters were replaced; Rio Vista gate area, Cunningham's Overhead Door provided best price of \$8645 for solar panel. Attorney Cato stated the City has an ordinance that says no person shall obstruct any street within the city by erecting a fence or building; he will investigate this further. Mr. Graven continued his report: shrubs were planted in the island near the Rio Vista gate. Mr. Kirchdorfer donated an irrigation system and will pay for the water; Tepee Road drainage no longer a problem; received a better price of \$20,137 for a wooden guard rail instead of \$37,664 and may get another quote; Rudy at Dunn Elementary drainage issue fixed; spring paving project update.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Mayor Hancock informed Council the contract with Eco-Tech will expire June 30, 2020.

Councillor Zinniel reminded Councilmembers about the tour of West Rock Recycling Center that is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

6) Councilmembers Comments – Councillor Zinniel asked Council for formal approval for establishing an Environmental Committee. The objective of the committee is to facilitate very proactive, short term and long term, programs to help preserve and protect Indian Hills natural resource assets in all four sections of the city. She also asked for the Council's consideration of earmarking \$20,000 in FYE 2020 for various committee programs; such as, public education, seminars, how-to-videos, hiring, on a part-time basis, a TRAQ (Tree Risk Assessment Qualified) certified arborist for advice and recommendations; and at some point, engaging residents in volunteer activities. Following lengthy discussion, as recommended by Attorney Cato and as permitted by Council, he will, with assistance of Councillors Zinniel and George, prepare a Municipal Order establishing an Environmental Committee. Councillor Giesel stated for the record what he has heard tonight, an education program, hiring a part-time arborist and working with volunteers, he is fine with all three but he is not fine with having the word "beautification" in the Municipal Order. Attorney Cato will have the Municipal Order for next month's meeting.

7) Old Business

(a) Website – Chief Spratt reported the redeveloped website is up and running.

8) New Business – Mayor Hancock reported the City has been contacted by someone with River Fields. They are requesting using the City to file for some funding to beautify a tract of land that is in the City of Indian Hills and

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is owned by River Fields. The property is across from the Islamic Center. They will be asking Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for funding to help with this project. River Fields will put a proposal together and send it; they are only asking the City to support it. Following discussion, Councillor Matton moved that the City sponsor River Fields in their efforts in applying for some funding from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the beautification project on the property within the City located across from the Islamic Center; seconded by Councillor George; motion passed unanimously.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Annexations – Locust Grove & Phoenix Hill Court – Attorney Cato reported the surveyor has done the fieldwork for the annexations and they are working on the paperwork. If he receives the paperwork prior to the next Council meeting, he will give first readings of ordinances approving the annexations at the meeting.

Rio Vista Gate - Attorney Cato read City Ordinance 12.04.030 Street and Sidewalk Obstruction to the Council. Following discussion, the Council agreed to have Attorney Cato consider preparing a Municipal Order allowing the Rio Vista gate to remain based on the fact the City is not a “person” as mentioned in the City’s ordinance and it is in the City’s right-of-way.

10) Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Hancock commented the Shredding Event was a success.

Mayor Hancock reported that he and the City Clerk had a meeting with a FEMA representative today at 9:00. The City will be reimbursed 87% of the City’s 2018 flood cleanup cost of \$41,505 or approximately \$36,000. FEMA denied the City’s application for Indian Hills Trail cleanup cost of \$24,000 because on FEMA’s map, it is considered a federal road so the City will need to file with the Federal Highway Administration for reimbursement of some of that expense.

11) Executive Session and/or Adjournment – Councillor Lindsay moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:  
Thursday – May 16, 2019  
6:00 p.m. – Louisville Boat Club

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Chip Hancock, Mayor

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Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk