

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2020 Minutes of Special Meeting
Zoom Video Teleconference
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Frank Doheny (had technical issues)
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
Lee Garlove
LuAnn George
James Giesel
Kay Matton
Gary Ulmer
Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

ABSENT

Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitor: John Harralson III

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2) Swearing in of Officers – Attorney Cato swore in the newly elected Councilmembers. Mayor Hancock asked that they sign and return the Oaths of Office to the City Clerk. Attorney Cato will notarize them since he swore them in.
- 3) Minutes – Emailed – November – Councillor Dunbar moved to approve the November Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councillor Matton; none opposed.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)
 1. Report – November – Councillor Ulmer presented November’s Finance Report to Council.

Mayor Hancock informed Council that today he made a deposit of \$214,600 which is the CARES Act funds; and a deposit of \$31,000 which was the PNC Bank tax on their deposits.

Mayor Hancock stated the City’s application with the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) is complete. KLC emailed a couple of other forms to him which are required by PNC. Councillors Ulmer, Dunbar and the Mayor have decided to wait until after the first of the year when most of the tax money has been received to determine how much may be invested and what investments to make with PNC.

Councillor George asked and Mayor Hancock will send out a copy of this year’s budget/line items so the

Council may review it to see if they would like to suggest any changes.

Councillor Matton moved to accept the November Financial Report as presented; seconded by Councillor George; none opposed.

2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – November – Councillor Dunbar moved to approve the November City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Matton; none opposed.

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

Chief Spratt stated that Councillor Doheny has had technical issues and has not been able to return to the meeting, but he wants to publicly offer his thanks for all of Councillor Doheny's assistance and his ear over the last 14 years. He has been a big help when it was needed.

Mayor Hancock informed Chief Spratt that Mr. Harralson will be on the Public Safety Committee in Councillor Doheny's absence. Mr. Harralson and Chief Spratt are looking forward to working with each other.

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt – Chief Spratt's report included two criminal reports, three traffic collisions, one arrest/criminal citation, traffic citations issued and year-to-date stats.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – Mayor Hancock stated Mr. Graven is feeling better, and is now taking phone calls from residents. He is addressing some permit calls the Mayor received; and addressing some sign matters.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven – No report

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George – Councillor George

1. Report – November – Councillor Zinniel informed Council that there will be a Bur Oak tree planted in Sagamore Park and a posted plaque to honor Councillor Doheny's service to the City and retirement from Council.

Councillor George stated there are five dead-standing trees throughout the City; two on Totem, two on Arrowhead and one in Sagamore Park. We may want to notify Cornerstone to take down the trees over the winter months when it is cheaper for the City. Mayor Hancock asked Councillor George to email the list to him and he will get it to Mr. Graven.

Councillor George reminded Council that Kristin Booker, Landscape Architect, will be present at next month's meeting. If the meeting will be by Zoom, it would be helpful for them to review the packets that were distributed at a previous meeting. If they have any questions, they could email them to her or Councillor Zinniel ahead of time so to get them to Ms. Booker before the meeting so the presentation may be done in a timely fashion. Councillor George will get the packet to Mr. Harralson.

6) Council Members Comments – Councillor Matton commented the guard rail on Calumet is almost non-existent and should be replaced. Mayor Hancock said he will get with Mr. Graven. Discussion.

7) Old Business

8) New Business

Mayor Hancock would like Council approval to issue a \$600 check to Louisville Boat Club's employee

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Christmas fund since nothing is charged to the City for its monthly meetings and as has been done in the past. Councillor Ulmer moved and Councillor Dunbar seconded to approve the expenditure of \$600 to Louisville Boat Club's employee Christmas fund; none opposed.

Mayor Hancock stated he has been receiving several calls from residents about a 6- or 7-foot concrete statue of Big Foot in someone's front yard on Hempstead. Attorney Cato will review the City's ordinances. Discussion.

9) Legal – Cato – Attorney Cato expressed his appreciation for Councillor Doheny's service and guidance.

(a) COVID 19 Funding – Attorney Cato informed Council that the Governor has allocated an additional \$50 million for COVID funding. The second round came up very quickly and there was very limited time to make application for it, so he wanted to thank Chief Spratt and Mayor Hancock for their hard work and assistance in getting it done by Friday which was the deadline. The City is to receive 30% of what the original COVID fund was for the first round, so the City should receive an additional \$66,000. We are just waiting for state approval.

10) Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock commented the City also will be giving a \$100 gift card to Mesh to Councillor Doheny.

Councillor Garlove said the KCD Bearcats are playing in their first State Championship Football Game. The Council agreed that tomorrow, December 18, 2020 will be KCD Football Day in the City of Indian Hills.

Mayor Hancock thanked everyone and wished a safe, happy, and wonderful Christmas to them. He is looking forward to working with everyone next year.

11) Adjournment – Councillor Matton moved to adjourn at 7:02 pm; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
Thursday – January 21, 2021
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor