

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2020 Minutes of Special Meeting
Webex Videoconference
6:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and stated we have a special meeting of the council of Indian Hills via videoconference as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic and it is not feasible to have it at our normal location at the Louisville Boat Club. Roll call was taken:

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

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

ABSENT

Attorney: Finn Cato-had technical issues & Chief Spratt helped him

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Mayor Hancock stated there is a typo on the Agenda. Disregard Item #2, Recognize Visitors. Guests are permitted to view and hear the videoconference meeting.

- 3) Minutes – Mailed
a. April Minutes – Councillor Matton moved to approve the April Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
(a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)
1. Report – April – Councillor Ulmer presented April Finance Report. There is not much change from the previous month. The City continues to track well and compared to budget we are up about \$26,000. Councillor Matton moved to accept the April Finance Report as presented; seconded by Councillor Doheny; motion passed unanimously.
2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – Apr – Councillor George moved to approve the April City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.
- (b) Public Safety Report – Doheny & Spratt & Garlove – See below (page 2)
- (c) Public Works & Building – Graven – Mr. Graven’s report included an update on landscaping, paving and permits; rescue of a six-week old branch owl that had fallen from a tree on Indian Hills Trail. Mr. Graven took the owl to Raptors of Kentucky. Once owl is recovered, it will be set free where it was found so its mother will find

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it. Following discussion, Councillor Matton approved a \$500 donation to Raptors of Kentucky; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven – Mr. Graven reported no problems that he is aware of. He responded to Councillor Dunbar’s question that the broken glass on Comanche had been cleaned up.

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George – Councillor George informed council that she and Councillor Zinniel are following up on Ms. English’s request for trees to be pruned and trimmed on Old Brownsboro Court by getting estimates of the cost of pruning those trees. The entrance to Brownsboro Court also needs to be weeded and mulched. Mr. Graven will take care of it.

Ms. English asked Councillor George about the missing green map sign which makes the third resident who has asked about it. Mayor Hancock stated that he and Jim has discussed this. Since it seems these days everyone has a GPS on their phones and the map sign would be very costly to replace, they thought it would be better to leave the area clean and save the City the expense.

6) Council Members Comments - None

7) Old Business

(a) LG&E Project – Update – Mr. Graven provided an updated report which was emailed with meeting documents to Council. Mr. Graven said he sees some opportunities for green spaces at areas that LG&E cleared. Such as across from 75 Westwind where they cleared all the way to the creek. It would be a nice little pull off for the runners and joggers. He asked Mr. Grismer if LG&E would pay for a park bench at that area. Mr. Grismer said if that is what the City wanted, he would place pea gravel under the bench and make a nice little green spot. Councillor George suggested they take a look at what he is talking about first before committing.

8) New Business - None

Public Safety Report – Doheny & Spratt & Garlove (Item #4) (b) 1. on Agenda – (Chief Spratt had been helping Attorney Cato with his technical issues up until this point of the meeting). Chief Spratt’s report included four criminal reports, two traffic collisions, one arrest, list of traffic citations and year-to-date stats.

9) Legal - Cato

(a) Municipal Order No. 4, Series 2020 – Ethics Committee Member Renewal-Woods

Councillor Dunbar introduced and Attorney Cato read Municipal Order No. 4, Series 2020 relating to the re-appointment of a member of the board of ethics of the City of Indian Hills (C. Laurence Woods, III). Councillor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 4, Series 2020; seconded by Councillor Dunbar. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Doheny	Yea	Mr. Giesel	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Yea	Mr. Ulmer	Yea
Ms. George	Yea	Ms. Zinniel	Yea

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 4, Series 2020)

(b) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2020 – Tax Rate FYE 06-30-2021 – First Reading – Councillor Dunbar introduced and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 2, Series 2020 relating to the levy of ad valorem taxes for the city purposes for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

(c) Ordinance No. 3, Series 2020 – Budget FYE 06-30-2021 – First Reading – Councillor Matton introduced and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 3, Series 2020 relating to the adoption of an annual budget

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for the City of Indian Hills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

(d) Ordinance No. 4, Series 2020 – Setting Compensations for City Officers – Councillor Dunbar introduced and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4, Series 2020 relating to setting compensations for City Officers.

10) Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock stated since it has been over 30 days without the City appointing someone to fill the vacancy on the council which was caused by Kate Lindsay resigning due to moving out of the city, the Governor will need to appoint someone. Four residents, Ann Dreisbach, Lee Maddox, Todd Whitchurch who all live in the Cherokee section of the City and Charles Kane who lives in the Country Club section are interested in filling the vacancy. Mr. Cato has spoken with the Deputy Chief Counsel at the Governor's office and was told the City may submit the four names along with any letters or resumes that were provided by them to the City and the Governor will appoint one of them.

Mayor Hancock informed Council that residents of Mockingbird Gardens would like to be annexed by the City of Indian Hill but that cannot happen because they are across the street from the City. They are not happy with their plantings and likes what our City is doing, and they are interested in police protection as well. Jim, Chief Spratt and the Mayor will look more into it. Chief Spratt will look at their call volume over the last couple of years.

The property that was donated to the City by Breck Jones has mostly been maintained by Mac Barr. Mr. Barr has asked Mayor Hancock if he can remove a dead tree that is on this property. Robert Rollins has notified the City that the tree is dead. Knowing that Mr. Barr has built a platform/treehouse that is supported by the tree, Mayor Hancock told Mr. Barr that if the dead tree is cut down, he wants it all down, not just to the base of the platform. Mr. Graven and his crew will tear down the platform and Mr. Barr said he would pay for the removal of the dead tree.

11) Adjournment – Councillor Matton moved to adjourn at 7:16 pm; seconded by Councillor Giesel; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:
Thursday – June 18, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Chip Hancock, Mayor

Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk