

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2020 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
4200 River Road (40207)
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Frank Doheny
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar

LuAnn George
James Giesel
Kay Matton
Gary Ulmer
Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

ABSENT

Lee Garlove

Jim Graven

Visitors

John Harralson

Address

7 Rio Vista

Purpose

Introduce himself

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any Visitors – None at Call to Order
- 3) Minutes – September - Mailed - Councillor George moved to approve the September Minutes as mailed; seconded by Councillor Matton; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Committee Reports – Mailed
 - a. Finance (Dunbar & Ulmer)
 1. Finance Report- September – Councillor Ulmer presented the Finance Report to Council. Councillor Matton moved to accept the Finance Report as presented; seconded by Councillor George; motion passed unanimously.
 2. Approval of Disbursements (City & Police Disbursement Details-September) Councillor Ulmer moved to approve the City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.

Recognize Visitor – Mayor Hancock recognized John Harralson. Mr. Harralson introduced himself as a resident who lives on Rio Vista and a candidate for Indian Hills City Council. He is an attorney and been practicing in Louisville for 29 years; he has a wife and two kids.

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(a) Public Safety - Spratt & Doheny & Garlove

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt – August – Chief Spratt’s report included seven criminal reports in Rolling Fields and Indian Hills, two traffic collision, three arrests, list of traffic citations issued and year-to-date stats.

(b) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven - Mayor Hancock and some Councilmembers agreed that 72 Westwind looks so much better.

Bridge on Stonebridge – Councillor Zinniel reported that the status on the bridge is that everything is done design-wise, but the state is just waiting for some money to show up. The Transportation Cabinet gets money or some advice every month and they decide which contracts will be let.

Mayor Hancock informed the Council that Mr. Graven is still working with the City until they find someone to replace him.

Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

Discussion re: the back end of Apache landscaping/seeding and possible LG&E funding.

Councillor Zinniel asked about the Sycamore tree on Tepee. Mayor Hancock said Mr. Graven met with LG&E and he was told the tree was completely dead, so they took it down.

Tree Program – Councillor Zinniel reported they have 16 trees but was budgeted for 20. The names of residents who have applied for a tree are usually drawn at the Octoberfest, but they will do the drawing at a meeting next week. Councillor George said the winners will be notified and will be ready to plant those 16 trees.

Permits – Councillor George said if someone has a city permit, it expires in a year. There are approximately four or five that have expired or about to expire, and she inquired if it would be appropriate to send a reminder note to them and allow them time to come in to ask for an extension or provide a Certificate of Occupancy to the City. Otherwise, that money reverts to the city. She said Mr. Graven may know but she is not sure how he handles it. Mayor Hancock will check with Mr. Graven. Councillor George also would like to go over the permit with Mayor Hancock. There are some discrepancies; for example, the current permit has \$50 for a Fence Permit but our ordinance says it is \$100 fee. Attorney Cato said all we needed to do is to change the form to make sure it is consistent with city ordinance. Mayor Hancock said we can look into it.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Councillor Doheny reported receiving one call about a missed pickup of recycling on River Hill.

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

1. Report – September

Councillor George asked the Council, since the Tree Program was budgeted for 20 trees and only 16 trees were bought, would they want to plant four trees in public spaces? Councillor Dunbar would like for them to be. Mayor Hancock said he will touch on that later in the meeting.

6) Council Members Comments – Councillor Ulmer commented that he was contacted by a resident that had received a campaign card that had gone out. It was soliciting votes for certain people, some here at the meeting and some new people. He would like the Mayor to make sure there is no appearance that there is some slate of people or anything official coming out of a Council meeting. He also believes campaign material needs to state who/what paid for it. Councillor Zinniel commented the only instruction she is aware of is if you are going to

spend more than a certain amount on a campaign, it must be reported. Councillor Ulmer said the issue is to make sure it is very clear that there is not any endorsement from council. Mayor Hancock stated he also does not want it to appear it is coming from the city. Councillor Giesel and the Mayor reiterated the campaign card should have had who paid for it. Discussion.

Laura commented that she has noticed that the LG&E bill seems to be high each month. If the City has not gone to LED, she would like to suggest doing so.

Councillor Matton showed a picture of the guardrail that has been up for about 35 years on Calumet. It is rotting at the base and is unsafe. Mayor Hancock stated he will address it a little later in the meeting.

7) Old Business

(a) American Legal Publishing – Update – Dunbar & Ulmer & Matton – Mayor Hancock and City Clerk reported that the city ordinances have been uploaded and sent to American Legal. Attorney Cato said American Legal will get back with us to let us know what we need to do and what they need to do.

(b) Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) – Investment Pool – Mayor Hancock said the City was approved for the investment now we just need to get with PNC to figure out what percentage of our investments we can put into it. Discussion.

(c) Public Works Director & Code Enforcement Officer – Discussion – Mayor Hancock stated the committee has met and we have had some good input as to what the resume should look like. Councillor Giesel sent a draft of a job description to the committee members earlier this afternoon so they have not had a chance to review it. Councillor Doheny suggested the committee members have another meeting to have more to report at next month’s meeting. Discussion.

8) New Business – Mayor Hancock reported meeting with the Mayor of Jeffersontown and representatives from the Kentucky League of Cities. They wanted to make sure that the City of Indian Hills will be filing an application through the CARES Act. Through the CARES Act, there is \$214,000 allotted for the City. Later, the Jeffersontown Mayor emailed their application to Mayor Hancock to show what information was used through their Police Department. Chief Spratt has worked on it; did a wonderful job putting it together and has sent a copy of it to Attorney Cato for his review. Mayor Hancock said it may be possible to use some of the funds for a new guardrail for Calumet and possibly more funding for the Tree Program. Discussion.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Municipal Order No. 9, Series 2020 – Appointment of Police Officer – Councillor Dunbar introduced and Attorney Cato read Municipal Order No. 9, Series 2020 appointing Charles Overberg, III as a part-time Police Officer. Councillors Zinniel moved and Matton seconded to approve Municipal Order No. 9, Series 2020; Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Doheny	Aye	Mr. Giesel	Aye
Ms. Dreisbach	Aye	Ms. Matton	Aye
Ms. Dunbar	Aye	Mr. Ulmer	Aye
Mr. Garlove	Absent	Ms. Zinniel	Aye
Ms. George	Aye		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 9, Series 2020)

(b) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2020 – Annexation-Phoenix Hill Court-First Reading – Councillor Dunbar introduced Ordinance No. 1, Series, 2020. Attorney Cato explained a first reading had already been given for this ordinance earlier this year, but in the meantime, during the COVID-19 pandemic one of the property owners sold their property. We have since received the Consent to Annexation from the new owner and have 100% consent from the property owners. As a matter of precaution, he is doing a first reading again because the consents were

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different when we read it the first time. Attorney Cato proceeded to give first reading to Ordinance No. 1, Series 2020 relating to the Annexation of Phoenix Hill Court.

10) Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock commented that next Thursday, he will have knee replacement surgery.

Mayor Hancock informed Council that Meme Runyon sent an email to him and called him about the update of the project on River Road. They did not get the financing/funding to do what they wanted to do but they have raised some money so they are going to tear down the existing wall/fence and the fake stone, and replace it with a guardrail all the way across. It will be a pull-off site for people to view the river. They (Paul Bickle & Hunter Louis) want to come at the next meeting to give an update.

11) Executive Session and/or Adjournment – Councillor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm; seconded by Councillor George; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:
Thursday – November 19, 2020
6:00 p.m. – Louisville Boat Club

/S/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor