

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 2021 Minutes of Special Meeting
Zoom Video Teleconference
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council:

Laura Dunbar (6:05)
Lee Garlove
LuAnn George (6:05)
James Giesel
John Harralson, III
Kay Matton
Gary Ulmer
Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

ABSENT

Ann Dreisbach

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – None.
- 3) Minutes – Emailed – January – Councillor Matton moved to approve the January Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; none opposed. (Councillors Dunbar & George were not present to vote-little late)
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)
 1. Report – January – Councillor Ulmer presented January’s Finance Report to Council. Councillor Dunbar moved to accept the January Financial Report as presented; seconded by Councillor Matton; none opposed.
 2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – January – Councillor Matton moved to approve the January City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Harralson; none opposed.
 - (b) Public Safety Report – Spratt & Garlove & Harralson
 1. Police Report – January - Chief Spratt – Chief Spratt’s report included eight criminal reports, one traffic collision, three arrests/criminal citations issued, multiple traffic citations issued and year-to-date stats.
 - (c) Public Works & Building – Graven

Mayor Hancock thanked Mr. Graven and his crew for doing a great job of clearing City roads of snow.

 1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – Mr. Graven’s report included: bidding out landscaping; update on guard rails; and removal only of dead tree at Indian Hills Trail and Sagamore.
 - 5) Other Reports

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(a) Waste Management Report – Graven – No report.

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

1. Report – January – Councillor George reported having been in contact with Mr. Marcony of MSD regarding several flooding areas in the City. He would like to get with City Officials and the Army Corps of Engineers to come up with ideas that may resolve some of the flooding problems in areas that include all along the Muddy Fork, Stonebridge, River Hill, area nearby Hempstead across from Locust Hill, Blankenbaker near Apache, Calumet, and lower Arrowhead. Mr. Graven will be involved with this because he knows where many of the drainage problems are located throughout the City since he has worked in many of the storms.

Councillor Zinniel reported Booker Design Collaborative has submitted a timeline for the completion of the landscape recommendations document. They will be starting in early March and expect to have it final by the end of August with several drafts in between. Throughout this period, there will be small group meetings with the Environment Committee and the Council and a public meeting in late May or early June.

6) Council Members Comments – Councillor Harralson commented there are many landscapers and other workers parking on the blind hill on Indian Hills Trail. He asked that if one of our police officers sees them parked there and possibly creating a hazard for oncoming traffic, to recommend they place orange cones or a warning sign on the opposite side of the hill so that people would slow down. Chief Spratt will look into this.

7) Old Business – None.

8) New Business

(a) Potential Conflicts of Interest – Mayor Hancock stated he would like to have the minutes reflect the following two potential conflicts of interests:

(1) He is an employee of Republic Bank and the City has accounts at Republic Bank. The City had accounts with this bank prior to the Mayor becoming a City Official. Also, the bank's fees the City pays are on the same basis as similarly situated customers.

(2) Mr. Graven is associated with Steepleton and the City awarded a Snow Removal Contract via Municipal Order No. 11, Series 2019 to Steepleton.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) The annexation of Phoenix Hill Court was approved by Louisville Metro Council on February 11th.

10) Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock again thanked Mr. Graven and his crew for a great job of snow removal, salting and clearing the streets in the City.

The Newsletter has gone to print, so they should be receiving it soon.

11) Adjournment – Councillor Matton moved to adjourn at 6:53 pm; seconded by Councillor Giesel; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
Thursday – March 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.

/s/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/s/
Chip Hancock, Mayor