

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

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
Lee Garlove (6:10)
LuAnn George
James Giesel (6:03)
John Harralson, III

Gary Ulmer
Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato (6:10)

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

ABSENT

Kay Matton

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – None.

3) Minutes – Emailed – February – Councillor Dunbar moved to approve the February Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councillor George; none opposed. (Councillors Garlove & Giesel were not present to vote-little late)

- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
(a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)

Move city accounts and police account to Republic Bank (Item #4 (a) 3. on agenda)

Following discussion, Councillor Ulmer moved to have the City’s Road Fund, Building account and Indian Hills Police Department account moved from PNC Bank to Republic Bank based on recommendation of City Controller Patty Deye, the fees are the same as similarly situated customers and the City has a lockbox for tax payments at Republic Bank; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; none opposed. (Councillor Garlove was not present to vote; little late.)

1. Report – February – Councillor Ulmer presented February’s Finance Report to Council. Councillor Dunbar moved to accept the February Financial Report as presented; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; none opposed. (Councillor Garlove not present to vote; little late.)

2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – February – Councillor Dunbar moved to approve the February City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Harralson; none opposed. (Councillor Garlove not present to vote; little late.)

- (b) Public Safety Report – Spratt & Garlove & Harralson

1. Police Report – February - Chief Spratt – Chief Spratt’s report included two criminal reports, three traffic collisions, two arrests/criminal citations issued, multiple traffic citations issued and year-to-date stats.

Chief Spratt informed Council that he has done extensive research into body cameras for our Police Officers. Councillor Harralson believes it is essential for police departments to use them. He has reviewed all three quotes and Chief Spratt has done a great job of getting it down to what is needed for our officers. Following discussion regarding body cameras for police officers, Councillor Harralson approved an expenditure up to \$20,000 for body cameras and the evidence management software; seconded by Councillor Garlove. Following additional discussion, Councillor Harralson amended his motion to approving an expenditure up to \$30,000 for body cameras and the evidence management software; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; none opposed.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – Mr. Graven’s report included:
 - (a) Requesting Council approval and Council approving Attorney Cato giving 5-day written Notice to the owner of Ballard Mill Lane property requesting removal of two dangerous dead trees or the City will have them removed and place a lien on property for expense of removal;
 - (b) Discussion ensued regarding a resident’s flower box (6 ft tall, no roof, chicken wire enclosure and has a door) close to front yard, is it a structure or landscaping? Mr. Graven believes it to be landscaping-Councillor George has received several phone calls from residents complaining. General agreement amongst Council for city ordinance to be reviewed for definition of a structure;
 - (c) Received \$4200+ insurance claim check for damage done to island at intersection of Indian Hills Trail and Westwind;
 - (d) Update on construction of house on the Trail-Councillor Harralson spoke with owner and construction company is now in touch with Mr. Graven;
 - (e) Mr. Graven drove Councillor George through the City – vines need to be removed from trees and need to get rid of invasive bush honeysuckle. Mr. Graven asked for Council approval for expenditure of \$5000 which would be part of what is budgeted for parks and landscaping to begin this work on Arrowhead. Councillor Harralson moved to allow up to \$5000 (already in the landscaping budget) expenditure to begin this work on Arrowhead Road; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; none opposed.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven

1. Recycling Bins – Mayor Hancock reported Eco-tech will be replacing the current recycling bins with larger bins on wheels the first week of May. This will be at no cost to the City. The City may distribute a flyer to residents to let them know. Councillor Zinniel asked and Mayor Hancock agreed to place a check box for resident to provide email address for future mailings.

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

Mayor Hancock informed Council that after speaking with Councillors George and Zinniel, it was decided to not bid out landscaping at this time so to wait for the Booker Design manual for the City to be completed.

1. Report – February – Councillor Zinniel reported it may be a long time before the state gets to the bridge on Stonebridge because they are focusing on larger bridges throughout Kentucky first. Need to be sure no vehicles weighing more than 3 tons use the bridge. Discussion.

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6) Council Members Comments – Councillor Ulmer asked about in-person council meetings. Mayor Hancock thinks next month’s meeting may be in-person at the Boat Club.

7) Old Business – None.

8) New Business – None.

9) Legal – Cato – No report.

10) Mayor’s Comments – None.

11) Adjournment – Councillor Giesel moved to adjourn at 7:23 pm; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
Thursday – April 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.

/s/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/s/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor