

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2021 Minutes of Special Meeting
Zoom Video Teleconference
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
Lee Garlove
LuAnn George
James Giesel
John Harralson, III
Kay Matton
Gary Ulmer

ABSENT

Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – None.
- 3) Minutes – Emailed – March – Councillor Matton moved to approve the March Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councillor Giesel; none opposed.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)
 1. Report – March – Councillor Ulmer presented March’s Finance Report to Council. Councillor Matton moved to accept the March Financial Report as presented and to approve the March City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Harralson; none opposed.
 - (b) Public Safety Report – Spratt & Garlove & Harralson
 1. Police Report – March - Chief Spratt – Chief Spratt’s report included 22 criminal reports (includes City of Rolling Fields), two traffic collisions, three arrests/criminal citations issued, multiple traffic citations issued and year-to-date stats.
 - (c) Public Works & Building – Graven
 1. Public Works Director Report – Graven (absent) Mayor Hancock’s and Councillor George’s report included update on removal of honeysuckle and vines in many areas, and Calumet guard rail project.

Councillor George informed Council the River Hill and Stonebridge area is overgrown to the point that some of the overgrowth scratches people’s cars as they go by. Three of the nine stone & brick pillars have also tipped over. Mr. Graven would like to clear/clean out this area and restore the pillars. He asks Council approval for the expenditure of \$7500 from his budget to work on this project. Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst Council to have the area cleared and cleaned up and address the pillars at next month’s meeting. Councillor

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Garlove moved to approve the expenditure to clear the area and clean up around the pillars and to approve the expenditure up to \$20,000 for the Calumet guard rail project; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; motion passed unanimously.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven

1. Recycling Bins- Update– Mayor Hancock reported he has seen the flyer that Eco-Tech wants to send to our residents. It mentions that recycling will be picked up every other week once the smaller recycling bins have been replaced with the new, larger bins. Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst the Council to have the Mayor tell Eco-Tech they want the recycling picked up once a week as agreed to in the contract.

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

1. Report – March – Councillor George reported the following:

a) Councillor George, Mayor Hancock, Councillor Zinniel and Mr. Graven met with five or six MSD representatives to talk about the flooding and erosion issues in the City. They gave good feedback, but they will get it in writing. There is concern about the potential loss of the road at the lower part of Arrowhead Rd near Indian Hills Trail from the creek in the future so MSD will look into it. There may be a follow up from MSD to report on at next month's Council meeting.

b) The tree pruning project has been going along beautifully.

c) In a few weeks, the Booker Design people would like to have a caravan go to the city entrances to get some initial feedback. If anyone is interested, please let Councillor Zinniel or her know.

6) Council Members Comments – Councillor George asked if there was an update on the ordinances. There was no update.

7) Old Business – None

8) New Business – Mayor Hancock has had some residents asking about a shredding event and asked Chief Spratt to check with Dunn Elementary for the use of their parking lot. After some discussion, Chief Spratt said he will ask for the last Saturday in August.

Councillor Matton asked if the City can write a letter to one of our residents. He rides on a scooter and his little dog runs loose. She is concerned someone will get hurt. Following discussion, Councillor Dunbar volunteered to call the resident.

9) Legal – Cato

Hempstead-Backyard Structure- Update – Mayor Hancock stated since the structure is in the backyard, is not visible from the street; and he believes Metro Louisville approved the structure, there is nothing for the City to do. The resident who built the structure said they will put up more landscaping and a new fence. A letter providing this information will be sent to the resident who made the complaint.

Eastwind-Side Yard - Structure vs Landscaping- Update – Attorney Cato said Mayor Hancock sent pictures to him and there is no question that it is a structure. The resident should have asked the City for a permit prior to building it. The City has received complaints about it from residents. Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst the Council to have Mr. Graven write a letter informing the resident he/she is in violation of city ordinance and needs to take down the structure.

10) Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock commented that the next meeting will be at the boat club and we

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will have the first reading of our budget for next year. Mayor Hancock would like to have a luncheon/budget meeting at the boat club with Ms. Sinkhorn, Mr. Graven, Chief Spratt, Councillor Ulmer and Ms. Deye.

11) Adjournment – Councillor Matton moved to adjourn at 7:18 pm; seconded by Councillor Harralson; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
Thursday – May 20, 2021
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor