

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 September 16, 2021 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Louisville Boat Club
 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council:

Laura Dunbar
 Lee Garlove (had to leave-6:18)
 LuAnn George
 James Giesel
 John Harralson, III
 Kay Matton
 Gary Ulmer
 Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

Police Lieutenant: Tom Coin
 (in for Chief Spratt)

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

ABSENT

Ann Dreisbach

Jim Graven

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Cliff Ashburner, Atty.	101 S. 5 th St., Ste. 2500	125 Indian Hills Trail
Eric Senn	503 Washburn Ave, Ste. 101	125 Indian Hills Trail
Walt Swyers	203 Council Rd.	125 Indian Hills Trail
Elizabeth Lawrence	1172 E. Broadway, Apt. 331	
Robyn Carster-Kane	202 Council Rd.	125 Indian Hills Trail
Charlie Kane	202 Council Rd.	125 Indian Hills Trail
John M. Weeter, MD.	4705 Old Brownsboro Ct.	3905 Old Brownsboro Rd.
Morton Kasdan	4700 Old Brownsboro Ct.	3905 Old Brownsboro Rd.
Ann Kasdan	4700 Old Brownsboro Ct.	3905 Old Brownsboro Rd.
Steve Keeney	5211 Tamerlane	Annexation
Jim Seiler	11 Totem	125 Indian Hills Trail

1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Recognize any visitors

(a) Cliff Ashburner, Attorney – 125 Indian Hills Trail

Cliff Ashburner gave presentation relating to the subdivision of lot – Proposal is to create one additional lot out of the 125 Indian Hills Trail property – the lot would be 1.64 acres; separate access that comes out to the intersection of Totem and Council leaving the main driveway on Indian Hills Trail. The Metro Development Review Committee met yesterday and approved the plat. Mr. Ashburner knows residents have concerns about drainage, so he brought with him Eric Senn, engineer who drew the plan and is with Land Design & Development. It was explained that a grass swale will be placed along an area of the property where the slope is located, moving water away from the three rear property lines, and take it around to Council, where there’s a catch basin. Another catch

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basin will be added. Mr. Senn has talked to MSD's Joe Exely, who oversees the drainage approved projects for Jefferson County and he was not aware of any complaints relating to drainage issues, but he was looking into it. They have not heard back from him yet. Mayor Hancock asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. Swyers expressed the following concerns:

1. Additional drainage to a sewer system already beyond capacity, storm water system already beyond capacity. Any land clearing or grading, disturbance of the property will exacerbate existing storm water runoff including increases in volume and/or rate of runoff water onto the properties should be looked at. MSD has looked at that site many times and have offered no help – he believes a retention basin is needed.
2. Removal of trees.
3. Accidental removal and destruction of Native artifacts – possible burial ground for Native Americans.
4. Not knowing a specific location where the residence will be placed.

Mr. Swyers requests a delay until these concerns are addressed. He suggests the Council approve the ordinance subject to certain terms. It was explained to Mr. Swyers the ordinance relates only to approving the subdivision of the lot, it has nothing to do with improvements on the property. There are no building plans at this time. Once there are plans, they will be submitted to Louisville Metro Planning & Design and the City of Indian Hills for possible approval. With regard to Native American artifacts, Attorney Cato has talked to someone at Planning & Design about this. If anything remotely related to Indian artifacts or something that is distinct historical value, they have to stop immediately. Discussion.

Steve Keeney – Mr. Keeney was present to request Council consider annexing Tamerlane and Tamerlane Court. Mayor Hancock and Attorney Cato explained the annexation process. Following discussion, Mr. Keeney will ask residents to sign a petition and if 100% of the residents wish to be annexed, Mr. Keeney will come before the Council once again for a vote.

Morton Kasdan – Mr. Kasdan was present to ask Council if there is anything the city can do about the property at the corner of Chenoweth and Old Brownsboro Road. It is an eyesore. The vents to the attic are broken out so there has got to be critters up there. Mayor Hancock said that the City has cut back the growth along the sidewalk so people could walk on it; Mr. Graven has contacted the property owner and was told within the next couple of weeks, some work will be done and will be cleaning it up.

Ordinance No. 4, Series 2021 – Providing for approval of subdivision of lot-125 Indian Hills Trail-Cato-First Reading (Item #9) (b) on Agenda) – Councillor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4, Series 2021.

3) Minutes – August – Emailed - Councillor Giesel moved to approve the August Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councillor Matton; none opposed. (Councillors Dreisbach & Garlove not present to vote)

4) Committee Reports – July - Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)

1. Report – August – Councillor Ulmer presented August's Financial Report.

Baird Account (Item #4)(a)3. On Agenda) – Councillor Giesel moved to close out the Baird Account when the bond matures and invest those funds in the Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool; seconded by Councillor Harralson; none opposed. (Councilmembers Dreisbach & Garlove were not present to vote)

2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – August

Councillor George moved to accept the August Financial Report as presented and to approve August's

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City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor Matton; none opposed. (Councilmembers Dreisbach & Garlove were not present to vote)

3. Baird Account – see above

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

1. Police Report – August - Chief Spratt – In Chief Spratt’s absence, Lieutenant Coin gave the report which included four criminal reports, two traffic collisions, five 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

Councillor Zinniel reported receiving residents’ complaints regarding erosion issues on River Hill Road—she will contact MSD.

Stonebridge Rd. Bridge – Councillor Zinniel contacted someone at the Transportation Cabinet to see if they could use some of the federal funding for the work needing to be done on this bridge. As it is now, at a 3 Ton limit, the school busses and ambulances cannot use it. She was told the contracts will be let on September 20, 2021 and construction will start in January 2022.

5) Other Reports

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

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

1. Report – August – Councilmembers George & Zinniel – Councillor Zinniel reported Booker Design book is still in draft form. The residents’ comments are due by September 22nd. Once all the comments are in and they massage what needs to be massaged, it will be brought before Council for approval and Booker will put it in final form.

6) Council Comments – None.

7) Old Business – None.

8) New Business – None.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) American Legal Publishing – Code of Ordinances – Update – Attorney Cato and Councillor George have discussed creating some meetings where some councilmembers can get together for questions and give updates.

(b) Ordinance No. 4, Series 2021 – First Reading given earlier in meeting.

Kay asked if the meeting can be moved to Tuesdays at 6:00 instead of Thursdays so some may go to Jefferson County League of Cities meetings. Councillor Harralson suggested asking a resident to attend the JCLC meetings and report back to Council. Discussion. Mayor Hancock would rather do that and continue having the city’s meetings on Thursdays.

10) Mayor’s Comments - Mayor Hancock commented that a newsletter may be going to print by end of

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September, so if anyone has an article for it to send to City Clerk. He asked Councillor Zinniel to prepare an article re Booker – he is a little concerned that our residents are believing that the city will start spending a bunch of money. We need to really communicate that this is a long-range plan.

Shredding Event went well – had to quit an hour early because the truck was full. Councillor Matton asked if the city can have one twice a year. Discussion.

11) Adjournment – Councillor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21; seconded by Councillor Giesel; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
Thursday – October 21, 2021
6:00 p.m.

/S/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor

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Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk