

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 November 18, 2021 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Louisville Boat Club
 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Ann Dreisbach (left 7:08)
 Laura Dunbar

LuAnn George
 James Giesel
 John Harralson, III
 Kay Matton
 Gary Ulmer
 Mimi Zinniel

ABSENT

Lee Garlove

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Richard Whitworth	2305 Phoenix Hill Dr	2302 Phoenix Hill-Rental Property
Sammy Ehrhard	2307 Phoenix Hill Dr	2302 Phoenix Hill-Rental Property
Tom Mattes	2304 Phoenix Hill Dr	2302 Phoenix Hill-Rental Property
Josh Barick	2306 Phoenix Hill Dr	2302 Phoenix Hill-Rental Property
Vance V Borries	64 Indian Hills Trail	Tree Committee
Amy Wisotsky	5210 Moccasin Trail	

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

2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized the visitors.

Amy Wisotsky - Speeding – Ms. Wisotsky expressed her concerns about the speeding vehicles she has observed while walking her dogs on Moccasin Trail, Tomahawk, Indian Crest all the way up to Indian Hills Trail. She believes there are three issues: 1) Speed limits - The drivers do not slow down for pedestrians. 2) Communication – She believes there are not a lot of people that know the speed limit is 25 and do not know where to yield to pedestrians. In her opinion, this is due to a significant turnover in the community. Some people may not get to read the newsletter, or they do not know the city has a website; or they do not know the Indian Hills Police Department has an email. She believes the city should look for a better way of getting information out there. 3) Signage – She believes a lot of signage is blocked by overgrowth – the 25 MPH speed limit sign on Eastwind is totally covered. There are bushes that go out to the roadway. Mayor Hancock stated we will make sure the speed limit signs are not obscured. We will include the speed limit in the next newsletter and if she knows of someone consistently speeding, give the name or vehicle type and approximate time of day to Chief Spratt and he will have a police officer patrol that area. Ms. Wisotsky believes the communication needs to be different. She has some background previously writing for a magazine. Mayor Hancock said if she would like to put together an article for

the newsletter, we will be happy to put it in there. She thinks it should be a separate piece to go out. She has a lot of suggestions and thinks it is important to reach out to the new people who move in. Councillor Zinniel suggested Ms. Wisotsky to put together a proposal that includes ideas about our communications, not just on this subject, but generally, so that people would read what we put out there. Councillor George suggested the city start up the Welcome packets again. Mayor Hancock thanked Ms. Wisotsky.

Richard Whiteworth, Sammy Ehrhard, Tom Mattes & Josh Barick - 2302 Phoenix Hill Drive – These residents expressed their concerns about this rental property which is a single-family residence but may have up to 15 people living there and it is not listed with Louisville Metro as a rental. Some of the concerns follow: loud music playing, garbage everywhere-carpet ripped out & dumped in the backyard. The Indian Hills police have been there multiple times for various issues. The landlord has been contacted and knows of these issues but has not done anything about it, so they are pleading with the City of Indian Hills to do something to protect the property values, to protect the environment and to provide a safe neighborhood that people want to live in. Mayor Hancock asked Attorney Cato to write a letter placing the landlord on notice and outlining these issues. Mayor Hancock would like to call the landlord and meet with him. Discussion.

Richard Whiteworth - 2303 Phoenix Hill Drive — The house has been under construction since spring. There is about a day's worth of work to be done but nobody has been there working on it for the past three weeks. Lumber has been left the front yard and the side of the house. There is no knob on the door to keep it shut. The property needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Graven will reach out to the property owner.

3) Minutes – October– Emailed - Councillor Matton moved to approve the October Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councillor Dunbar; none opposed. (Councillor Garlove not present to vote)

4) Committee Reports – October- Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)

1. Report – October – Councillor Ulmer presented October's Financial Report.
2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – October

Councillor Matton moved to accept the October Financial Report as presented and to approve October's City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councillor George; motion passed unanimously. (Councillor Garlove not present to vote)

Councillor Ulmer moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$12,000 for a generator for the city office/police headquarters; seconded by Councillor Matton; none opposed. (Councillor Garlove not present to vote)

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

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

2. Premium Pay Proposal – Mayor Hancock & Chief Spratt presented a Premium Pay Proposal for front line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing funds provided to the city from the 2021 American Recovery Plan (ARP). Discussion. Councillor Dunbar moved to approve the proposal as presented; Councillor Matton seconded; motion passed unanimously. (Councillor Garlove not present to vote)

Last month, Council approved an expenditure of \$12,000 for three solar speed signs. Chief Spratt reported that he ordered four of them for under \$12,000.

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In response to a Councilmember's question about the safety cameras as far as piggybacking on Louisville Metro's rate at last month's meeting, Chief Spratt has found that we can do so, but he does not know what that rate is yet. He also is waiting for an answer on an upfront payment.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – Mr. Graven's report included updates on the following:

- 1) River Hill Rd work - erosion/drainage ditch.
- 2) Rio Vista repair.
- 3) Big Foot Statue – couple of complaints received from a resident.

4) Louisville Water Co. installed a pole in the right-of-way on Merrick & Hempstead – Several residents complained – The city received no notification about it. Mr. Graven was told by Louisville Water that the pole could not be moved because it has been synchronized to read water meters, so Mr. Graven will have some greenery planted around it.

5) Deer are everywhere, one got hooked on a resident's fence; it took five workers to remove it. Mr. Graven informed Council there was an article in a hunting magazine that the deer are carrying Lyme disease and COVID. He will be ordering disposable jumpsuits for the workers.

- 6) Snow – Ordered 175 Tons of salt; has employee shortage at this time.

Councillor George asked about the junk that was dumped at the parking pad down on Totem. Mr. Graven has not had a chance to get to it, but it will be taken care of.

Councillor Dunbar thanked Mr. Graven for having the striping done on speed humps on Arrowhead Rd.

2. Stop Sign at Old Brownsboro Rd & Westwind Rd – Mayor Hancock has received multiple calls about speeders turning off Brownsboro Rd onto Old Brownsboro Rd. from residents. They are requesting the city post a Stop Sign at Old Brownsboro Rd & Westwind Rd. Mayor Hancock has talked to Chief Spratt about it, and he highly recommended making the intersection a 3-way stop, not just stopping the traffic coming into the city. Following discussion, Councillor Dunbar moved to make it a 3-way stop at the intersection of Old Brownsboro Rd and Westwind Rd; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; none opposed. (Councillors Garlove & Dreisbach not present to vote)

5) Other Reports

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

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

1. Report – October – Councilmembers George & Zinniel

The Council thanked Vance Borries for the outstanding work done on the tree canopy project. Mr. Borries thanked Chief Spratt for setting up the viral meetings which helped make it a success.

Councillor George informed Council that 45 more trees will be planted. Fifteen residents are still on the waiting list for trees, but to provide them, she asked for Council approval for the expenditure of \$3750 which will allow the residents on the waiting list to purchase a tree at \$250 each. Councillor Matton moved to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$3800 for 15 additional trees; seconded by Councillor Zinniel; none opposed. (Councillors Garlove & Dreisbach not present to vote)

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Councillor George informed Council there are still many trees that have not been taken down on private property according to Ryan Lewis' survey and asked for Council approval to allow an additional letter to be mailed to these residents. General agreement amongst Council to send out an additional letter.

Councillor George – Booker Design Manual is complete and just needs Council approval. Following discussion, it was decided that Attorney Cato will prepare a Municipal Order accepting the manual as a future guide and Council will have until next month's meeting to review the manual to consider accepting it.

6) Council Comments

Councillor George continues to receive calls from residents on Old Brownsboro Court. She asked for Council to approve up to \$2200 for the residents to restore the island in recognition of money given to the city several years ago. Residents will choose/purchase shrubbery, have them planted and will turn in the invoices to the city for reimbursement. Councillor Dunbar moved to approve the amount not to exceed \$2200 for the restoration of the island on Old Brownsboro Court by the residents in recognition of the previous amount given to the city; seconded by Councillor Matton; none opposed. (Councillors Garlove & Dreisbach not present to vote)

7) Old Business – None.

8) New Business – None.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) American Legal Publishing – Code of Ordinances – Update – Attorney Cato and Mayor Hancock thanked those who have and are helping with this project. Another meeting is scheduled for November 29th.

(b) Ordinance No. 5, Series 2021 – Amending Ordinance No. 6, Series 2003, Setting Day of Monthly City Council Meetings-Cato-First Reading – Councillor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 5, Series 2021.

10) Mayor's Comments - Mayor Hancock has checked with the Louisville Boat Club and a room will be made available for the Council meetings on Wednesdays beginning in January 2022.

11) Adjournment – Councillor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44; seconded by Councillor Giesel; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
Thursday – December 16, 2021
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor