

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 February 16, 2022 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Louisville Boat Club
 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Ann Dreisbach
 Laura Dunbar

LuAnn George

John Harralson, III
 Kay Matton

Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

ABSENT

Lee Garlove

James Giesel

Gary Ulmer

Visitors

Heath Seymour
 Ken Fleming
 Steve Porter

Address

2500 Camargo

Purpose

 Candidate Ky. State Rep.–48th District
 Veech House

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized the visitors.

Steve Porter – Mr. Porter was present to express his concerns about the property owner’s intent to demolish the old Veech house, 125 Indian Hills Trail, which has a great deal of history; such as the connection with Zachary Taylor and his father, Richard Taylor, and the horse breeding farm. Mr. Porter’s goal is to get the required 200 signatures on a petition to not tear down the house and present it to the Landmark Committee for a public hearing. He requested the City’s support to help get the property designated as a landmark. Following discussion, Mr. Porter provided his business card and a petition form. Councilor George offered to meet with Mr. Porter after the meeting to discuss further.

Ken Fleming – Mr. Fleming is State Representative for District 48 and is running for re-election.

- 3) Minutes – January – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the January Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councilor Harralson; none opposed. (Councilors Garlove, Giesel, & Ulmer not present to vote)

- 4) Committee Reports – January - Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)
 1. Report – January – Councilor Dunbar presented Financial Reports for January.

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2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – January

Councilor Harralson moved to accept the January Financial Reports as presented and to approve January's City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Matton; none opposed. (Councilors Garlove, Giesel & Ulmer not present to vote)

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

1. Police Report – January - Chief Spratt –Chief Spratt's report included four criminal reports; no traffic collisions; one arrest/criminal citation; one traffic citation and year-to-date stats.

2. License Plate Reader Cameras – Update - Chief Spratt – The installation of the cameras has begun. At this time, five are completely operational and have been installed in high traffic areas.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – No report.

5) Other Reports

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

(b) Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

1. Report – January – Councilmembers George & Zinniel

Councilor Zinniel reported the following:

Stonebridge Rd Bridge - The work on rebuilding the bridge is expected to begin the first week of April. The traffic will be managed by the contractor, M&M Services. The completion date is expected to be September 21, 2022. The Kentucky Department of Transportation is paying for the project.

Blue & Red Flags on River Road – Residents have asked questions about the flags along River Road. Yesterday, Councilor Zinniel saw a survey at Thurman Hutchins Park and asked him. He said the water company is planning to inspect/possibly repair the water main from Mockingbird Valley to Blankenbaker. The flags identify where the utilities are located.

Mowing - Councilors Zinniel and George had a meeting with Mayor Hancock and Mr. Graven. The City should begin implementing the mowing practices that are reflected in the Booker Design Guide. In an effort to save our creek along Indian Hills Trail, the guide calls for a graduated mowing: weekly, cut four inches along the road; monthly, cut the middle part which will be a little taller and no mowing along the creek in hopes to stop the erosion. Mr. Graven was given a ½ page of instructions for mowing Indian Hills Trail, Arrowhead Road and the area under the LG&E lines that got denuded on both sides of Rio Vista. Instead of mowing this area every week, it should only be bush hogged once a year which will be done in the next month or two. This will allow it to become a managed meadow and grow beautiful wildflowers. Mayor Hancock and Mr. Graven will talk to Mr. Ackermann to make sure his equipment is capable of this.

MSD Tree Grant – The City has received the \$3600 for the grant from MSD for some of the trees that are now being planted. Once the remaining trees, approximately 12, are planted in March or April, there will have been 60 trees planted on private property. After April, trees should not be planted.

Planting on Public Property - Councilor Zinniel is of the opinion that until the City has a good watering plan, new trees or bushes should not be planted. She spoke with Mr. Graven a little bit about this, and they will work on finding out who has water trucks to do the watering. If it has not rained an inch in two weeks,

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need to water what has been planted in the last year or two.

Councilor George reported the Tree Risk Assessment Program was two years ago so the Environment Committee has paid the arborist to do it again this year and believe it should continue to be done every couple of years. Two years ago, a total of 90 trees were immediate danger to the city. This time there are 22; of those 22, only three were new; 12 of them were people who have not taken them down and seven of them are trees the city needs to take down. There were 27 pruning trees, down to 11; removal 39, down to 13; scheduled pruning 68 down to 28. They talked to Mr. Graven about any storm damage to the trees and in the last big windstorm, he said there were a few branches down, so the city is not spending those dollars on fallen trees. She thinks this program has been working. From their data, between the first assessment and this year, so within the last 18 months, 77 trees were removed, 60 new trees were planted this past year on private property.

6) Council Comments – Councilor Matton received a call from a resident asking if our police officers could patrol the park, near where the old Indian Hills Police Department building once stood. There are some unsavory people in the park toward Mockingbird Valley. Chief Spratt said that is Louisville Metro Police-Fifth Division jurisdiction. Metro Police regularly drive through there since it is a public park; so, another call is not going to hurt anything.

7) Old Business – None

8) New Business

(a) New Development – Condominiums – 4490 & 4492 Brownsboro Rd. – Councilor Dreisbach informed Mayor Hancock about the new development of condos that will be right across the street at the entrance of Travois but not in our City. Two houses will be torn down and a new development of condos will be built on the site. He just wanted to make them aware of it.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) American Legal Publishing – Code of Ordinances – Update – Attorney Cato believes we should be finished after a couple more meetings. He will work with the City Clerk to schedule meetings.

Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2022 (Item #9) (c) on Agenda) - Use of ARPA funds for Police License Plate Reader Cameras – Attorney Cato apologized for not being able to attend last month’s meeting and if he had been there, he would have suggested a Municipal Order for the cameras. He proposed to the Council a motion revising the approval to include two things: 1) The source of the funding for the cameras; 2) The authorization for Chief Spratt to sign off on the contract as an agent of the mayor. Councilor Dunbar moved to revise the previous motion from last meeting, to authorize CARES Act funding in the amount of \$63,000 for license plates reader cameras, contract to be signed off by our Chief of Police as an agent for the mayor; seconded by Councilor Matton; motion passed unanimously. (Councilors Garlove, Giesel & Ulmer not present to vote)

(b) Mayor/Council Compensation-beginning 2023 – Discussion – Mayor Hancock informed Council if compensation was approved, it would not take effect until January 1, 2023, but he would like for them to consider approving compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers. Other cities compensate their elected city officials, so he requested from Kentucky League of Cities and distributed the list of compensations to give them some idea based on population of municipalities. There was general agreement that the mayor should be compensated since he does much administrative work, meetings, calls from residents, drives through the city, etc. Attorney Cato informed Council the deadline to pass an Ordinance approving and setting amounts of compensation is the first Monday of May, so first reading could be given at the March Meeting and second reading at the April meeting. Following discussion, it was decided that Attorney Cato would prepare an ordinance to be discussed at the next council meeting.

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(c) Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2022 – Use of ARPA funds for Police License Plate Reader Cameras-see above.

10) Mayor's Comments - None

11) Adjournment – Councilor Harralson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Dunbar; none opposed.

Next Meeting
Wednesday – March 16, 2022
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor