

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 20, 2022 Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Louisville Boat Club  
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  
Mimi Zinniel

ABSENT

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>
Tim Buckley	Candidate for Jefferson County Judge	
Nancy Church	Candidate's assistant	
Pat Dixon	4410 Comanche Trail	Eagle Project for Lending Library
Henry Dixon	4410 Comanche Trail	Eagle Project for Lending Library
Vance von Borries	64 Indian Hills Trail	Environment Committee
Fiona Campbell	5214 Eastwind Rd	Garden (structure)

- 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.

Tim Buckley is a candidate for Jefferson Circuit Court Judge-Division 9; Nancy Church is his assistant.

Henry Dixon – Lending Library – Henry Dixon would like to build and manage a small Lending Library between the two benches in Travois Park for his Eagle Scout project. The first shelf would have books for teenage to adult and the second shelf being more children-focused books. Once it is built, he will ask volunteers to donate books and check on it twice a month. Councilor Matton moved approving Henry Dixon to construct and manage a small Lending Library between the two benches in Travois Park; seconded by Councilor Giesel; motion passed unanimously.

Fiona Campbell – Garden (Structure) – Ms. Campbell was present to request Council approval to allow the garden structure that is in her front side yard to remain. She volunteers for a charity and some of the seedlings are given to refugees. Councilmembers believe the project is wonderful and are compassionate about the reason

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behind it but are concerned it may set a precedent. Following discussion, Mayor Hancock asked Attorney Cato to get the definition of a structure from Louisville Metro Planning & Design and determine if there may be a way to redesign it to allow it.

3) Minutes – March – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the March Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councilor George; none opposed.

4) Committee Reports – March - Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)

1. Report – March – Councilor Dunbar presented the Financial Report for March. She also requested that the City check in to using LED lights for the streetlights; electric is currently costing over \$5000 a month. Councilor Garlove offered to contact LG&E to ask about this. Mayor Hancock would like to talk with Mr. Graven to see if he may have already contacted LG&E.

2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – March

Councilor Harralson moved to accept the March Financial Report as presented and to approve March’s City and Police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Matton; none opposed.

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt – Chief Spratt’s report included 10 criminal reports; two traffic collisions; one arrest/criminal citation; multiple traffic citations and year-to-date stats.

2. License Plate Reader Cameras - Chief Spratt reported the cameras have already proved to be useful with a couple of cases.

Legal – Cato (Item #9 on Agenda)

(a) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022-Mayor/Council Compensation-beginning 2023-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Attorney Cato gave second reading to, and Councilor Giesel moved to approve Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022; seconded by Councilor Matton. There being no discussion, Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Nay	Mr. Ulmer	Yea
Ms. George	Yea	Ms. Zinniel	Yea
Mr. Giesel	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022)

(b) Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2022- Authorizing Expenditure of ARPA Pandemic Premium Pay for Police Officers & Public Works Director/Code Enf. Officer. (For period 1.1.2021 – 3.22.2022) Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2022; seconded by Councilor Garlove. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Yea	Mr. Ulmer	Yea
Ms. George	Yea	Ms. Zinniel	Yea
Mr. Giesel	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2022)

(c) Municipal Order No. 7-Authorizing Expenditure of ARPA Pandemic Premium Pay for Police

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Officers & Public Works Director/Code Enf. Officer. (2.8.2020 – 12.26.2020) – Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato read Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2022. Chief Spratt informed of corrections to be made. It should be 11 employees instead of 12; and it should be 10 police instead of 11. Motion made by Councilor Matton to approve Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2022 as corrected; seconded by Councilor George. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Yea	Mr. Ulmer	Yea
Ms. George	Yea	Ms. Zinniel	Yea
Mr. Giesel	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2022)

(d) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2022-Approval of Amended Budget FYE 6/2022 reflecting ARPA funds & ARPA Expenditures-1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Attorney Cato explained that a new first reading is needed to reflect an additional payment of ARPA funds having been received since the initial first reading last month and ARPA expenditures have been added. Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading of Ordinance No. 2, Series 2022. Mayor Hancock said the date of April 19, 2022 will be changed to reflect correct date of April 20, 2022. (Councilor Garlove had to leave-7:03)

In response to Councilor George’s question regarding status of the City’s Code of Ordinances, Attorney Cato replied that Mr. Graven needs to be involved with the few remaining sections; he is wanting to update the permit fees. Mayor Hancock told the City Clerk and Attorney Cato to get with Mr. Graven on this.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven – Mayor Hancock reported that Mr. Graven has his crew getting the City ready for Derby. He gave update on Mr. Graven.

5) Other Reports

a. Waste Management Report – Graven

1. Fuel Tax – Update – Mayor Hancock informed Council he has been in touch with Eco-Tech and told them the City would agree with their pricing for three months and then would relook at the fuel prices.

b. Environment Committee Report – Zinniel/George

1. Report – March – Councilmembers George & Zinniel – Councilors Zinniel and George reported the following:

Cleanup – Councilor George, Vance Borries and a few other residents did a cleanup of certain areas in the City. Team Borries started at River Road and Indian Hills Trail then worked their way south and gathered several bags of trash. Team George took Westwind and came back down Arrowhead. At the curve on Westwind, part of a porch had been dumped. In the creek at Phoenix Hill & Hempstead and down a hill on Totem, some items that had been dumped were: concrete from an old driveway; yard waste, such as shrubs and freshly cut grass; tires; hanging baskets; Christmas trees; siding; a trash can; people are dumping bags of their dogs’ waste. Photos of the areas and dumped items were shown to Council. Councilor George would like the City to post “No Dumping” signs that include the amount of the fine for dumping. Mayor Hancock will get with Mr. Graven to order the signs. It will also be mentioned in the next newsletter. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Borries and Councilor George.

Tree Donation: A kind resident, who has requested anonymity, has donated a beautiful Chinkapin Oak that has been planted in Sagamore Park.

Plan for Watering Trees: When it does not rain for a number of days, the newly planted trees,

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such as the Chinkapin Oak, will need to be watered. Mr. Graven has told Mayor Hancock that he will have someone with a plastic water tank in the back of a pickup truck do the watering.

Bridge on Stonebridge Rd. – Councilor Zinniel attended two meetings relating to work on the bridge this week. The work has begun. The whole bridge will be replaced. As of now, it is a historic bridge, but the fact that it will be replaced will take away its historic qualification; however, it will be a safe bridge. Parts, such as the limestones, of the current bridge are being saved.

6) Council Comments:

Councilor Dunbar has recently visited Rolling Fields. There was a food truck in their new park and there will be one every other weekend. The residents were having a real nice time. That may be something to consider for our City. Mayor Hancock said the residents on Travois will be having a food truck, he believes once a month on Thursday evenings.

Councilor Dreisbach commented on the Business First article reporting that the most expensive Air B&Bs are in the City of Indian Hills and asked if the City has an ordinance. Attorney Cato replied that Indian Hills does not have a short-term rental ordinance. Louisville Metro has taken the approach that short-term rentals are not allowed in cities with zoning authority that do not have short-term rental ordinances. Discussion.

7) Old Business – None

8) New Business – None

9) Legal – Cato – See above

10. Mayor's Comments

11. Adjournment – Councilor Dunbar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Matton; none opposed.

Next Meeting  
Wednesday – April 20, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

/S/  
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/  
Chip Hancock, Mayor