

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2022 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council:

Lee Garlove
James Giesel
John Harralson, III
Lee Maddox

Mimi Zinniel

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

ABSENT

Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar

Kay Matton
Gary Ulmer

Visitors

Ebert Haegele
Vance Von Borries
Jude Wolford

Address

1727 Windsor Pl
64 Indian Hills Trail
43 Calumet Rd

Purpose

Candidate-Judge-Circuit Ct-Div. 4
Tree Committee
Candidate-Judge-District Court

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized visitors.

Ebert Haegele is a candidate running for Judge for Circuit Court-Division 4.

Jude Wolford is a candidate running for District Court Judge.

Vance Von Borries gave an update on the Tree Program – 26 residents applied for trees; two canceled. Included in that number are two new residents, each will receive a free tree. He has collected all but two checks. Once the last two checks are received, he will give them all to the city clerk.

- 3) Minutes – September – Emailed - Councilor Zinniel moved to approve the September Minutes as emailed; seconded by Councilor Maddox; none opposed.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar/Ulmer)
 1. Report – September – Mayor Hancock presented September’s Financial Report to Council.
 2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – September

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Councilor Harralson moved to accept the September Financial Report as presented and to approve September city and police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Zinniel; none opposed.

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt’s report included nine criminal reports; no traffic collisions; three arrests/criminal citations; multiple traffic citations and year-to-date stats.

Chief Spratt gave an update on personnel matters.

Chief Spratt asked for Council approval to use a little over \$10,000 in ARPA funds for upgrades to the IHPD radio system so that they may communicate with Louisville Metro Police and Metro Safe. Louisville Metro Police has encrypted all their radio channels and the Sheriff’s office is in the process of encrypting their channels. Councilor Harralson moved to approve the use of APRA funds for the upgrades to encrypt the current police radios; seconded by Councilor Garlove; none opposed.

Councilors Zinniel and Harralson informed Chief Spratt and Mr. Graven about missing stop signs at the bottom of Rio Vista and on Warrior. There is also a missing speed limit sign on Indian Hills Trail between River Road and the overpass. The signs are only missing; the poles are still there.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Graven

Mr. Graven’s report included the following:

- Raised Pavement-Arrowhead & Calumet-Update – Mr. Graven said he finally got through to MSD. They sent somebody who just put a little bit of concrete on it, but it needs to be dug out. He will be talking to somebody to get it done quicker, but it will be getting fixed.

- Curbing on Calumet – Work has been completed.

- Butterfly Garden – Mr. Graven asked Councilor Zinniel and she approved the use of up to \$1500 of the Environment Committee’s budget. The funds will be used to buy plants that attract butterflies, boulders, and benches. Mr. Graven asked Attorney Cato if boulders, which would be big enough to sit on, would be a liability for the city. Attorney Cato said there is a statute that provides any time you have a public space as part of the city, as long as you are not charging admission to use that property, the city is really immune from liability in that sense. He does not think they would be a problem. It is not like an attractive nuisance such as an open well. Discussion.

- Salt shortage – Salt is very difficult to find. Mr. Graven has purchased some, but not nearly enough; he will continue to look for it. Discussion.

- Mayor Hancock and Council thanked Mr. Graven for all his hard work on the and at the Octoberfest. It was fantastic, great turnout.

5) Other Reports

a. Waste Management Report – Graven – No report.

b. Environment Committee Report – Zinniel

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1. Report - None

6) Council Comments - None

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business

Mayor Hancock received an email today from a resident on Grove Hill Place asking if the city would fix and paint the fence. Following discussion, Mr. Graven will check into getting it repaired and painted.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Municipal Order No. 12, Series 2022-Appointing full-time Police Officer - Councilor Giesel introduced, Attorney Cato read, Councilor Harralson moved to approve Municipal Order No. 12, Series 2022 appointing a full-time police officer; seconded by Councilor Garlove. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 12, Series 2022)

10. Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock commented that the tax bills have been mailed and thanked the city clerk for all the hard work in getting them out.

Another special thanks to Jim for the Octoberfest, it was a great event.

11. Adjournment – Councilor Giesel moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Zinniel; none opposed.

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

/s/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/s/
Chip Hancock, Mayor