

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2023 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor:

Council:

Attorney:

Public Works:

Police Chief:

City Clerk:

Visitors:

Bob Astorino, Sr.
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
David Ferguson

John Harralson, III
Chip Hayward, Jr.
Lee Maddox
Kay Matton

Finn Cato

Jim Graven

Kelly Spratt

Donna M. Sinkhorn

Robert Johnston and Laura Johnston

ABSENT

Chip Hancock

Lee Garlove

Gate at Rio Vista

6:00 pm - Attorney Finn Cato explained that in the absence of Mayor Hancock, by statute, the council is responsible for selecting a council person to conduct the meeting. Councilor Astorino moved to approve Councilor Dunbar to conduct the meeting; seconded by Councilor Ferguson; none opposed.

1) Call to Order – Councilor Dunbar called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2) Recognize any visitors – Councilor Dunbar recognized the visitors. Robert & Laura Johnston, residents on Stonebridge Rd.

In response to the Johnstons' question, Mr. Graven said there are plans to black top Stonebridge Road possibly in June. Both sides of the road will be cut at an angle on both sides to allow water to run down faster toward the bridge. Debris is being removed and Mr. Graven is trying to get MSD to bring a tractor to get the area around the bridge to the depth that it should be. That may take at least another week. Once it is finished, when it rains, the water will not puddle, unless it is a major storm. Also, trees will be planted in the bridge area.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston then expressed their concerns about the locked Rio Vista gate. Councilor Dunbar explained the reason the gate is there is because there were young drivers racing on Rio Vista through River Hill to cut through. It was causing a lot of problems and possible danger to children playing in the Rio Vista area. The Johnstons' main concern is that the locked gate delays access to emergency vehicles, and asked how many people have a key. Chief Spratt responded that all the Indian Hills police officers have a key to the gate. The gate is opened when there is serious risk of flooding on Indian Hills Trail or Blankenbaker Lane. Discussion.

3) Minutes – February – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the February minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Astorino; none opposed.

Public Works & Building (Item #4) (c) on Agenda – Graven – Due to Mr. Graven having to leave early, he gave his

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report at this time and included the following.

1. Storm damage – lost several trees – shut down city in all four corners. Mr. Graven contacted Ben with Cornerstone and met him and two of his workers on Indian Hills Trail where a tree had fallen across the road. They started working at 4:00 pm and by 10:00 pm had the roads throughout the city open. Mr. Graven expressed his gratitude for Cornerstone, and that it was unbelievable what they got done in that period. He thanked Chief Spratt who worked until 12:30 a.m. Councilor Matton thanked Mr. Graven and crew.

2. Bushes/Shrubbery - The deep freeze/snow has killed every one of the city's bushes – all the laurels and viburnums are dead. Mr. Graven expressed concern about the city not being ready for Derby. He is working with Koch Landscaping to replace the bushes. It may cost up to \$30,000.00. Councilor Matton and other council members want Mr. Graven to utilize the city's landscaping manual for recommendations of what should be planted and not to plant the same types of bushes. Mr. Graven will use the manual as a reference for what to plant.

3. Stonebridge Road-Update – This project is about 75% done.

Councilor Astorino thanked Mr. Graven and Chief Spratt for all their work in the most recent storm. Councilor Dunbar said they did an awesome job and council agreed. (Mr. Graven had to leave)

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

1. Report – February – Councilor Dunbar presented February's financial report to Council.
2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – February

Councilor Maddox moved to accept the February financial report as presented and to approve February city and police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Hayward; none opposed.

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt's report included multiple criminal reports; one traffic collision report; four arrests/criminal citations; and year-to-date stats.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven – See above

Councilor Hayward asked if a Stop sign at Blankenbaker Lane & Apache Road may be installed due to speeders. Discussion.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

1. Review terms of service with Eco-Tech – April 1st – June 30th, 2023

Councilor Matton moved to continue paying the increase of \$3.01 per household through June 30, 2023 and if the fuel prices have gone down, the surcharge would be decreased; seconded by Councilor Ferguson; none opposed.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Report – None

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Councilor Maddox will review the landscape manual and work with Mr. Graven on the replacement of the shrubbery throughout the city.

- 6) Council Members Comments - None
- 7) Old Business - None
- 8) New Business - None
- 9) Legal – Cato

(a) Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2023 – Award of Grass/Lawn Maintenance Contract – Councilor Dunbar informed council the bid opening for lawn maintenance was yesterday at Noon and present were Mayor Hancock, Attorney Cato, Councilor Dunbar, Mr. Graven, Travis Sand-Klausing Group and Ms. Sinkhorn. The following two bids were received: Klausing Group - \$1,987.73 per week and \$50 per hour for additional work; and Gerard Ackermann - \$1,975.00 per week and \$40 per hour for additional work. Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst council to award the contract to Ackermann.

Councilor Matton introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Harralson moved to approve Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2023; seconded by Councilor Hayward. Councilor Dunbar proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Astorino	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Hayward	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Mr. Maddox	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Absent		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2023)

- 10) Mayor’s Comments – None

Councilor Dunbar complimented the city workers for all their hard work and for staying within their budgets. She also thanked the council for joining the board.

Councilor Ferguson commented that, as encouraged by Kentucky League of Cities, he called the legislative hotline to oppose Senate Bill 182, that, if passed, would place restrictions on annexations. Discussion.

- 11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Harralson; none opposed.

Next Meeting
Wednesday – April 19, 2023
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor