

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 17, 2023 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar

Lee Garlove
John Harralson, III

Lee Maddox
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Nancy Newman – Tree at Rio Vista entrance
John Aboud – Trash not picked up today
LuAnn George - Observe

ABSENT

David Ferguson

Chip Hayward, Jr.

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

2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized visitor, Nancy Newman, who was present on behalf of some Rio Vista residents and to request that the meager tree that was recently planted (& is crooked) at the Rio Vista entrance be replaced with a tree comparable to trees on the other islands in the city. Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst council to replace the tree this fall. Councilor Maddox, who is also chair of the Environment Committee, and Mr. Graven will use the city’s landscape manual for recommendations, and using those recommendations, will get the residents’ input as to which type of tree they prefer.

Mayor Hancock recognized visitor, John Aboud, who was present to inform council that his trash was not picked up today and he tried calling Eco-Tech but got no answer. Mr. Graven told Mr. Aboud it will be taken care of.

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

4) Committee Reports – Emailed
(a) Finance (Dunbar)

1. Report – April – Councilor Dunbar presented April’s financial report to Council. Councilor Garlove brought to her attention that on page 1 of the report, April **2022** should be April **2023**.

2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – April

Councilor Matton moved to accept the April financial report as presented and to approve April city and police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Astorino; none opposed.

3. Police Budget-FYE 6/2024 – Chief Spratt – Chief Spratt presented the police budget for fiscal year ending 6/2024 to Council. Following discussion, Councilor Astorino moved to approve the police budget for FYE 6/2024 as

presented; seconded by Councilor Dunbar; none opposed.

4. City Budget-FYE 6/2024 – Hancock – Mayor Hancock presented the city budget for fiscal year ending 6/2024 to Council. Following discussion, Councilor Matton moved to approve the city budget for FYE 6/2024 as presented, seconded by Councilor Harralson; none opposed.

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

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

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Mr. Graven’s report included:

Permit update – very busy time of year.

Complaint letters mailed to residents are working – problems are being addressed.

Poplar Hill Estates (Item #8) (a) on Agenda) – developer may be asking the city for a variance because the drawings show driveways/garage doors will be on the sides and in front and our Code of Ordinances does not allow them to be. Discussion.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – Mr. Graven will contact Eco-tech to take care of the resident’s missed trash pickup.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox’s Report follows:

At the Environment Committee Meeting, the Indian Hills Tree Program was discussed. They are hoping to expand it since it has been a success in the past years.

Councilor Maddox invited some councilmembers to the next Environment Committee meeting and would like to communicate more with them re the recommendations in the Booker Design manual. Using Rio Vista as an example, he would send emails sharing the recommendations as provided in the manual, the preference(s) of the residents, and then how to proceed. He will try to send the information prior to the council meetings so they will have the information for the meeting.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Astorino commented that he has received calls from some residents complaining that workers are running lawn equipment well beyond the times that the city specifies. Mayor Hancock said some people who complain do not understand the times for workers to work and it ends up being a resident that lives there working within the time range that is specified. Mr. Graven said during Derby week some landscapers were allowed to work later because there were a couple of rainy/cold days that week. He said Councilor Astorino may have the complaining residents call him. Discussion.

7) Old Business

8) New Business

(a) Poplar Hill Estates Development – Discussed earlier in meeting.

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9) Legal – Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023 – Tax Rate FYE 6/2024

Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023.

(b) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2023 – Budget FYE 6/2024

Council Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 2, Series 2023.

(c) Ordinance No. 3, Series 2023 – Setting Officers’ Compensation FYE 6/2024

Council Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 3, Series 2023.

10) Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Hancock suggested Councilor Dunbar, with regard to the KLC investment, ask PNC if there is a cash fund that the dividends can go into since the rates are going up, that might limit our risk a little bit. Councilor Dunbar said she is also against the fees being charged. She will do some homework on this and bring it back to the next meeting.

Mayor Hancock said a supplemental newsletter will be emailed next week.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Harralson; none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday – June 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor