

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2023 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.

Laura Dunbar
David Ferguson

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

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Laura Russell – candidate-Judge

ABSENT

Ann Dreisbach

Lee Garlove

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized visitor, Laura Russell, 18-year Indian Hills resident, presiding judge and a candidate for judge for Jefferson County Family Court.
- 3) Minutes – July – Emailed - Councilor Harralson moved to approve the July minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Ferguson; none opposed.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar)
 1. Report – July – Councilor Dunbar presented July’s financial report to Council.
 2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – July

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

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

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

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

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

Trees lost – Update re multiple mature trees that were lost during the most recent storms that went through the city.

Cave-in – Update re the cave-in on Poplar Hill Woods – Mayor and Mr. Graven will be working together

to get an ad for bids in the newspaper.

Councilor Matton asked when speed humps on Arrowhead Rd will be painted. Mr. Graven said he has been focused on the fallen trees, would be difficult to get a paint truck on Arrowhead with the road being shut off. He will try to get them done before Christmas.

Mayor Hancock thanked Mr. Graven for the retro sign “Welcome to Indian Hills Bird Sanctuary” that he placed at the Pollinator Garden.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – Mayor Hancock and Council discussed upcoming trash pickup contract bid. The term for the current contract expires June 30, 2024.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox reported the following:

Tree Program – Councilor Maddox turned in the 2023 Tree Program Application marked with updated changes to Ms. Sinkhorn so it may be included in the upcoming newsletter. He will ask Mr. Vance Borries to be present at the Octoberfest for the drawing of the trees.

Tree at Rio Vista Entrance – Councilor Maddox is staying in contact with the Rio Vista residents, the species of the tree for the entrance has not been decided yet.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Dunbar suggested placing in the next newsletter to residents – save your bridges and driveways, call MSD to get your culverts and drains unclogged. Ms. Sinkhorn asked Councilor Dunbar to email what she would like to have in the newsletter.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business

Mr. Graven informed council that someone is interested in building a new home on an empty lot on Rio Vista. Discussion.

Mayor Hancock said there is another empty lot on Indian Hills Trail at River Bluff that may be under contract. Discussion.

Mayor Hancock informed council that a new sewer line has been installed at the city office.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) American Legal Publishing – Update – Attorney Cato reported that American Legal Publishing has updated the recommended changes to the ordinances. A first reading of the ordinance repealing and replacing ordinances with recommended changes will take place at the next meeting.

10) Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Hancock commented on the downsizing of Brownsboro Road. As it stands now, the compromise is that the downsizing will continue from west to east but will stop at Mockingbird Valley Road. Discussion.

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- 11) Adjournment – Councilor Harralson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Hayward, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday – September 20, 2023
6:00 p.m.

/S/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

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Chip Hancock, Mayor