

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2023 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
David Ferguson

ABSENT

Lee Garlove
John Harralson, III

Chip Hayward, Jr.
Lee Maddox (610)
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

Jim Graven

Police Chief:

Kelly Spratt

City Controller: Patty Deye

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Nick Reynolds – Auditor – Dean Dorton
Jim Tencza – Auditor – Dean Dorton

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors
 - (a) Auditors – FYE 6/2023 Audit Report Presentation – Mayor Hancock introduced Nick Reynolds and Jim Tencza, auditors with Dean Dorton.

Mr. Tencza and Mr. Reynolds presented the audit report for FYE 6/30/2023 to Council. It is an unmodified audit, so there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, no major issues.

- In response to Mayor Hancock’s question, Mr. Reynolds & Mr. Tencza said OPEB means “Other Post Employee Benefits”, such as insurance or prescription drugs.
- Councilor Astorino asked if the amount of (\$37,849) on page 10 (Statement of Activities), means the city spent that much more than was taken in the prior year. He was told the amount is “Change in Net Position”.
- In response to Councilor Astorino’s question, he was told that a Resident Provided Service would be services provided to the residents, such as waste removal.
- Mayor Hancock’s question: On page 20, under Investments there is a Custodial Credit Risk of \$526,000 that is not covered by FDIC insurance, that is with PNC through Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Investment Pool, correct? Mr. Tencza said that is correct, all the city funds carried through PNC are not covered. Mayor Hancock asked should we bring to KLC’s attention that it should be covered? Mr. Tencza: They are aware of it. Dean Dorton does the audits for Kentucky League of Cities. Discussion.

Councilor Matton moved to accept the audit as presented by Mr. Tencza and Mr. Reynolds contingent upon any questions or concerns that may come up by end of the day on Monday, September 25, 2023; Councilor Astorino seconded; none opposed.

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- 3) Minutes – August – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the August minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Dunbar; none opposed.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar)
 1. Report – August – Councilor Dunbar presented August’s financial report to Council.
 2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – August

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

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

1. Police Report – In Chief Spratt’s absence, Mayor Hancock presented the report that included six criminal reports; one traffic collision report; one arrest/criminal citation; and year-to-date stats.

Councilor Hayward informed the mayor and council that a resident is requesting a speed hump on Indian Chute due to a 4-year-old child nearly getting hit by a car. Mayor Hancock said he will let Chief Spratt know.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – In Mr. Graven’s absence, Mayor Hancock reported earlier today, there was a bid opening for the road repair work on Poplar Hill Woods. Received two sealed bids: 1. AEP Enterprises \$174,845.00, and 2. Louisville Paving \$150,750.00. Neither of the bids include the masonry work. Mayor Hancock stated at this time, we will not be approving either bid. We need to learn more of the scope of this project/it is an engineering issue. It may be necessary to have a special meeting to approve a municipal order awarding the contract. A masonry bid is needed in addition to the paving bids. Discussion.

Speed humps - There was some discussion re the speed humps needing to be painted on Arrowhead Rd.

Octoberfest - Mayor Hancock said preparation for Octoberfest is going well. Councilor Dreisbach mentioned that last year she and other councilmembers met at Sagamore Park to help before the Octoberfest, is their help needed this year? Mayor Hancock said he will talk to Mr. Graven and send an email letting them know.

Newsletters - The newsletters were mailed out last Tuesday, but they have not reached the mailboxes yet.

Security/building deposits - Councilor Dreisbach asked if some of the older deposits may be refunded. Councilor Matton agreed, some go back to 2019. Mayor Hancock explained that the city must be provided with a CO that the work has been correctly completed before a deposit is released. Discussion.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – See below.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox reported the following:

Tree at Rio Vista Entrance – The Rio Vista residents are voting on the tree for the entrance triangle, currently, there is a tie.

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Octoberfest – The Environment Committee would like to have a table set up and he may bring someone knowledgeable on Monarch butterflies.

Tree Program – The tree applications are coming in, but not as many compared to previous years. Vance Borries said he will work on signing up people at the Octoberfest but is concerned that they have not had many people interested in it so far.

Waste Management (Item #5) (a) on Agenda

Mayor Hancock informed Council that he will be meeting with a representative of Eco-tech on October 2nd to discuss some complaints the city has received. Discussion.

Councilor Ferguson said that for the past month or two, Eco-tech has been storing trash cans w/no lids on his property on Blankenbaker. Mayor Hancock asked that he contact Eco-tech directly and he was given the phone number.

1. Review terms of service with Eco-Tech – Mayor Hancock asked if the Council approves to continue paying the fuel charge to Eco-tech. Councilor Astorino moved to continue paying the increase of \$3.01 per household through December 31, 2023, and if the fuel prices have gone down, the surcharge would be decreased; seconded by Councilor Dunbar; none opposed.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Astorino commented that the downsizing of Brownsboro Road has been postponed by the state for now. Mayor Hancock said whatever decision the Kentucky Department of Transportation makes, they want to be sure there is a public meeting and there is plenty of notice given to the public. Discussion.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business – None

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 4, Series 2023 – Repeal old Code of Ordinances/Adopt new Code of Ordinances – Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4, Series 2023.

10) Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hancock commented that if the council can come to the Octoberfest, please do so.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Dunbar, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday – October 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.

/S/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

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Chip Hancock, Mayor