

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

PRESENT:

ABSENT

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
David Ferguson
Lee Garlove
John Harralson, III (626)
Chip Hayward, Jr.
Lee Maddox
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Kent Westphal
Charlie Kane / Robyn Carster-Kane
LuAnn George
Jamie Swyers
John Singerman / Lisa Singerman
Gregg Hovious

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

LuAnn George – One of Mr. Ackermann’s workers is mowing along the creek, going to the edge, and blowing the leaves into the creek. Mayor Hancock and Mr. Graven will talk with Mr. Ackermann about it to be sure his workers know not to do it.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Police Report –Chief Spratt’s report included three criminal reports; three traffic collision reports; one arrest/criminal citation; and year-to-date stats.

2. License Plate Reader Cameras – Chief Spratt informed council that the contract with Flock for the license plate reader cameras is due to expire on January 24, 2024. The cameras have been very beneficial, and he would like council consideration to renew the contract. Flock is offering their current customers a five-year contract vs a two-year contract which we are in right now and it will lock in the price of \$30,000 annually for the city’s 12 cameras. Following discussion, Mayor Hancock asked Attorney Cato to prepare a Municipal Order approving the contract, using CARES Act Funds and bring it to the next meeting.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Mr. Graven thanked Councilor Maddox for helping set up tables at the Octoberfest.

Christmas Lights are being hung throughout the city and may be finished this weekend. There is a problem with the electric box at the entrance of Locust Hill. If he is unable to fix it, he will need to call an electrician.

River Bluff Rd House Proposal – Mayor Hancock and Mr. Graven had a meeting with the potential buyer. After reviewing the plans/design, and reviewing city ordinances, a permit was not issued.

Dead Trees - There were two dead trees that had to be dug up. Councilor Maddox will work with Mr. Graven on replacing the trees.

5) Other Reports

- (a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – Mayor Hancock and Council discussed the meeting he and Mr. Graven had with an Eco-tech representative.

- (b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox reported

Residential Tree Program is going very well. The residents’ checks should be hand delivered to the city office soon.

Rio Vista Tree – The residents have voted on a Black Gum Tree that will be planted at the entrance this spring.

Erica Abrams has been very helpful, and her husband is in the wholesale tree business. It is Councilor Maddox’s understanding that Mr. Abrams will be donating some trees in the spring for the city’s public areas. The Environmental Committee is considering the placement of the trees, such as lower Indian Hills Trail area where some trees have been lost. If any of the council sees where he/she thinks an area needs a tree, please send an email to him. The Committee may decide on the areas in February so they can be ready to plant them in the spring.

Councilor Maddox thanked LuAnn George for being such a good advocate for years. Recently, she has expressed concern about too much debris going into the creek; it may cause the creek to back up and do harm to city roads and cause the city financial issues.

6) Council Members Comments - None

7) Old Business - None

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8) New Business

(a) Pickle Ball Courts – Discussion ensued concerning pickle ball courts in the city.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2023 – ARPA funds for Poplar Hill Woods/Blankenbaker Ln Retaining Wall/Repaving. Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Astorino moved to approve Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2023; seconded by Councilor Matton. Councilor Garlove asked if a Municipal Order was necessary because ARPA money will be used. Attorney Cato said KIPDA, who administers the city’s ARPA funds, requires the city to have a Municipal Order when using ARPA funds. Councilor Garlove asked if the project was the wall with the nicer stone. Mayor Hancock said it is, but the masonry work has to be a separate bid; however, the stone mason and Louisville Paving will have to work together. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take 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	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2023)

(b) Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2023 – Approving a donation to the Louisville Boat Club – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2023; seconded by Councilor Hayward. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take 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	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2023)

(c) Municipal Order No. 8, Series 2023 – Authorizing Expenditure for City Officials & Staff Appreciation Dinner – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 8, Series 2023; seconded by Councilor Ferguson. In response to Councilors Hayward’s & Garlove’s question, Attorney Cato said that the dinner is meant to express the city’s appreciation to the council and city staff for their actual work performed above and beyond their normal duties in the past year. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take 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	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 8, Series 2023)

10) Mayor’s Comments

Stroll Magazine – Mayor Hancock believes the magazine may be misleading in that by recommending and referring the services in the magazine, it appears that the City of Indian Hills is making the recommendations or referrals. He may talk to the publisher. The mayor’s concern is that a resident using a service that is advertised in the magazine, may not be happy with the service and be placing blame on the city.

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11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Hayward, none opposed.

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

/S/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor