

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2024 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr. (6:39)

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: None

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

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

- (b) Public Safety Report – January - Spratt & Garlove & Harralson
 1. Police Report – Chief Spratt’s report included one criminal report; two traffic collision reports; no arrest/criminal citation; and year-to-date stats.
- (c) Public Works & Building – Graven
 - In a couple of weeks, Mr. Graven will start the preparation of spring plantings, beginning with turning the beds.
 - 135 Indian Hills Trail –Variance request (Item #8) (a) on Agenda) Mr. Graven and Mayor Hancock informed Council that the resident at Indian Hills Trail and Council Road wanted to extend their garage 15 feet, but that would make it 15 feet off the setback, therefore no variance approved.

5) Other Reports

- (a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – Mayor Hancock stated that the city will need to advertise

for bids for a new garbage contract in May. Eco-tech's contract expires on 6.30.2024.

Councilor Hayward stated that a couple of weeks ago, the trash collector did not have anything on his person to identify that he was with Eco-Tech. Chief Spratt said he received calls on the worker, so Lt. Coin talked to him. The worker had a vest on, but it could not be seen because he was layered up due to the cold weather.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

Councilor Maddox reported the Environment Committee had a good meeting Tuesday and invited those interested to come to their meeting next month. Topics discussed:

1. Residential Tree Program – Vance Von Borries is looking into a couple of different trees for this year's program. If there is a certain tree the Council would like included, please let Mr. Maddox know and he will ask Mr. Von Borries.
2. Pollinator Garden - LuAnn George may get with Mr. Graven about the deer eating on the bushes.
3. Erica Abrams and her husband will donate 10 trees to the city. They will be planted where trees have been lost.
4. Rio Vista Entrance Tree will be planted in April. Environment Committee would like to have a small get together to christen the tree in June or July.
5. Garden Club – Some residents are interested in having a Garden Club separate from the Environment Committee. Mr. Maddox will proceed and have a meeting or two about it.

Mr. Graven told Councilor Maddox that he has received compliments on the trimming along the creek from some residents. Mr. Maddox said he would like to get with Mr. Graven to discuss possible plantings along the creek.

Councilman Harralson reported that as you come up the hill, on left side of Rio Vista, a big tree in a resident's backyard fell over and broke through the fence and into the LG&E right-of-way. The city had the tree cut back and everything picked up to the fence line, but the tree is still laying in the backyard and the broken fence has not been fixed. It has been like this for several months and it is rather unsightly coming up the hill. Is there anything the city can do or should do to find out the plans of the resident? Mr. Graven said he will talk to the resident.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Matton commented about the pickle ball court John Hoagland wants to have installed. Discussion.

Councilor Dunbar commented on receiving from Kentucky League of Cities information re the upcoming annexation changes. Attorney Cato explained the new law which will be in effect as of July 15, 2024.

Councilor Dunbar informed Council of an upcoming meeting relating to the proposed development in Mockingbird Valley. The meeting is on February 29, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Crescent Hill Library. Discussion.

Councilor Matton asked about the River Bluff property. Mayor Hancock said the developer asked if the city would reconsider denying a permit, but there was no change to the plans. Discussion.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business

- (a) July Council Meeting – Date change – Mayor Hancock informed Council that the Louisville Boat Club will not have a room available for the City's Council meeting on July 17th so the Council should decide whether to have the meeting on Tuesday or Thursday of that week. It will be a Special Meeting. The Council decided to

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have it on July 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

9) Legal – Cato - None

10) Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Hancock commented the following:

- This year is election year for the Indian Hills Council.
- A newsletter will be mailed later in March.
- PVA reassessing property in Indian Hills and surrounding areas – the City Clerk will forward the email from PVA office to Council.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Dunbar moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Matton, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday – March 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.

/S/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor

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Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk