

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 17, 2024 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  
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

David Ferguson

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

2) Recognize any visitors – None.

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

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

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

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

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

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

Discussion ensued concerning increasing police officers’ base pay in order to stay competitive with other police departments.

(c) Public Works & Building – Mr. Graven’s report included the following:

- Poplar Hill Woods cave-in/road repair update – Louisville Paving has started working on the repair.

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- Indian Chute– Mr. Graven spoke with the realtor and gave her five days to get property cleaned up.
- Flowers will soon be planted – the city will look nice for Derby.
- Warrior Road property is being cleaned up – most will be finished tomorrow.

Councilor Matton was approached by a resident on Bow Lane which is a semi-circle street. There is a stop sign on one end and the resident asked if there could be a stop sign at the other end at Indian Hills Trail. There are bushes blocking the street at that intersection or can we ask the resident at the corner house to cut back the bushes? It is very difficult for drivers to see to turn there. Discussion.

Councilor Matton requested a 25 MPH speed sign as you head up the hill on Arrowhead Rd. Discussion.

Councilor Garlove was approached by some Locust Hill residents about the following:

- Pothole at Clarks Pointe exit coming down the hill.
- All three circular cul de sac concrete curbs are eroded and should be looked at. Also residents are requesting that flowers be planted. Mr. Graven said flowers were once planted, but nobody watered them.
- Retaining walls in the front on Blankenbaker and on Indian Chute – along the drainage ditch – caps are wearing away and it is asked if the city can work on the masonry there to make it look more presentable.
- There are weeds in the mulched area of the main entrance that need to be cleaned out.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

Mayor Hancock informed Council that the garbage collection contract will be bid out in May.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox – Councilor Maddox reported the following:

- The Tree Program Application is inside the newsletter which is on the city's website. Some residents have already shown interest in the Tree Program. If anyone shows interest, please tell them to call Vance Von Borries or him.
- No tree planting has been going on due to the ground being so wet.
- Within the next couple of weeks, a tree should be planted at the Rio Vista entrance.

Councilor Harralson requested the status of the big tree on the left up Rio Vista that went through the fence that he has mentioned in previous council meetings. Mr. Graven said the tree has been removed.

6) Council Members Comments – None.

7) Old Business – None.

8) New Business

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(a) Solicitation – There was much discussion concerning a solicitation ordinance. Following discussion, Councilor Astorino moved that the city permit fee for a solicitor’s license be temporarily \$200 and setting the allowable hours to solicit door-to-door within city limits from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Dunbar; none opposed.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2024 – Appointment of Police Officer – Timothy W. Snook – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Astorino moved to approve Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2024; seconded by Councilor Matton. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

Mr. Astorino	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Hayward	had to leave at 6:45
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Mr. Maddox	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Absent	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2024)

10) Mayor’s Comments

- First reading for the Budget Ordinance will be next month.
- Mayor Tafel, the Rolling Fields Mayor called Mayor Hancock to ask that he and others attend a Land Reform meeting tomorrow at Lyndon City Hall at 7:00 pm. The new Land Reform will affect cities less than 3000, not the City of Indian Hills. They are proposing multiple residences on one lot. Discussion.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Harralson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Maddox, none opposed.

Next Meeting:  
Wednesday – May 15, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

/S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chip Hancock, Mayor

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Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk