

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2024 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

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: Julie Tagliaferi – observe (arrived after meeting was called to order)
Greg Hovious – observe (arrived after meeting was called to order)

ABSENT

Lee Garlove

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – At the time when the meeting was called to order, there were no visitors present.
- 3) Minutes – January – Emailed - Councilor Dunbar moved to approve the February minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Matton; none opposed.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
 - (a) Finance (Dunbar)
 1. Report – February – Councilor Dunbar presented February’s financial report to Council.
 2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – February

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

- (b) Public Safety Report – February - Spratt & Garlove & Harralson
 1. Police Report – Chief Spratt’s report included two criminal reports; one traffic collision report; one arrest/criminal citation; and year-to-date stats.
- (c) Public Works & Building – Graven
 - Most beds have been overturned and flowers will be planted soon –the city will look nice for Derby.
 - Seasonal grass cutting of the city’s common areas/islands has begun.

In response to Mayor Hancock’s question, Mr. Graven said the contractors should be starting on the Poplar Hill Woods road/wall repair in early April.

Councilor Matton informed Mr. Graven there is a rough area needing to be patched on Calumet.

In response to Mayor Hancock's question, Mr. Graven said Rudy Lane will only need some patch work this year and possibly paving next year.

Mayor Hancock informed Council that ARPA funds may be used for payroll.

Mr. Graven stated the roads are in pretty good shape since there were only three snow events that required the roads to be treated or plowed.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

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

Review terms of service with Eco-Tech – April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024 – 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 June 30, 2024, and if the fuel prices have gone down, the surcharge would be decreased; seconded by Councilor Maddox. Council Astorino asked if there is a way to avoid the extra cost in the future contract. Mayor Hancock explained the cost increase in the current contract occurred due to the increase in diesel fuel after the pandemic. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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

- There are plans to plant the Rio Vista tree in April.
- Pollinator Garden – Looking into putting a different sign up.
- Tree Program Application will be included in the newsletter.
- Discussion ensued about whether councilmembers could be allowed to participate in the drawing for a tree in the Tree Program if there are not enough residents signed up. Attorney Cato advised as long as it would conform with the city's Code of Ethics.
- Councilor Maddox hopes to put together a Garden Club involving residents of Indian Hills and Rolling Fields. Those interested will get together and have a few meetings in the future. He will keep the council informed.

Councilor Harralson asked Mr. Graven if the resident plans to remove the tree that is on its side and laying on a fence that he mentioned at last month's meeting. Mr. Graven responded yes. Councilor Harralson said just as long as the resident has a plan to get rid of the tree and fix his fence, because residents have asked him about it.

Chip mentioned that on the right of Rio Vista there is a tree down in a field on the resident's property.

Councilor Maddox stated he received a bid from the tree arborist who plants the residents' trees that are from the Tree Program. It will cost \$3,800 to plant the 10 trees that will be donated to the city by Adams Nursery including the Rio Vista tree. In response to Mayor Hancock's question, Councilor Maddox said he does not know the size of the trees, only that they are more native to the area. Following some discussion, Councilor Maddox said he will check with the city controller on the amount remaining in the Environment Committee's budget.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Matton commented the following:

- Someone is leaving dog waste in pink plastic bags along the ditch on Arrowhead Road.

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- Can the city ask the residents to clean up their backyards? There are dead trees that are just lying in yards, and it is offensive to other people. Mayor Hancock and Attorney Cato said yes, letters asking that they clean it up can be sent if she can identify the houses.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business - None

9) Legal – Cato – Garbage collection discussion.

Attorney Cato inquired of KLC about regulating pickle ball courts and is waiting to hear back from them.
Discussion.

Councilor Matton:

- Requested that the city write a “Thank you” letter to Sarah & David Hardy for removing debris from the creek between Westwind and Totem.
- Coming down Calumet on the left side, there are two trash cans and a wheelbarrow someone has tossed over the guard rail down the hill.
- Will the Booker Landscape Design manual be used for the city’s entrance ways? Mayor Hancock said it has not been looked into at this time. Councilor Maddox said it will require some budgeting.
Discussion.

10) Mayor’s Comments – None

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

Next Meeting:
Wednesday – April 17, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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Chip Hancock, Mayor

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Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk