

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 19, 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
Lee Garlove
John Harralson, III
Lee Maddox

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: John McCarty

ABSENT

Chip Hayward, Jr.
Kay Matton

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

2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized John McCarty. Mayor Hancock has answered Mr. McCarty's questions prior to the meeting.

3) (a) Minutes – May – Emailed - Councilor Dunbar moved to approve the May 15, 2024 minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Maddox; none opposed.

(b) May 29, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes – Councilor Maddox moved to approve the May 29, 2024 Special Meeting minutes as emailed, second by Councilor Dunbar; none opposed.

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

1. Report – May – Councilor Dunbar presented April's financial report to Council.
2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – May

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

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt's report included 14 criminal reports; one traffic collision report; five criminal arrests/citations & criminal complaints filed and year-to-date stats.

Discussion ensued about setting up an emergency alert system so that our police department may send a text re an any urgent situation that may occur to make our residents aware for their safety. Earlier this week, Chief Spratt signed up to add text alerts to the constant contacts and will be sending out a notice to our residents asking if they want to sign up for text alerts. This will help in a lot of situations, however, Chief Spratt cautioned, every situation will be different, such as the situation that occurred a few weeks ago when he and the other two officers on duty were actively dealing

with the situation at hand, so there would have been no way he could have texted an alert to the residents. Chief Spratt said our goal is to continue to improve no matter how we stand today, we want something to be better and more efficient a month from now whatever it is.

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

- Mr. Graven will have a water truck going throughout the city tomorrow and has started doing so due to the dry weather. Also, no trees will be planted for a couple of weeks due to the heat.
- There have been a few Stop signs disappearing. Mr. Graven has been taking care of it as Chief Spratt calls it in to him.
- He has had a few permits for swimming pools.

Councilor Garlove has had a neighbor complaining about their neighbor’s pool not being properly piped causing it to overflow into their backyard. Mr. Graven will get the location from Councilor Garlove and look into it.

Mr. Graven and Councilor Dreisbach informed Council that the bridge on Stonebridge Road will be painted. Councilor Dreisbach had someone from Sherwin Williams visit on site to advise as to what type of paint to use. A different kind of coating should be used for the foundation to protect rock to keep it from deteriorating anymore. It will take a minimum of two coats. Councilor Harralson asked if the State, who replaced the bridge, will be paying for the cost of the painting project. Following discussion, Mayor Hancock asked Mr. Graven and Councilor Dreisbach to get the cost of how much it would be and bring it back to the Council.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

1. Report – Mayor Hancock informed Council an email blast providing Eco-tech’s last pickup date and Rumpke’s starting date as well as some other information was sent out to residents. Since then, there have been a few issues come up. Rumpke has recently mailed out a second flyer correcting the amount of rear door pickup, which is \$8 monthly, not \$8 weekly. Following some discussion, Mayor Hancock asked Council to remind their neighbors that Eco-tech’s last pickup will be June 26th and the Eco-tech cans will be picked up that day as well. Also ask for their patience during this transition. There will be some bumps and glitches, but we will get through it.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox asked Council to have their neighbors who want to participate in the Tree Program, to let him know. He and the Tree Program Committee would like to start getting the word out. He also thanked Mr. Graven for helping with the trees.

6) Council Members Comments – None

7) Old Business

(a) Solicitation – See below, under Legal.

8) New Business - None

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024 – Budget – FYE 06/2025 – First Reading – Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024.

(b) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2024 – Employee Pay Classification – Second Reading – Introduced by Councilor Dunbar; Attorney Cato gave second reading to and Council Astorino moved to approve Ordinance No. 2, Series 2024;

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Councilor Maddox seconded. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

Mr. Astorino	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Hayward	Absent
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Mr. Maddox	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Absent
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 2, Series 2024)

(c) Middle Housing – Discussion – Mayor Hancock explained that in an effort to keep young people in Louisville, and to create more housing in the city, Louisville Mayor Greenburg is allowing owners of R-zoned property in Metro, to tear down their houses to build a four-plex, apartments or whatever they would like to build without having any zoning issues. This should not affect the City of Indian Hills because the city has zoning authority. Attorney Cato said the state legislature has imposed a moratorium on any changes to Louisville Metro’s Land Development Code for a year. The issue on Middle Housing is in a holding pattern until next April. Discussion.

Solicitation – Item #7) (a) on Agenda – Mayor Hancock asked for a motion to move into Executive Session due to potential litigation. Councilor Harralson moved, and Councilor Astorino seconded to go into Executive Session at 6:49 pm; motion passed unanimously.

At 7:10 pm, Councilor Dunbar moved, and Councilor Ferguson seconded to come out of Executive Session; motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hancock stated, at no time during Executive Session was any action taken.

Councilor Dunbar moved to lower the solicitation license/permit fee to \$10; seconded by Councilor Astorino and then stated he would like to make it \$10 per applicant. Attorney Cato read to council, in part, certain sections of Chapter 112 of the City’s Code of Ordinances. According to the city ordinance, it is one fee per application, but the company’s representatives who will be soliciting in the city as well as the description of their vehicles must be included on the application. Following discussion, for clarity, Councilor Garlove moved that we change the application fee to \$10 per application and to eliminate any restrictions on time for solicitation; Councilor Astorino seconded the motion; none opposed.

Councilor Astorino stated that between now and the next meeting, a group of three, including himself and the clerk, sit down and decide whether other data needs to be included on the application. Mayor Hancock said Ms. Sinkhorn has prepared a draft of an application that he and Attorney Cato will review it, as well as a draft of the license she prepared. Discussion.

10) Mayor’s Comments - None

11) Adjournment – Councilor Dunbar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Astorino, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday – July 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.

/s/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor

/s/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk