

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 15, 2024 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
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

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

2) Recognize any visitors – None.

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

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

1. Report – April – Councilor Dunbar presented April’s financial report to Council.

2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – April

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

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt’s report included two criminal reports; no traffic collision reports; five criminal arrests/citations & criminal complaints filed; and year-to-date stats.

2. Indian Hills Police Department – Budget – FYE 06/2025 - Chief Spratt presented the police budget to Council. Following discussion, Councilor Matton moved to approve the police budget for fiscal year ending 6/2025 as presented; seconded by Councilor Ferguson; none opposed.

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

- The city looked nice for Derby – most of the work was finished by Thursday night.

- The three circular cul de sac concrete curbs in Locust Hill have been looked at and are eroded as mentioned by Councilor Garlove last month. The recent rains have caused a delay in repairing them, but they will be fixed once the ground around them has dried.
- There are no plans to plant any flowers in the cul de sacs on Long Knife because when they had been planted in the past, they dried up due to them not being watered.
- Retaining walls in the front on Blankenbaker and on Indian Chute & drainage ditch – Mr. Graven was told by Aguilar Masonry that there is nothing that needs to be done; it should last 50 to 100 years unless it gets hit by a truck or a car.

Mr. Graven asked Councilor Maddox if, in the future, he will get with him before a tree is planted in public spaces. Mark it with a flag or something. One of the trees that was recently planted was planted in an area of Sagamore Park that is used for part of Oktoberfest so it will need to be moved. Councilor Maddox said he will do so and apologized. The areas were flagged, but in the future he will let Mr. Graven know about any new trees before they are planted.

Update on the repair work on the retaining wall on Poplar Hill Woods at Blankenbaker Lane. There may be more of the wall that may need to be removed so they will be getting another estimate on what the cost would be. Mr. Graven said one of the residents wants the wall to resemble the one on Hurstbourne and has also asked how much the city will help with the seeding of the hill. Councilor Garlove requested, and there was general agreement amongst the other Councilmembers, that the city does not spend any more money than has been approved.

Mayor Hancock said Mr. Graven asked to include in the upcoming budget the money for installing new lighting with LED lighting in the entranceways. Discussion.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

1. Report – None
2. Results – Garbage Collection Contract Bids – Mayor Hancock informed Council that the bid opening for garbage collection for another four-year term was at Noon today.

The City received only two bids, one from Eco-Tech and the other from Rumpke. All are for weekly collections. The bids were broken down for 2024-2026 and 2026-2028.

	Eco-tech		Rumpke	
	2024-2026	2026-2028	2024-2026	2026-2028
-Curbside	15.50	17.36	19.00	19.95
-Rear-door	No Bid	No Bid	25.00	26.25
-Recyclables-curb only	8.65	9.69	6.50	6.83
	24.15 per home for curbside		25.50 per home for curbside	
			31.50 per home rear door	
-Yard waste per season per subscription	95.00	106.40	120.00	120.00+ 4%

Eco-tech’s bid - 1185 residences x \$28,617.75 per month thru 6.30.26 = \$343,413.00 annually curb side only. Eco-tech told the Mayor they would handle the rear door service as needed, but did not bid on rear door.

Rumpke’s bid - \$30,217.50 per month = \$362,610.00 curb side only or \$447,930.00 for global rear door pickup. The Mayor was told by Rumpke they will do limited rear door pickup and send invoices to the residents.

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Following much discussion and based on both bidders indicating that they will do limited rear door pickup, Council asked Attorney Cato to ask both bidders for clarification of rear door service, and ask a number of other rear door service related questions, such as, what the price would be; will they bill the resident directly? Councilor Garlove moved that we ask both Eco-tech and Rumpke to request a price for limited rear door pickup; seconded by Councilor Astorino; none opposed.

There was general agreement amongst the Council to have a Special Meeting on May 29th at 5:00 pm at the city office to review the bids and award the garbage collection contract.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox reported the following:

- The 10 trees that were donated to the city by the Adamses have been planted in public spaces.
- The Rio Vista tree has been planted.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Maddox commented that Vance Von Borries has received, so far this year, four or five Tree Program Applications due to the application being in the newsletter that was recently mailed.

7) Old Business - None

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 of Budget Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024.

(b) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2024 – Employee Pay Classification – First Reading - Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading of Budget Ordinance No. 2, Series 2024.

(c) Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2024 – Not using ARPA funds for Repair Work/use for Payroll – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Astorino moved to approve Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2024; seconded by Councilor Matton. Councilor Astorino asked what will happen when the ARPA funds are gone? Mayor Hancock explained that that the city will get reimbursed by the Police Department; instead of taking a chance in losing the funds by using it on piecemeal projects and cause possible issues in reporting it, the city is allowed to use those funds for payroll, so it will be better to do so in order not having to return any funds to the federal government. Attorney Cato added that our KIPDA ARPA advisor has recommended that we have the ARPA funds spent by December 31st. 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	had to leave at 7:00		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2024)

(d) Municipal Order No. 4, Series 2024 –Awarding Garbage Collection Contract - Tabled

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10) Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Hancock commented that if anyone is not going to run for re-election, please let him know. If someone is not going to run, he would like to try to find someone in their area of the city to run for election so that area will continue to be represented.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Maddox moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Matton, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday – June 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.

/S/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor