

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 24, 2024 Minutes of Special Meeting  
(Due to no room available at LBC on July 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Louisville Boat Club  
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council:

Ann Dreisbach  
Laura Dunbar  
David Ferguson

John Harralson, III  
Chip Hayward, Jr.  
Lee Maddox  
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Suzanne Schuler  
Kate Farrow

ABSENT

Bob Astorino, Sr.

Lee Garlove

Jim Graven

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

2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized visitor, Suzanne Schuler, who is a resident of the city. She asked if one of the city parks may be used to set up for residents to meet both political candidates for the upcoming State Representative election. Mayor Hancock and Councilor Dreisbach both suggested that she may have a table set up at the Octoberfest, the first Sunday in October-Noon to 3:00 pm, to have a meet and greet of the candidates.

Kate Farrow introduced herself and is a candidate for State Representative for Kentucky's 48<sup>th</sup> House District.

3) (a) Minutes – June – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the June 19, 2024 minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Ferguson; none opposed.

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

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

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

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

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

(c) Public Works & Building – In Mr. Graven’s absence, Mayor Hancock gave the following report:

- Poplar Hill Woods/Blankenbaker Cave-in – The road repair work and stone wall repair is nearly complete.
- Poplar Hill Rd – One of the 12 empty lots on Poplar Hill has been sold and a new residence is being built on it.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

1. Report – Mayor Hancock informed Council there was some confusion regarding rear door service and thanked Attorney Cato for negotiating with Rumpke for getting it resolved. There are only a total of 75 slots available for rear door service. The resident will need to pay an additional \$8 per month invoiced directly by Rumpke and meet one of the three requirements: 1) Elderly, 2) Handicapped, and/or 3) Very long driveway. Once the 75 slots are filled, which stands at 68, anyone needing rear door service will be placed on a waiting list. Discussion.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox’s report included the following:

- Group text with Councilor Astorino, Mr. Graven and himself — re public areas where they are mulching too high, called volcano mulches. Mr. Graven will have it taken care of.
- Vance Von Borries, Chairman of the Tree Program, is a little concerned because he has only received five applications. He asked that the Tree Program Application be posted on our website and placed in the next newsletter. Councilor Maddox will handwrite signs and post them at different corners.
- Tree Maintenance – Councilor Maddox and Mr. Graven are watering the donated trees. The young trees seem to be doing fine, but if they see any that they are concerned about, please let him know.
- Rolling Fields sent an email re a Garden Club and Councilor Maddox has received a call from one of our residents asking about it so he will start putting that together. If they know of anyone interested in the Garden Club please send them to him.

6) Legal – Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024 – Budget – FYE 06/2025 – Second Reading – Attorney Cato gave second reading to, Councilors Matton moved, and Ferguson seconded to approve Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024)

(b) Ordinance No. 3, Series 2024-Tax Rate-FYE 6/2025 First Reading – Tabled – Mayor Hancock explained to the council that due to the PVA’s tax reassessments, we have asked for KLC’s assistance in calculating the tax rate, and we have not received it yet. We may need to have a special meeting to have the first reading of the ordinance via Zoom.

(c) Municipal Order No. 5, Series 2024 – Louisville Paving-Poplar Hill Woods-Blankenbaker – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 5, Series authorizing the use of CARES Act Funds for an additional \$39,625 expenditure for additional and necessary work that was discovered during the project; seconded by Councilor Maddox. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 5, Series 2024)

(d) Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2024 – Aguilar Stone-Poplar Hill Woods-Blankenbaker - Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 6, Series authorizing the use of CARES Act Funds for an additional \$25,000 expenditure for additional stone masonry work discovered during the project; seconded by Councilor Dunbar. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 6, Series 2024)

(e) Medical Cannabis – Discussion – Attorney Cato explained to the Council that medical cannabis is highly regulated by state law and in order to prohibit a dispensary being located within the city, the city would have to enact an ordinance prohibiting the dispensation of medical cannabis. Following discussion, there was a general consensus amongst the majority of the Council to not prohibit medical cannabis, considering also the unlikely event that a dispensary would be located within the city. Councilor Matton stated she is opposed to having a medical cannabis dispensary within the city.

7) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Dunbar, none opposed.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting:  
Wednesday – August 21, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chip Hancock, Mayor