

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2024 Minutes of Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar

John Harralson, III (sick-since there was a quorum-he left)

Lee Maddox
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Greg & Priss Hovious

ABSENT

David Ferguson
Lee Garlove

Chip Hayward, Jr.

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

2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock recognized visitors, Greg & Priss Hovious. Their question and concerns regarding No Solicitation signs and speeders on Indian Hills Trail were answered / addressed.

3) (a) Minutes – July 24, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the July 24, 2024 minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Astorino; none opposed. (NOTE: There was no room available on July 17th, the date of the regularly scheduled city council meeting, at Louisville Boat Club)

(b) Minutes – August 15, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes – Emailed – Councilor Matton moved to approve the minutes of August 15th as emailed, seconded by Councilor Dunbar; none opposed.

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

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

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

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

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

(c) Public Works & Building –

Following discussion re the bridge on Stonebridge Road, there was general consensus amongst the Council to not paint or clear coat it since it is the property of the State.

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Mr. Graven gave the following report:

- Octoberfest update
- Basketball Goal – on Sagamore – Discussion.
- Grove Hill Place - Fence – A new fence around the common area is needed. The current one has been falling apart since the homes were annexed into the city. Work should start on Monday and be finished by Thursday. It will be painted two weeks later.

Mayor Hancock and some Councilmembers offered to help Mr. Graven with the Octoberfest.

Mr. Graven has spent approximately \$500 on some small paving jobs and does not believe he will need to spend anything more until next March, 2025. Attorney Cato explained that the \$130,000 ARPA funds that were a line item in the budget, have to be obligated by December 31, 2024, so the bidding process needs to be completed by then. Otherwise, the city could use the ARPA funds for another project, but the city would need to amend the budget ordinance and would still need to obligate the ARPA funds for another project by December 31, 2024. Discussion.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

1. Report – No report.

Mayor Hancock asked the Council to be sure residents understand that if they place anything, such as cardboard, outside the Rumpke receptacles, Rumpke will not pick it up. It has to be in the receptacle.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox's report included the following:

- To date, there are not many applicants for the Tree Program, and Mayor Hancock said the newsletter will have the application for the Tree Program provided in it. The application is also on the website.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Astorino suggested instead of having many different No Solicitation signs, to get several of the same signs and distribute them at the Octoberfest. Attorney Cato said it was nice what was being suggested but advised that the city should not purchase signs for property owners and not put the city's name or logo on them. It should not appear that the city is endorsing no solicitation because the allowance or disallowance of solicitors is within the discretion and the decision of each property owner and not the city. He confirmed this with the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). Discussion.

Councilor Astorino has received several complaints regarding the downsizing of Brownsboro Road. Mayor Hancock stated that he, Rolling Fields Mayor, and Scott Reed had a meeting with a representative from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC). They explained to KTC that they did not want the downsizing to extend all the way to Chenoweth Lane. They made a compromise that the work should stop at Mockingbird Valley Road. Another meeting was scheduled to discuss further, but the KTC representative called the Rolling Fields Mayor and said he would not be at the meeting. He also said the downsizing would go as previously planned up to Chenoweth Lane and if there were any problems, they would fix it. Discussion.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business

- (a) Cherokee Section Entrance Sign at Brownsboro Rd. – Mayor Hancock stated that the Cherokee Section

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entrance sign needs painting, and the city is considering Whitehouse Residential & Commercial Painting (Whitehouse).

Councilor Dreisbach stated that she no longer has ownership of Whitehouse. It is her daughter's company, and she only is an employee. Following discussion and acknowledging that Councilor Dreisbach is an employee of the company, Councilor Astorino moved to have Whitehouse paint the Cherokee Section entrance wrought iron fencing sign due to the reasonable price of \$875.00, the company's experience in painting for government and municipalities, a business rating of A+, and painting by Whitehouse would be in the best interest of the city. Councilor Maddox seconded the motion, and the motion was approved; none opposed.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 3, Series 2024 – Tax Rate – FYE 06/2025 – Second Reading – Attorney Cato gave second reading, Councilor Matton moved, and Councilor Astorino seconded to approve Ordinance No. 3, Series 2024. Mayor Hancock proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 3, Series 2024)

(b) Annexation – Old Federal Hill – Mayor Hancock informed Council that most of the residents of Old Federal Hill have signed a petition for the city to annex them, and they have had a survey done. Following discussion, there was general consensus from the Council to move forward with the process of annexing Old Federal Hill.

10) Mayor's Comments - None

11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Dunbar, none opposed.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting:
Wednesday – September 18, 2024
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor