

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 18, 2024 Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Louisville Boat Club  
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.  
Laura Dunbar  
David Ferguson  
Lee Garlove  
John Harralson, III  
Chip Hayward, Jr. (had to leave 640pm)  
Lee Maddox  
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief:

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

City Controller: Patty Deye (left 6:25pm)

Visitors: Jim Tencza – Auditor – Dean Dorton  
Nick Reynolds – Auditor – Dean Dorton

ABSENT

Ann Dreisbach

Kelly Spratt

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – Mayor Hancock introduced the Jim Tencza and Nick Reynolds, Dean Dorton Auditors, who proceeded with the presentation of the audit FYE 6/30/2024.

A draft copy of the Audit Report was distributed to Mayor Hancock and the Council. Mr. Tencza stated that the audit went very smoothly, no problems and no issues, no material weaknesses. Mr. Reynolds continued the presentation. He said it was a clean audit, clean opinion, the best opinion that the auditors can give and proceeded walking through the Financial Statements.

Page 9 – Deferred Outflows of Resources relates to the pension plan and OPEB; it decreased approximately \$100,000 compared to last year. The total liabilities are 1.5 million dollars compared to about 2 million dollars last year. The significant change is just a decrease in the city’s pension liability. Mayor Hancock asked if that was due to the improvement in the market. Mr. Tencza said it is due to two things, the market improvements, and the Kentucky Pension Authority revised some of their assumptions. Mayor Hancock asked if the gaming/gambling money revenue that the state gets helped relieve some of the liability. Mr. Tencza did not know if the state had officially done it yet but the state is using some of that money to pay down the pension so all the organizations will not have to pay as much.

Page 11 – Budgeted Revenues = \$2.4 million vs actual = \$2.3 million making it a shortfall of \$77,000. Budgeted Expenditures = \$2.436 million vs actual = \$2.486 million making it \$49,000 spent more than budgeted. Expenditures extended the revenues by about \$130,000.

Pg 21 – Refers to ARPA funds – the remaining funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024.

Pg 34 – Schedule of City Pension Contributions shows that the city has contributed exactly what they needed to contribute.

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Pgs 40-41 – The auditors did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that they consider material weaknesses.

Councilor Matton moved to accept the audit as presented by Mr. Tencza and Mr. Reynolds contingent upon any questions or concerns that may come up by end of the day on Monday, September 23, 2024; Councilor Astorino seconded; none opposed.

3) (a) Minutes – August 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes – Emailed - Councilor Dunbar moved to approve the August 21, 2024, minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Matton; none opposed.

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

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

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

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

1. Police Report – Mayor Hancock stated if the Council had any questions regarding the report, to please email them to Chief Spratt.

Councilor Hayward has received concerns re Apache Road traffic increasing significantly around 4:00pm-4:30pm due to drivers cutting through Apache to get to Rudy Lane in order to get to Dunn Elementary. Discussion.

(c) Public Works & Building - Mr. Graven gave the following report:

- Octoberfest update
- Grove Hill Place - Fence update

Councilor Matton reported a speed limit sign needs to be replaced at Westwind Rd and Old Brownsboro Rd. Councilor Astorino mentioned that the Council Road sign is missing. Mr. Graven will take care of it.

Councilor Garlove reported that there is a dumpster on the street in front of the resident’s home on Indian Chute. Mr. Graven will look into it.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

1. Report – Mayor Hancock asked the Council to remind their neighbors that the trash has to be in the right container, cardboard boxes must be broken down and placed inside the recycle container with the lid closed. Also, there are Rumpke stickers at the office if any resident has an Eco-tech container; they need to use a Rumpke sticker to cover the name.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox’s report included the following:
  - The city has helped get the trees watered during the dry spell. Mayor Hancock informed Council that he approved for the company who planted the donated trees to water them.
  - The Environment Committee may have an informal nature walk in November.

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• Tree Program Applications have been trickling in. There will be a sign-up at the Octoberfest. There are funds for 28 trees and if any are remaining, would the Council consider allowing a Councilmember to purchase one. Following discussion, it was tabled until next month.

6) Council Members Comments - None

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business - None

9) Legal – Cato – Attorney Cato informed Council that middle housing will be discussed at the Jefferson County League of Cities meeting at Lyndon City Hall tomorrow at 7:00pm if anyone is interested in attending.

10) Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Hancock asked if it would be possible to have the residents sign up for No Solicitation list at Octoberfest. The City Clerk has put the information in the newsletter.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Garlove, none opposed.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting:  
Wednesday – October 16, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

/S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chip Hancock, Mayor

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Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk