

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 20, 2024 Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Louisville Boat Club  
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor:

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.

Laura Dunbar  
David Ferguson  
Lee Garlove  
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: Charles Hurst

ABSENT

Chip Hancock

Ann Dreisbach

Jim Graven

- 1) Call to Order – Attorney Finn Cato called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called for a motion for one of the council members to serve as mayor in the absence of Mayor Hancock. Councilor Dunbar moved to have Councilor Harralson preside the meeting in Mayor Hancock’s absence; seconded by Councilor Matton; none opposed.
- 2) Recognize any visitors – Councilor Harralson recognized visitor, who was present to only observe.
- 3) (a) Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the October 16, 2024, minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Ferguson; none opposed.
- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed
  - (a) Finance (Dunbar)
    1. Report – October – Councilor Dunbar presented October’s financial report to Council.
    2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – October

Councilor Astorino moved to accept the October financial report as presented and to approve October city and police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Matton; none opposed.
  - (b) Public Safety Report – September - Spratt & Garlove & Harralson
    1. Police Report – Chief Spratt’s report included seven criminal reports; two traffic collision reports; 11 criminal arrests/citations & criminal complaints filed and year-to-date stats.
  - (c) Public Works & Building – No report.
- 5) Other Reports
  - (a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – No report.
  - (b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox's reported the following:

- Tree Program – The residents' checks were given to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. Council Maddox will get a spreadsheet showing those residents' who participated, to the council next month. The number of participants were down, so they need to discuss how to advertise better in the future.
- The Environment Committee Meetings have gone well.
- Invasive Species – As requested by Council at last month's meeting, Councilor Maddox asked former Councilor Luann George's assistance on getting the word out about invasive species. Ms. George would like to get a committee together and possibly announce it in early spring.
- Councilor Maddox would like to thank Vance Von Borries, Chairman of the Tree Program, for all his efforts and hard work.

6) Council Members Comments

Sumner MacDonald, Mayor for the City of Riverwood has asked Councilor Garlove if the city-owned property on 37 ½ River Hill Road that was donated by a resident of Indian Hills in 1996 and abuts to Riverwood has been dedicated as a park. Attorney Cato indicated that a specific ordinance to make that dedication would be required. Also, pursuant to Councilor Garlove's request, Attorney Cato has done some research and has learned that last year, Mayor Hancock has verbally permitted a resident of City of Riverwood to plant fruit trees with the understanding that no more activity, such as hunting, on the city property would occur. Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst Council to have Attorney Cato consult with Mayor Hancock and prepare a letter of understanding to send to the Riverwood resident.

Councilor Matton commented that there are people walking on the wrong side of the road or in the middle of the road with their dogs. Discussion.

Councilor Astorino commented that the neighbors of the house being built on Council Road have asked that he speak for them since they did not want to attend tonight's meeting. The neighbors are concerned about the lack of communication from the builder. They are particularly interested in knowing about the drainage since the new house is elevated above their homes and the landscaping plans. Following discussion, Councilor Harralson suggested Councilor Astorino meet with Mr. Graven to review the plans because he believes all the information that the neighbors are asking for are in the drawings.

7) Old Business – None

8) New Business – None

9) Legal – Cato – Attorney Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 4, Series 2024 – Amending Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024 – Budget FYE 2025-Second Reading. Attorney Cato gave second reading to, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Ordinance No. 4, Series 2024; second by Councilor Astorino. Councilor Harralson proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 4, Series 2024)

(b) Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2024 – Donation-\$600-Louisville Boat Club – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2024; seconded by Councilor Dunbar. Councilor Harralson proceeded to take the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 7, Series 2024)

(c) Ordinance No. 5, Series 2024 – Medical Cannabis – First Reading – Councilor Dunbar introduced and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 5, Series 2024.

10) Mayor’s Comments

Councilor Harralson informed Council that next month’s meeting has been changed from Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> which is to accommodate the Louisville Boat Club and our annual appreciation dinner.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Astorino, none opposed.

Special Meeting next month:

(due to no room available at LBC)

Wednesday – December 19, 2024

6:00 p.m.

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

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