

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2025 Minutes of Zoom Meeting
(LBC closed due to being flooded by Ohio River)
Live Video Teleconference
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
David Ferguson

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

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works:

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

ABSENT

Lee Garlove

Jim Graven

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- 2) Recognize any visitors - None

The first order of business was a Public Hearing for the use of Municipal Aid Program funds. At 6:00 p.m., Finn Cato, Attorney for the City, conducted the hearing and read the Legal Notice that appeared in the Courier Journal:

“Indian Hills will hold a public hearing on April 16, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at Louisville Boat Club, 4200 River Road, Louisville, KY 40207, under KRS 174.100 to take the sense of the public with regard to spending Municipal Aid Program Funds for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025. Any person may speak concerning any project which he/she feels should be built, projects to be considered, priorities, and related matters. City proposes to use its Municipal Aid Program funds for the resurfacing of certain streets in the City of Indian Hills.”

Attorney Cato stated the legal notice about the public hearing was required to be published in The Courier Journal. It was published, but prior to the flooding, so it indicated that the Public Hearing would be at the Boat Club; however, the Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the city’s website and the office door.

There being no one present to speak, the public hearing closed at 6:03 p.m. and the Council meeting proceeded.

3) (a) Minutes – Meeting Minutes – Emailed - Councilor Matton moved to approve the March 19, 2025, minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Astorino; none opposed.

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

1. Report – March – Councilor Dunbar presented the March Finance Report to Council. Mayor Hancock stated that the loss was due to market change in the city’s securities, not due to the city overspending.

2. City & Police Disbursements – March – Approval

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

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt’s report included eight crimes; three traffic collision reports; nine criminal arrests/citations; and year-to-date stats.

2. Police Budget – FYE 6.2026 – Chief Spratt presented the police budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and asking for an overall 5% increase over the current budget. Following his presentation, there was some discussion before Councilor Astorino moved to approve the budget for FYE 6.2026; Councilor Matton seconded the motion; none opposed.

(c) Public Works & Building

1. Report - Mayor Hancock had a meeting with Jim Graven and Gerard Ackermann. Mr. Graven will be retiring no later than June 30th. Mr. Ackermann is currently assisting Mr. Graven. Discussion.
2. Paving Project 2025 – Award of Contract – Mayor Hancock informed Council that the sealed bids were opened today at Noon. A list of the five bids received was included with the meeting packet. Once Mayor Hancock went through the bids, the Council awarded the contract to Flynn Brothers. They bid \$351,250 and any extra work would be \$10 per square yard / \$105 per ton, and manhole covers charge was \$150 per manhole cover. In response to Councilor Astorino’s question, Mayor Hancock said the difference between Flynn’s bid and the lowest bidder was \$38,299.60. The Councilmembers were favorable for Flynn to be awarded the contract because in the past they have performed good work in the city, own their own asphalt plant, are familiar with the city’s streets and are very reputable throughout the area.

5) Other Report

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – No report

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox – None.

Mayor Hancock has asked Councilor Maddox to provide a copy of the Indian Hills Landscaping Manual to Mr. Ackermann. The mayor also suggested that when someone is doing a large project, such as installing a pool, that when they come to us for a permit, that the city would make available to them the Environment Committee to give ideas on landscaping. Councilor Maddox will discuss this further with the mayor. Councilor Dunbar will email some information re an organization called Kentucky Waterways Alliance to Councilor Maddox.

6) Council Members Comments

Bob Astorino commented that during the February meeting, they discussed keeping the city beautiful, so he would like to keep that conversation alive. He would like to see the Environment Committee take an even broader look about how to enhance the look of the city –not just the trees, but maybe some of the foliage and the plantings. Councilor Dunbar and Mayor Hancock said a few years ago, the city had Booker Design put together a manual as a guideline for the city. Discussion.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business

Mayor Hancock said the city will need someone to issue permits for large construction projects. LuAnn George

provided the name of someone who may be interested and who works in Metro Planning & Zoning. Discussion.

9) Legal – Cato – Attorney Cato

(a) Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2025 – Award of Contract – Paving Project 2025 – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2025, awarding the paving contract to Flynn Brothers; seconded by Councilor Dunbar with the change from “as the lowest and best bid” to “the best bid” in Section 1. 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	Audio
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Absent		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2025)

(b) Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2025 – Hiring of Part-time Police Officer – Councilor Matton moved to postpone Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2025 to an indefinite period; seconded by Councilor Astorino; none opposed.

(c) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025 – Annexation-Federal Hill Rd – First Reading – Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025.

10) Mayor’s Comments - None

11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Harralson, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Louisville Boat Club
Wednesday – May 21, 2025/6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor