

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2025 Minutes of Zoom Meeting
(Due to LBC being closed the month of January)
Live Video Teleconference
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.
Ann Dreisbach
Laura Dunbar
David Ferguson
Lee Garlove
John Harralson, III
Chip Hayward, Jr.
Lee Maddox
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Kim Barr
George Davidson
Mimi Zinniel
Patsy O.

1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2) Recognize any visitors

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

4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

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

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

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

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt's report included six crimes; three traffic collision reports; no criminal arrests/citations; and year-to-date stats.

(c) Public Works & Building

Mayor Hancock thanked the Council for fielding the many calls, texts and/or emails they may have received from some of our residents during the week of the snowstorm that started Sunday, January 5th and lasted through the entire week. In response to issues that arose that week due to performance issues from our current contractor and having to bring in outside resources to assist in clearing the city's roads, this past Tuesday, Mayor Hancock and Councilor Dunbar

met with a representative from Minor & Company Snow Removal (Minor), who was referred by Councilor Matton. Mayor Hancock has decided to let the remainder of the term (through May 2025) of the current snow/ice removal contract to Minor and has given written notice to Steepleton of this decision. Following discussion, the Council thanked Mayor Hancock and Chief Spratt for going above and beyond the call of their duties during that difficult week.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – Mayor Hancock has had an email sent to residents that Rumpke will resume services on Thursday. Some residents have asked about the overflow of trash. Rumpke is going to do their best to get what they can. There may be a few back door services that may not be serviced if the driveways are not cleared.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

- Councilor Maddox's reported he gave the invoice for the residential Tree Program to Ms. Sinkhorn.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Dreisbach made the following comments:

- Our residents need to know that Mayor Hancock, Chief Spratt and our police officers were out during the week of the snowstorm going above and beyond to do what they could do to resolve any problems.
- Councilor Dreisbach agrees with Councilor Matton when, last month, she suggested that an article be written about the Council. It would provide more transparency and inform the residents as to what the Councilmembers do for the city. It may also help in fielding a good group of candidates for the next election. Communicate more with the residents. Discussion ensued about placing an article in the city's newsletter. Mayor Hancock suggested discussing it further at a later time.
- The city's website is really dated. The Council may need to set aside enough funds to update the website in the next budget. Councilor Harralson recommended the city set up an official Facebook page such as Rolling Fields has done. It would possibly simplify communications with our residents by having a social media presence. Discussion.

7) Old Business – None

8) New Business

Mayor Hancock informed Council that he will be signing a Declaration of Emergency because of the major snow and ice event that impacted the city beginning January 5, 2025. As a result of performance issues by Steepleton, and in the interest of public safety, health and welfare of the residents, the city sought immediate services for snow and ice removal from Bisig Concrete Company, Minor & Company, Paul Costel Landscaping and David Garrett under emergency circumstances.

9) Legal – Cato – Attorney Cato

(a) Attorney Cato said, in addition to what Mayor Hancock said, we will need to bid out the 2025/2026 snow/ice removal contract later this year.

10) Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hancock thanked the Council for receiving and responding to the calls relating to the snow/ice covered roads. The mayor will be meeting with someone from Minor & Company to drive through the entire city tomorrow morning.

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11) Adjournment – Councilor Astorino moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Dunbar, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Louisville Boat Club
Wednesday – February 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.

/S/
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/
Chip Hancock, Mayor