

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2025 Minutes - Regular Meeting
Louisville Boat Club - 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 (audio)
Kay Matton

Attorney: Finn Cato

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors: Mimi Zinniel
LuAnn George
Miles & Margaret Lee
Fred & Mary Ann Wesley

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- 2) Recognize any visitors - Mayor Hancock recognized the visitors.

Mimi Zinniel complimented Chief Spratt and his officers for doing a wonderful job of monitoring the traffic, speeders on Rio Vista.

Miles & Margaret Lee expressed their concerns about vehicles speeding on Indian Hills Trail from lower Westwind to Warrior. Following discussion, Chief Spratt accepted the Lees' offer of allowing an officer to use their circular driveway to run radar.

LuAnn George asked if the new Public Works Director will be encouraged or directed to use the Indian Hills Landscaping Manual. Mayor Hancock said a copy of the landscape manual has been given to Mr. Ackermann and he was instructed to use it for any landscaping or the like. Discussion.

Further discussion ensued re the Environment Committee monitoring outcomes during the course of the summer, such as maintenance of the common areas.

Fred & Mary Ann Wesley expressed their concerns about the condition of the rental property that is next door to them. Mayor Hancock informed the Wesley's that a letter will be mailed to the property owner tomorrow. Discussion.

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

- 4) Committee Reports – Emailed

(a) Finance (Dunbar)

1. Report – April – Councilor Dunbar presented the April Finance Report to Council.

2. City & Police Disbursements – April – Approval

Councilor Matton moved to accept the April financial report as presented and to approve April's city and police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Astorino; none opposed.

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

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

(c) Public Works & Building

1. Report - Mayor Hancock informed Council that Mr. Graven will be retiring May 31st. Gerard Ackermann will be taking over both positions effective June 1st. He has already been working on an hourly basis for the city. Discussion.

5) Other Report

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock – Mayor Hancock said there is no report, but reminded Council when annexation of the houses on Old Federal Road is completed, the city will be paying for the trash pickup.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox – Councilor Maddox reported that on June 16th he and a volunteer will be mulching around the trees in Travois Park. He would also, on June 16th, like to have a taco truck for a little neighborhood get together but it would not be paid by the city. Discussion.

6) Council Members Comments

Councilor Matton comments:

- There has been a red port-a-potty at the end of, nearly on the street at 16 Indian Hills Trail.
- Street signs need to be cleaned. Mayor Hancock said to allow some time for Mr. Ackermann to catch up. He has a growing list, and the signs are on it.

Councilor Astorino commented that a second house is being built on Council Road. A couple of people have asked him what happens now that Mr. Graven is retiring; where do they go with their questions. Mayor Hancock would prefer any questions to be put in writing to see what their concerns are because it is really between the architect and builder. Metro has approved all the plans.

Councilor Matton commented that the waterflow coming from the newer house sitting up on a hill on Westwind Rd is directed to the house below it. Mayor Hancock stated that is an MSD issue. The City of Indian Hills cannot do anything about drainage matters. Before the house was built, MSD would have had to approve the plans.

7) Old Business - None

8) New Business

(a) City emails listed on city website – Mayor Hancock said the Council and City Staff have been receiving bogus emails from what appears to be someone with the city, such as from the mayor. He asked Chief Spratt to share with the council his recommendation. Chief Spratt recommended the mayor and council email addresses be removed from the website, leaving only the clerk's email address. There is also a "Website Contact Form" for residents to use. Posting all the email addresses on the website invites hackers and those to use one's email address to send it to the others asking for money, etc. Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst the council to remove the mayor's and council email addresses from the website and from the newsletter since the newsletter is posted on the website.

Mayor Hancock and Chief Spratt have received a few residents' concerns re speeders on Hempstead Rd, between Glencove Way & Tuckaho. Pulling the data from the radar speed sign at the corner of Ardsley and Hempstead Rd, Chief

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Spratt found that between January 1, 2025 through today, May 21st, in both directions, the data shows 97% of the speeds recorded were 30 mph or under; 2.5% westbound go 31-35 mph, 0.75% eastbound were going 31-35 mph. Less than 0.50% going 36 and up. Following discussion, Chief Spratt will show this data to the three residents who had concerns about speeding as suggested by Mayor Hancock and Councilor Hayward.

9) Legal – Cato – Attorney Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025 – Annexation-Old Federal Road - Second Reading - Attorney Cato gave second reading to, and Councilor Astorino moved to approve Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025; seconded by Councilor Maddox. 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	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 2, Series 2025)

(b) Ordinance No. 3, Series 2025 – Approving Ad Valorem/Property Tax Rate – First Reading – Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 3, Series 2025.

(c) Ordinance No. 4, Series 2025 – Approving Budget-FYE 6.30.2026 – First Reading – Councilor Dunbar introduced, and Attorney Cato gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4, Series 2025.

(d) Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2025 – Appointing Gerard Ackermann-Code Enforcement Officer – Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Cato read, and Councilor Matton moved to approve Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2025; seconded by Councilor Astorino. 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	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Yea
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 2, Series 2025)

10) Mayor's Comments – Mayor Hancock commented that he increased the City Council/Staff Appreciation Dinner to include doing something for Jim Graven, but the budget fails to reflect a \$600 donation to Louisville Boat Club. Mayor Hancock suggested using \$600 of the Appreciation Dinner amount. Attorney Cato said we can put City Council\Staff Appreciation Dinner\Louisville Boat Club-Donation, that way no amounts would change. There was general agreement amongst council to make the change. Attorney Cato stated for the record we are adding a provision under the Estimated Appropriations: it will read "City Council\Staff Appreciation Dinner\Louisville Boat Club-Donation" under the General Fund.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Matton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Hayward, none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Louisville Boat Club
Wednesday – June 18, 2025/6:00 p.m.

/S/_____
Chip Hancock, Mayor

/S/_____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk