

Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Council Members Joanne Bader, Vince Osbourn, Mark Stevens and Nancy Zinner. Also present were Police Chief Douglas Sweeney, City Attorney Steve Emery and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Engineer's Report

The Mayor presented the engineer's report. He noted the pothole project was completed. The next engineering project will be restoring the front entrance lights.

Financial Report

Mayor Crawford explained the revenue split between property taxes, line item 4309-00, and the sanitation fund, line item 4329. He discussed resolving the carryover of road fund revenue from fiscal year 2014 paid out in fiscal year 2015. The last item noted was unemployment insurance expenditures from FY 2014, line items 5010-00, 5470-00 and 6165-00, paid out in FY 2015. These are the line items that the consultants are working on to clean up once the audit is completed. Vince Osbourn asked why the financial reports are not being finalized until the audit is completed. Joanne Bader asked for the explanation in writing. Mark Stevens asked if the consultant could present the financial report at the next meeting. Several of the Council asked the Mayor to invite a person from the CPA firm to attend the next meeting to discuss the financial report. Joanne Bader suggested that the Council submit specific areas of concern to the Mayor to forward to the consultants. The Council wants a clean financial report by the next meeting. There were lengthy conversations about the completion of the audit and the relationship of receiving a clean monthly financial report. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to table the financial report. Joanne Bader made a motion to table the October 2014 financial report, Nancy Zinner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney's Remarks

Mr. Emery noted at the beginning of November, receiving from American Legal Publishing Corporation a first draft of the recodification of ordinances for his review. He is expecting to receive in the next sixty days a legal review of the draft from an authorized attorney by the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives, and will study the results in an effort to avoid any duplication on his part.

Mr. Emery reported that he is in the process of preparing the last letter and liens to be mailed to the four residents who have not paid their 2014 property taxes to date. He is positioned to mail those out in the beginning of December. Mr. Emery's thought is this will start the dialogue before the city has to file suit. He gave updates on other pending litigation.

Police Report

Chief Sweeney gave the police report. The police report is included as part of these minutes.

Forest Board Report

Mr. Zinner noted LG&E is removing Ash trees along the easement and near all power lines. LG & E's workers are supposed to ask for permission to remove or trim the trees.

The tire swings for the parks have arrived. Limbwalker Tree service was asked to hang the swings, but has reservations about possible liability coverage by their insurer.

Mr. Zinner also noted the Forest Board has established tree planting and tree care standards to provide support to the residents. The Forest Board report is included as part of these minutes.

Unfinished Business

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the October 20, 2014, minutes with amendment to clarify the nature of the special meeting starting early. Joanne Bader made the motion to approve. Vince Osbourn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Municipal Orders appointing City officials, with one amendment correcting "Stephen P Emery" to "Stephen C Emery." Joanne Bader made a motion to adopt Municipal Orders 2, 3, 4 and 5, Series 2014, as amended. Vince Osbourn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. These Municipal Orders are included as part of these minutes.

The Mayor asked for a motion that would confirm appointees to the Code Enforcement Board, Forest Board, Ethics Board, and Parks and Recreation Board by adopting Municipal Orders 9, 10, 11 and 12, with an amendment adding Gil Zinner's name to Municipal Order 11. Joanne Bader made a motion to confirm the nominees and to adopt the corresponding Municipal Orders as amended. Vince Osbourn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. These Municipal Orders are included as part of these minutes.

Joanne Bader discussed the proposed project for computer system upgrade and redesign. She noted three companies submitted bids. Vince Osbourn and Joanne Bader produced a spreadsheet comparing the three bids. The spreadsheet is included as part of these minutes. Vince Osbourn made a motion to recommend Mirazon as the vendor for the computer system redesign. Mark Stevens seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vince Osbourn reviewed the action item list. The action item list is included as part of these minutes.

New Business

Mayor Crawford presented Resolution Number 1, Series 2014, endorsing participation in the Louisville Metro partnership capital improvement program. This program provides access to Metro development funds for projects of mutual benefit. A program grant to provide additional police equipment is already under discussion. Joanne Bader made a motion to adopt the resolution. Nancy Zinner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. This resolution is included as part of these minutes.

The Mayor also presented Resolution Number 2 series 2014, Endorsing Kentucky General Assembly Bill request 203, establishing a tax credit for qualifying noise reduction home improvements. Joanne Bader made a motion to adopt resolution Number 2 Series 2014. Mark Steven seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. This resolution is included as part of the minutes.

Public Comments

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams noted with the technology upgrades he would not recommend Windows 8.

Mr. Williams wanted to know if the City had grounds to void the contract with Waste Management based on the issue with their employee.

Mr. Williams noted the tree literature should be posted to the City’s Web page and he would be happy to help scan the information to the Web page.

The last item Mr. Williams wanted to discuss was in reference to the airport noise. He felt there was issues with vibrations when the planes were landing and taking off.

Darrell Shelton, 919 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Shelton noted that Waste Management has not released any information educating the residents about discontinuing the use of plastic bags for yard waste.

Nancy Zinner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark Stevens seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for December 15, 2014.

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