

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2013

The Council Meeting of the City of Audubon Park, was held on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 7:30 P.M., 3340 Robin Road with the following present; Council Members: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Council Members Joanne Bader, Vince Osbourn, Mark Stevens and Cary Campbell. Also present was Acting Chief of Police, James Curtis and City Clerk, Janette Mercer.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crawford at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes: Several sets of minutes were presented for approval.

Joanne Bader made the motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2013. Mark Steven seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vince Osbourn made the motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2013. Joanne Bader seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joanne Bader made the motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2013. Vince Osbourn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joanne Bader made the motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes for the September 4, 2013. Mark Stevens seconded and the motion passed with three in favor and 1 abstaining.

Vince Osbourn made the motion to approve Special Council Meeting Minutes for the October 15, 2013. Joanne Bader seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Joanne noted that Janet Shumate, who acted as recording secretary, needs to attest the minutes.

United Parcel Service Presentation:

Mayor Crawford introduced Roger Hicks from United Parcel Service. Mr. Hicks presented a plan for the delivery of packages in the City of Audubon Park using modified golf carts and a fixed pod during the holiday season. He noted that the company has used this method in Florida and other states with warmer climates. UPS has approached Shively, St Regis Park, Audubon Park, St Matthews and Glenmary to obtain permission to use golf carts for deliveries during the Christmas season only. Cary Campbell questioned the benefit to Audubon Park and residents, and he noted increased risk and liabilities to residents from possible thefts and more serious automobile accidents with a golf cart, which could cause steeper insurance rate increases. He also questioned the legality of making this change without an ordinance.

Financial Report:

Mr. Veeneman covered the Sanitation and Road funds first since those were simple money, money out. He then noted that under General Funds, the City was likely to exceed the budgeted annual amounts in three categories: the city clerk's salary - 5350, professional services-(CPA) – 5720 and Utilities – 6500. Joanne Bader noted that we will also exceed the budget on city attorney – 5200. Mr. Veeneman stated that account 6110-20 (auto fuel) had some errors and would be reclassified on next month's report: \$8000 will remain and the other \$9000 which represents auto repairs will be moved to general expenses 6100-20 as requested by the Council. Mr. Veeneman asked if there were any other questions that he could answer and Joanne Bader ask about the bond revenue line item 4370. There was discussion on bond revenue and it was decided to table this question until the Council could further investigate. Mark Stevens made the motion to accept the financial report, Joanne Bader seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Acting Chief Curtis read the report for the month of October. A copy of the report is included as part of these minutes. Joanne Bader noted that our new officers are awesome and the police department was much more visible. She wanted to commend the police department for quality new hires. Cary Campbell asked if the city has a program set-up for charging a fee for false alarms; Acting Chief Curtis replied no. There was discussion to look into this, to see if instituting a charge was feasible.

Forest Board Business:

In the absence of a representative from the Forest board tonight, the mayor summarized events from the most recent Forest Board meeting which he attended. The board has been working hard on the fund raising efforts to replace the trees that have been identified as infected with the Emerald Ash Borer because the City does not have monies in the budget to help with this. The Forest Board also was not awarded the state grant for monies to replace these trees. He stated that he did not want to speak any further for the board; they will likely go into greater detail at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Vince Osbourn asked for the language on the permit for Estate sales to be changed to reflect the current ordinance. Mr. Osbourn asked the mayor to follow-up on this issue.

The decision was made to keep the current auditor, Art Henson, for the upcoming audit. Joanne Bader noted that we need to have the contract signed.

Mr. Osbourn reported that he has received two bids and is waiting on the third for the redesign of the Audubon Park website. Vince and Joanne have decided on a set of specifications required for the city website. They will make the decision on whom will be awarded the contract once they receive the final bid. Mr. Campbell suggested that the web page be built with "Word Press ", this application is universal

and easy to train. Vince noted that the intention of this website was to be able to turn it over to an employee of the city to administer and maintain; and if the program “Word Press” would accomplish that, then it will be fine.

The City of Audubon Park has two pending lawsuits. Kyle Nave’s wrongful termination lawsuit and another which represents a lawsuit filed by a resident against a police officer. Discussion of these pending lawsuits will be held under the Executive Session tonight.

Mr. Osbourn informed the mayor the City has sixty days to present an action plan in response to the State Auditor’s report on Audubon Park’s operations. Joanne Bader noted that we need to hire a city attorney before this can happen.. The attorney will assist with legal issues that arise from the audit. She also noted that the city needs to request an extension past the sixty days requested since we did not have a mayor or an attorney.

The issue of having the roads repaved was decided at the last meeting to go on hold until the weather improves. Mark Stevens noted that the bidding process could move forward, however the actual work would be on hold until spring. The mayor noted that there are procedural issues that we must complete, ie, inform the residents, get feedback on road paving priority. Joanne suggested that it might be a good idea to ask former City Engineer Bob Fleenor to help assess the roads.

Mr. Osbourn asked Mr. Veeneman if the city has a signed contract for his services. Mr. Veeneman replied that there is a new mayor and they are working on getting this completed.

Mr. Osbourn asked if there is a plan for hiring a new Chief of Police. The mayor noted that he and the council was in agreement that a search committee has the method for selecting the new Chief. The search committee should include individuals that represent professional expertise in law enforcement, residents, and city government.

The last item on unfinished business was the hiring of the Code Enforcement officer. The mayor asked that this be put on hold until next meeting. Cary Campbell made the suggestion that if the residents have issues for the time being to defer to Jim Curtis or Jason Payne.

New Business

Daniel Stephen, 3106 Meadowlark Ave: Mr. Stephen suggested that the City of Audubon Park host a 10K Run through the neighborhood. This would be a good way to display the city, involving residents and the people outside of the city. Mark Stevens asked the question if the City was big enough for a 10K run. Following discussion, the Council asked if Mr. Stephen could present a framework for the event for further discussion.

Public Comments:

Frank Mosser, 3119 Meadowlark Ave: Mr. Mosser would like for yard waste pick-up to be moved back to Tuesday. He asked that the Council, to question Waste Management. He also noted that there are issues with the corner of Meadowlark and Hess Lane- this corner is dangerous because of the bushes are not trimmed back and are obstructing visibility for cars to turn left on to Hess Lane.

Lindsey Breen, 1128 Dove Rd: Lindsey said it is important that the person selected to design the web page offer training to an employee to be able to work on the page. Joanne noted that was one of the requirements.

The mayor then introduced the new State Senator Morgan McGarvey. Mr. McGarvey introduced himself to the residents and let them know that, due to government redistricting, he now has all of Audubon Park.

The mayor did a recap of the issues in front of the city. He also spoke about the residents engaging in fund raising projects for the city. He spoke to the issues about the noise pollution in Audubon Park.

Cary Campbell ask for a point of order to request a closed session under KRS 61-810.

Mayor Crawford then asked for a motion for a closed session under KRS 61-810 to discuss personnel matters and the two pending lawsuits.

Joanne Bader made the motion, Vince Osbourn seconded and the motion carried.

After the Executive Session the meeting reconvened to adjourn at approximately 10:00 PM.

ATTESTED _____ APPROVED _____