

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2012

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council, City of Audubon Park, was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 3340 Robin Road with the following present: Mayor Michael Scalise along with Council Members Cindy Habeeb, Rose Mangino, Gary Vogel, Al Huber, Judy Schwenker, and Patrick Kehoe. Also present were Police Chief Cox, City Clerk Stephanie Lee, and Assistant City Attorney Jonathan Leachman. City Attorney Patrick McElhone was absent from the meeting.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Mayor Scalise asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from the previous month. Rose Mangino said I'm not sure... if I said this, I didn't intend to in referring to the line that read as "Rose Mangino said if we have them collect the garbage only once per week, it would save them money." A search of the tape to hear exactly what was said was started. Mayor Scalise made the suggestion that Rose Mangino restate what she meant under "Old Business". Al Huber made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Judy Schwenker seconded, and the motion passed with Rose Mangino opposing.

Art Henson – Audit Report: Art Henson with Henson & Associates presented the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to perform the Audit, and he went into an explanation of the report giving a brief overview of his findings. There was a brief discussion regarding FEMA funding, storm damage, Worker's Compensation, revenues, expenses, street lights on Preston, and the deficit, etc. Mr. Henson said the Council and Mayor can call him with any questions they may have.

Mayor Scalise called for the vote to accept the Audit Report as presented, and the report was accepted unanimously.

Financial Report: The information submitted on the Financial Report showed the figures through the month of December. Al Huber made motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Judy Schwenker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: The following is a list of people who spoke and a general summary of what they had to say:

1. Keith Braun, 1004 Audubon Parkway – inquired about the new Police Chief.

Mayor Scalise said Chief Reesor retired in December, and he introduced Chief Jeff Cox saying he was approved last month. He went on to add that Chief Cox was an Officer

previously with Audubon Park and the Chief of Brandenburg Police for approximately ten years.

Cindy Habeeb mentioned informing residents of this change, and Mayor Scalise said the next upcoming Newsletter containing an article relating to the change will be delivered to homes. He said he had mentioned the new Chief of Police in the last on-line Newsletter. He added that two Newsletters per year are printed, and he said two are on-line only.

2. Mary Miller, 1307 Audubon Parkway – asked that the information from the last Newsletter be repeated due to some residents not having computers.

Mayor Scalise said the next Newsletter will be coming out in March or so in a printed version. He said most of the information will be repeated again along with mentioning the Dogwood Festival and upcoming tax bills.

3. Mark Stevens, 1021 Oriole Court – inquired about the on-line version being on the website along with the possibility of having an email list for updates and information.

Mayor Scalise said the Newsletters are available under downloads, but he said the website is not sophisticated enough to do the email list currently. He went on to comment about the City not having a full-time tech person or the staff to do this.

Property Tax Ordinance – 1st Reading: Mayor Scalise mentioned and Stephanie Lee read ORDINANCE NUMBER 0001, SERIES 2012, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING JULY 1, 2012 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2013 AS THE FISCAL YEAR, LEVYING TAXES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR AND PROVIDING FOR THE TIME OF PAYMENT OF SAME AND THE SPENDING OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID LEVY.

Stephanie Lee mentioned the proposed rate for this year is 0.272 per \$100 (versus 0.267 per \$100 last year). With this being the first reading, the vote will take place at the next meeting.

Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance – 1st Reading: Mayor Scalise mentioned and Stephanie Lee read ORDINANCE NUMBER 0002, SERIES 2012, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF AUDUBON PARK TAX RATE ON ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2012 – 2013.

Stephanie Lee mentioned the proposed rate is the same as the property tax rate at .0272 per \$100. With this being the first reading, the vote will take place at the next meeting.

Garbage Ordinance – 1st Reading: Mayor Scalise mentioned and Stephanie Lee read ORDINANCE NUMBER 0003, SERIES 2012, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GARBAGE RECYCLING COLLECTION ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF

AUDUBON PARK, KENTUCKY FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2012 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2013 AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAME.

Stephanie Lee mentioned the rates, and Mayor Scalise said the rate is the same as the previous year. With this being the first reading, the vote will take place at the next meeting.

Mayor Scalise mentioned the Public Hearing regarding the proposed tax rate scheduled for February 1, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. He said notification of the Hearing will be mailed out along with the Audit Report.

Patrick Kehoe questioned as to if City Hall would be large enough to hold the people interested in attending, and Mayor Scalise said there are technicalities involved in regards to having the Hearing somewhere else. He also said City Hall has been large enough to accommodate anyone interested in attending in the past.

Police Report: Chief Cox read the Police Report for the month of December as well as the Yearly Report for 2011. A copy of each of the said reports is made a part of these minutes.

Forest Board Business: Gilbert Zinner passed out copies of the Forest Board Report dated January 17, 2012 to the Council and Mayor for their review. He commented about Anne Bobigian and Betty Weise going through the parks doing a survey of the tree population along with the future goals they have.

Mayor Scalise complimented the Forest Board saying they do great work. He also went on to mention that out of the 200 or so trees lost in the Park since the previous survey in 1999, they have replaced about 60 trees. He said Anne Bobigian has done some really good work on the survey, and he went on to say it also shows the types of trees in the area for recommendations for homeowners for tree planting possibilities.

Gilbert Zinner said it's good for looking down the road, and he commented on the Emerald Ash Borer.

Unfinished Business: Rose Mangino said the way she read the minutes when she went over it; it looked like she may have inadvertently said that if they went to one day per week, we could decrease our expenditures. She said if she did, she did not mean to say that. She said she thinks we need to look at what we are doing to our world. She said that's why she wants to look at having the garbage collected once per week. She said she knows it doesn't say we need a new company, but she doesn't remember saying that it would be cheaper. She said she thought she said it wouldn't necessarily be any cheaper.

Mayor Scalise said there is nothing wrong with it being cheaper or less expensive. He said the current contract expires in June 2013. He said we will probably be advertising for bids later this year, and he said they will discuss bids the first part of next year.

Gary Vogel said he didn't understand what Rose Mangino is saying.

Rose Mangino commented about having these trucks going around, and she said most of the people she has talked to said they don't really need garbage collection on Fridays.

Gary Vogel said is that right, and he said they must be single people; and Rose Mangino disagreed saying they are people like her that have no children at home. She said several people have stated that to her and have asked to have it looked at.

Mayor Scalise said they look at things like that each time with various bid scenarios and cost factors, and Gary Vogel agreed.

New Business: Patrick Kehoe mentioned MSD working in the areas of Oriole, Chickadee, and Cross Bill; and he inquired as to if they have permits.

Mayor Scalise said they have had permits for a long time (since last summer or so).

Patrick Kehoe questioned as to if they are suppose to plate their roadwork.

Mayor Scalise said he had just heard about that tonight, and he said they are concreting some of the places already. He said he's not sure how far they got with it today, but he said they will be back out tomorrow on it.

Gary Vogel asked if someone could call if they are not fixed, and Mayor Scalise said it is okay to call them about it.

Patrick Kehoe inquired about allowing their vehicles to be parked on Oriole, and he said he thought it was a bad judgment call on where they parked their trucks. He said he thinks they should park at the school or somewhere else.

Chief Cox said he thinks they have more work to do, and he said they will monitor it.

Mayor Scalise mentioned Charles Wiseman, 1209 Audubon Parkway, is interested in becoming a new member of the Forest Board; and he asked for the Council's approval.

Al Huber made motion to approve Mr. Wiseman to the Forest Board, and Patrick Kehoe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: There was not a "Mayor's Report" at this time with the Hearing information previously being covered earlier in the meeting.

Al Huber made motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Vogel seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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