

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2012

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council, City of Audubon Park, was held on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 3340 Robin Road with the following present: Mayor Michael Scalise along with Council Members Cindy Habeeb, Rose Mangino, Al Huber, Judy Schwenker, and Patrick Kehoe. Also present were Police Chief Cox and City Clerk Stephanie Lee along with Assistant City Attorney Jonathan Leachman. Council Member Gary Vogel as well as City Attorney Patrick McElhone were 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. Al Huber made motion to accept the minutes 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. Mary Miller, 1307 Audubon Parkway – mentioned the upcoming Garden Tour scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd. She said any assistance that can be given would be appreciated, and she mentioned the need for cookies. She added the following will be on the Garden Tour: the Klausing, Wiseman, Rumancik, Netherland, Lally, and Bell homes as well as the Pope Memorial Garden. She said tickets can be purchased at City Hall the day of, and she said it will be from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. She encouraged everyone to attend.
2. Jack Conlin, 3318 Oriole – spoke about the numerous attempts he said he has made to contact Mayor Scalise and Otto Mock regarding the dirt berm problem he has been having involving his neighbor. He inquired about an agreement the City is supposed to have with MSD, and he questioned about violations being enforced at the home. He said he has lost all faith, and he commented about it being two months now.

Mayor Scalise said he and Otto Mock have been discussing the issue almost every day he has been working, and he mentioned trying to get assistance from Councilman Jim King with the lack of response from MSD regarding the problem.

3. Mary Zena, 3307 Linnet – commented about reading an article in the paper regarding Louisville being hot. She said she thinks it is due to the lack of trees. She said she thinks if someone takes a tree down, it should be suggested that a tree is replanted. She asked about placing an article in the Newsletter regarding the need to replant, and Mayor Scalise agreed.

4. Anne Myers-Bobigian, 1230 Valley – said they have redone the inventory of the tree canopy. She said Audubon Park is just at the border of where the City should be. She mentioned the City has approximately 160 Ashes; and she said they are big, mature trees. She said some streets will have no canopy at all if they go; and she commented about the loss in trees in backyards due to electric wires, etc. She said the City has to stay pro-active to maintain the current 35% with a goal of 40%.

Rose Mangino inquired about her and Mr. Mosser asking about the problem with being able to see to pull out at Meadowlark and Hess. She said she has been after this issue since August.

Mayor Scalise said the bushes have been trimmed up and sprayed, and he later mentioned it is a Louisville Metro easement.

Rose Mangino said you still cannot see to pull out, and she mentioned her and her husband almost being hit the previous Friday. She said it is very dangerous.

Al Huber said Councilman Jim King had taken care of a problem for him very quickly, and he mentioned calling him.

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

Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013: Al Huber presented and Stephanie Lee did the second reading of ORDINANCE NUMBER 0005, SERIES 2012, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUDUBON PARK, KY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013.

Judy Schwenker seconded the motion by Al Huber, and a lengthy discussion took place regarding the Works Department last year versus this year, Road Funds, a part-time Summer employee, lease vehicles, SUVs, Public Safety, Chief Reesor's retirement, grants, surplus figures, recalculating and moving of funds, amending of funds in categories, Code Enforcement worker salary, contracted Police services (Norton Audubon), Budget cuts, etc.

Mayor Scalise called for the vote; and the Budget passed with Cindy Habeeb, Al Huber, and Judy Schwenker voting for the Budget. Patrick Kehoe and Rose Mangino voted against it.

Police Report: Chief Cox read the Police Report for the month of May. A copy of the said report is made a part of these minutes.

Chief Cox mentioned he has been expanding the Report to give more information.

Al Huber inquired about calling 911 in the case of an emergency (such as a threat to a person's family, life, or community).

Chief Cox agreed saying anything that is an emergency, and he suggested citizens put the Dispatch number (574-5471) in their phone as well to dial direct.

Chief Cox presented "The A.P.B. - Audubon Police Bulletin" to inform residents of what is going on in the community. He said he wants to try to do it quarterly, and he said he is going to try to email the Newsletter and the Bulletin as well. He encouraged people to sign up with their email to be entered into a database. He said there will also be a page included in the printed version to try to get residents to sign up.

Frank Mosser inquired about the Chief taking over the website, and Chief Cox said he is not efficient enough to do the website (saying he will look into it).

Chief Cox went on to say he is looking for sponsors for the Bulletin, and examples were passed out to the Council and the audience.

Patrick Kehoe thanked Chief Cox for his hard work on the Report, and he asked if Police Officers can go door-to-door to introduce themselves.

Chief Cox said he has been meeting residents while out on patrol, and he said they have been trying to attend events as well. He mentioned needing donations for programs.

Patrick Kehoe said he hates the tinting on the Police vehicles, and he said he would like to see faces by getting rid of the tint.

Chief Cox said he will take it under consideration.

Forest Board Business: With the absence of Gilbert Zinner and Mayor's Scalise's absence from the last Forest Board Meeting, there was not a Forest Board Report given at this time.

Unfinished Business: With regards to previous inquires of the need for pricing more sidewalks, Al Huber noted that he has noticed a lot of people walk on the streets instead of using the existing sidewalks.

Mayor Scalise said the sidewalks have been repaired in the past with grant money.

Rose Mangino mentioned there not being a line item in the Budget this year for the Forest Board, and Mayor Scalise said there is a Garden Club Grant this time.

Mayor Scalise said they have checked with MSD regarding the flagpole at the circle at Audubon Parkway and Oriole, and he said they said they are finished there. He said they will be putting the flagpole back up soon. He also added that he has gotten estimates from two contactors regarding repaving the streets in the City, and he said he has gotten

estimates from a couple of building contractors for the hail damage at City Hall. He said he will be calling the insurance adjustor; and he said he would like to get input from the Council regarding roofing materials, siding, etc.

Al Huber said he thinks they should have a Special Meeting to discuss the damage and repairs.

Rose Mangino inquired as to if all of the work in Audubon has been completed by MSD and the possibility of cutting the street.

Mayor Scalise said LG&E is doing work to replace gas lines in the area, and he said he is looking into whether or not they are going to be cutting into the streets.

Chief Cox said they are replacing old lines with new with some cuts, and he said they said they are going to do whatever it takes to make it right.

Patrick Kehoe commented about them doing a directional drill.

Chief Cox said the hail damage estimate for the Police vehicles is a little over \$18,000; and he said a check is supposed to be sent out this week from the insurance company. He added that there was an accident at the flagpole area, and he said some of the electric there was damaged.

Mayor Scalise said they can put the pole back up, but he said the electric has to be fixed in order to put the flag back up (for illumination at night as required by law).

Patrick Kehoe questioned the cones in Oriole Park and MSD.

Mayor Scalise said they have talked to MDS regarding the problem, and he said they are saying they don't see it on their map. He said they have a list of things to talk to Councilman King about, and he said that is one of them. He went on to add they have done some temporary repairs of the streets at Eagle Pass near Hess and Audubon Parkway near Eagle Pass.

New Business: There was not any "New Business" to report at this time.

Mayor's Report: There was not any other information to be covered by the Mayor at this time.

Al Huber made motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Habeeb seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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