

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2012

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council, City of Audubon Park, was held on Monday, December 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, and Judy Schwenker. Also present were Deputy Police Chief Ronald Jones along with City Clerk Stephanie Lee. Police Chief Cox, Council Member Patrick Kehoe, City Attorney Patrick McElhone, and Assistant City Attorney Jonathan Leachman were all absent from the meeting.

Call to Order: Mayor Scalise called the meeting to order at 7:34 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. Judy Schwenker made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Vogel 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. Nancy Heine, 3219 Oriole Drive – told everyone at the meeting, “Merry Christmas”.
2. Joanne Bader, 1117 Cardinal – commented about being excited and happy with the new email system of “crime alerts”. She also inquired about the December Newsletter with regards to publicizing the alert service, and she asked as to if it was complete yet.

Mayor Scalise said he is working on his part of the Newsletter, and he made note to include mention of the “crime alert” service as well.

Financial Report: The information submitted on the Financial Report showed the figures through the month of November. Mayor Scalise commented about the Financial Report being for informational purposes only with the upcoming Audit; therefore, a vote was not taken at this time.

Police Report: In the absence of Chief Cox, Deputy Chief Jones read the Police Report for the month of November. A copy of the said report is made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Scalise questioned about the shooting mentioned in the report, and Deputy Chief Jones said it was at the Smoke Shop on Preston. Deputy Chief Jones then continued to explain “suspicious” persons, field interviews, backing up units in the area, radio calls, crime areas and asking subjects for identification, etc.

Judy Schwenker inquired about the “smell” on Cardinal on the golf course that was mentioned in a previous meeting. She said she has called MSD numerous times, and she said she can still smell it.

Al Huber agreed saying they were told to call if you smell something, and he said they had said previously that they would come and take care of it.

Mayor Scalise said he will check into it.

Deputy Chief Jones commented about needing to be careful with regards to MSD and “capping” it off.

Forest Board Business: With there not being a meeting of the Forest Board in December, there was not anything new to report at this time.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Scalise mentioned Miller Pipeline working on his street and others in the area. He said they have talked with company representatives that said they are expecting to be done around the end of January, and he said they mentioned that they were actually moving ahead of schedule. He said this is only half of the job, and he said they were told another company will be coming in to attach each home to the line they have been putting in. He said they were also told the patches on the streets are just temporary, and he had said they may be tore up several more times before they are actually repaired.

Rose Mangino inquired about a tree in her yard that Miller Pipeline had cut into the roots of while working in her yard. She asked if they will be responsible for the tree if it dies.

Mayor Scalise said he can check on it, and he commented about having the same type of problem with a tree in his yard also.

Rose Mangino said a neighbor is complaining about the holes in their yard being covered with straw incorrectly. She later asked about some of the meters being located at the driveways of homes, and she inquired as to the repair of the driveways after the work is complete.

Mayor Scalise said they are putting down the straw temporarily because they are not done in the area yet. He added they will probably have to go through the driveways to get to the meters, and he said they will fix the driveways when the work is finished.

Rose Mangino mentioned bringing up the recycling on wheels subject several times before. She said she is really unhappy that they did not do it. She later said people will not buy bins, but she said they will use them if they are given to them.

Judy Schwenker said the garbage service has mentioned having trouble with getting the bins in the air with all of the low-hanging limbs from trees in the area. She also

suggested purchasing a bin if a person is interested in obtaining one. She commented about paying for the bin one way or another.

Mayor Scalise mentioned calling Tim McNally with Waste Management in order to obtain information regarding the bins.

Rose Mangino mentioned taking her Christmas decorations down and throwing away items that she should have recycled due to the lack of a bin to put the items in.

Judy Schwenker said if a person really wants to recycle, there are ways around that. She commented about having several items each week, and she said Waste Management normally takes items after they are gathered together for recycling.

Pete Becker mentioned calling Tim McNally with Waste Management to have them pick up the extra items.

Joanne Bader commented about putting a sign on the recycling at the street to have the items picked up.

Al Huber inquired about one large item being picked up per week versus per month.

Mayor Scalise and several Council Members agreed with one item per week being picked up (if they remember correctly).

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

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Scalise mentioned the Swearing in Ceremony scheduled for December 20th at 6 P.M. at City Hall for the re-elected and newly elected Council Members. He went on to thank the Council Members leaving the Council for their devotion, and he gave them their name tag to take with them.

At this time, Judith Basham, acknowledged Gary Vogel for his 20 – 25 years of service to the City in being on the Council. She passed around various historical items from past years relating to Councilman Vogel’s service for review. She also presented him with a sash and mentioned the plaque he had received while saying how much she thinks he loves the Park. She also thanked the other Council Members going off of the Council.

Gary Vogel said he really liked the plaque, and he thanked her for her thoughtfulness. This was followed by applause for the Council; and cake, punch, and other various refreshments were served compliments of Judith Basham and Judy Schwenker.

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

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