

Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Joanne Bader, Darrell Shelton, Laura Stevens, Nancy Zinner and Lindsey Breen. Also present were Police Chief Doug Sweeney, City Attorney Steve Emery and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Mayor asked for a moment of reflection on the loss of Jason Payne's father.

Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty asked the City Attorney, Steve Emery, what the City's suit against the LRAA is intended to gain.

Mr. Emery clarified the City is not suing the LRAA; the LRAA is suing the City for citing them for violation of an ordinance.

Ms. Kelty asked what purpose the ordinance serves.

Mr. Emery explained the ordinance requires an individual or organization to acquire a permit before seeking to obtain an easement, and bars any easement that would result in a nuisance to the City.

Ms. Kelty asked if this ordinance stopped the residents that qualified for the QuieterHome Program from participating.

Mr. Emery replied "no" - the LRAA stopped the residents from receiving the program.

Ms. Kelty asked how much has the City paid for its legal defense.

Mr. Emery replied approximately \$11,000.

Attorney Remark's

Mr. Emery provided an update on the pension suit. A motion has been made for a summary judgment in defense of claims made by Mr. Reesor and Ms. Lee against the city. The motion also addresses the City's counterclaim requiring Mr. Reesor and Ms. Lee to return funds expended to the City. Mr. Emery noted that the Vittitoe case was still pending. He explained that he has filed a Notice of Appeal and designation of record on the LRAA case, and this case is on its way to Circuit Court. There were a few more questions from the Council. Darrell Shelton made a motion to go into Executive session for further discussion under KRS 61.810 (1)(C). Lindsey Breen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Mayor Crawford announced Jeff Grant as a potential candidate for the engineer's position. Darrell Shelton asked if there was a cost available for paving an entire street. He feels there should be a plan developed for paving one street a year. There was some conversation about cost of lighting fixtures for the entrances.

Financial Report

Mayor Crawford covered some changes to the monthly report, and anticipated budget amendments. Nancy Zinner had questions about building permits. There weren't any more questions and the Mayor asked for a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Joanne Bader made a motion to accept. Lindsey Breen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief Sweeney covered the police report. The Chief noted that the City has received half of the Neighborhood Development Grant from Metro Louisville and he has purchased a police car from St Matthews.

Forest Board

Gil Zinner noted that most of the Forest Board's meeting was focused on the Forest Fest. He reported that Anne Bobigian is preparing the Forest Board's budget request for the Mayor. Mayor Crawford shared the information about the City receiving the Arbor Day Foundation's Growth Award, which helps the City maintain our Tree City USA certification.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the March 16th meeting minutes for approval. Laura Stevens made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Darrell Shelton seconded the motion. Joanne Bader asked that the minutes be amended to show the names of the Council members, who voted "no" and who voted "yes" in reference to An Ordinance Imposing License Fee upon Insurance Companies raising the tax to 9%. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

Laura Stevens covered the Action Items listed. The majority of the discussions were on moving communications to electronic and how to get there.

Mayor Crawford asked the City Clerk for the second reading of An Ordinance Adopting July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 as the Fiscal Year 2016, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for Said Fiscal Year and Providing for the Time of Payment and Expenditure of the Proceeds of Said Levies. The Mayor also asked to the second reading of An Ordinance Adopting the Waste Management Program Assessment for the City of Audubon Park, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2016 and Providing for the Collection. The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on ad valorem taxes. Joanne Bader made a motion to adopt the ordinance setting the ad valorem tax rate at 26.7. Nancy Zinner seconded and the Mayor opened discussion. Laura Stevens suggested that the rate be set at 27 cents to compensate for the 2% discount. There were lengthy discussions on why to raise and why not to raise. The Mayor asked for a vote. The vote was taken and 3 in favor 2 not. The 3 in favor were Joanne Bader, Nancy Zinner and Laura Stevens. The 2 not in favor were Lindsey Breen and Darrell Shelton.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the waste management ordinance. Joanne Bader made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Nancy Zinner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford explained that he has received some proposals/ bids for a new vehicle for public works as well as some bids for heating and air conditioning, and painting of City Hall. He will put together a proposal for the Council to view. The Mayor opened the floor for public discussion.

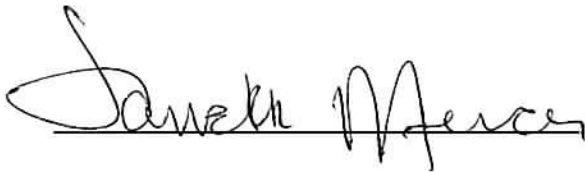
Closing Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker did not understand the discount offered on garbage collection and felt it does not need to be offered. Mayor Crawford explained that is how the PVA has to handle calculating the bills.

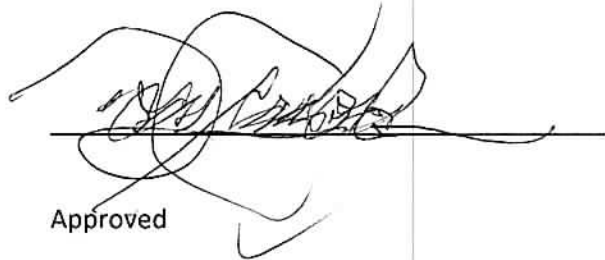
Nancy Zinner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey Breen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM.



Attested



Approved