

Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Laura Stevens, Nancy Zinner, Tony Williams 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 took the opportunity to invite the community to join him for the flag ceremony on Memorial Day. He opened the floor for public comments, but received none.

Attorney's Remarks

Mr. Emery noted that the City has 3 delinquent tax liens to file against homeowners who have not paid their property taxes. He stated that the LRAA case is in the Jefferson Circuit Court, and he will need to file a statement of appeal by the end of the month. The Reesor/ Lee case is waiting for summary judgement. Mr. Emery has received the initial draft for the recodification of the ordinances and some notes which gave him the needed guidelines to amend the Code for the final draft.

Mayor Crawford passed out copies of the report and notes from the assigned attorney for the recodification and asked Councilors to help with the final draft of the Code. He also noted the City has received a new insurance policy and Councilor Breen has volunteered her father to help educate us on the policy.

Police Report

Chief Sweeney covered the police report. He introduced Kenny Betts and Scott Barto as 2 new part-time police officers. Chief Sweeney gave a brief synopsis on each of the gentlemen. The Mayor asked for a motion to confirm Kenny Betts and Scott Barto. Darrell Shelton made a motion. Tony Williams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor administered the oath of office.

Financial Report

Mayor Crawford introduced Brenda Bradshaw as the City's new bookkeeper. Darrell Shelton asked if the goal was to get the monthly Excel report and the Profit and Loss to match. Ms. Bradshaw explained the goal was to produce all reports out of QuickBooks, for uniformity. Laura Stevens asked about the Line of Credit. Mayor Crawford explained that we had to draw from the line of credit this year. Darrell Shelton asked why it is not showing on the Profit and Loss report. Ms. Bradshaw answered it is not considered revenue, but it is on the books. Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to accept the financial report. Nancy Zinner made a motion. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Crawford asked the City Clerk for the first reading of An Ordinance Amending the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. There was some discussion about the Neighborhood Development Grant.

Engineer's Report

Mayor Crawford distributed a copy of the Engineer's report and started the discussion. Darrell Shelton noted that the report did not reflect information on the entrance column spotlights and electrical outlets. Laura Stevens asked about the list of road patches. She suggested that some of the work completed by the previous contractor has not held up, and wondered if the contractor is responsible for the rework. Mayor Crawford replied he would check into that prospect.

Forest Board

Anne Bobigian covered the Forest Board report. She noted that she and Jennifer Jones were writing the new ordinance for the Forest Board. Ms. Bobigian also developed a detail Forest Board budget request for 2015-2016. A copy of the Forest Board report and budget request are included as part of these minutes.

Unfinished Business

Laura Stevens covered the action item list. There were several conversations covering public works job description and schedule. There was also lengthy discussion about communications and obtaining email addresses for electronic communication. Councilor Joanne Bader had asked to add a "new resident package" to the action item list.

Mayor Crawford asked to schedule a variance meeting at 6:30, June 15th for a resident wishing to build a six-foot fence.

New Business

Mayor Crawford covered the results of the resident survey. The survey is included as part of these minutes.

The Mayor distributed a copy Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal and Message to each of the Councilors. There were questions and discussions about certain line items. A copy of this documentation is included as part of these minutes.

Tony Williams suggested that one more meeting be set before the second reading to cover the budget proposal line by line. The Council decided that June 8th at 7:00 PM would be set for a special meeting.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk for the first reading of An Ordinance Adopting the City Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016.

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty prefers appropriations for the police officers to have Tasers instead of spending on entrance lighting.

Nancy Zinner made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Tony Williams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Janella Merca

Attested

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Approved