

Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Tony Williams and Councilors Brittney Gorter, Madeline Bozeman, Austin Schwenker, Stephanie George, Andrew Klump and Jennifer Kleier. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Minniear, City Attorney Keith Larson and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Opening Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee Rd – Mr. Becker suggested the city take up the sidewalks. There were lengthy conversations about fixing the sidewalks.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. He asked council to accept the report instead of approve. Stephanie George asked if the court revenue is a variable. The Mayor answered yes. Andrew Klump asked about the contingency reserve amount. There were lengthy conversations about the roll over amounts, and on what report and how it should appear on the report. Andrew Klump asked if there is going to be a separate line item for the airport law suit. The Mayor answered on the amended budget there will be a separate line item. Madeline Bozeman made a motion to accept the report. Andrew Klump seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor to Chief Minniear for discussion. Chief Minniear discussed the code enforcement report. Stephanie George asked about the hours for code enforcement. Chief answered 16 hours is the set schedule for the code enforcement officer. Andrew Klump thanked the Chief for the event, coffee with cops.

The Chief presented a candidate for a part-time officer. He gave a brief synopsis on Shawn Seabolt and asked for confirmation. The Mayor asked for a motion to confirm the candidate. Jennifer Kleier made a motion to confirm. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor executed the oath of office for the officer.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor to Gill Zinner. Mr. Zinner stated that the board is getting a good response on the tree placement and pruning program. The Mayor started the discussion about the permit process for taking trees down and pruning.

Parks and Recreation Board Report

The Mayor noted that there wasn't a report submitted for this month. He gave an update on the Dogwood Festival. Andrew Klump gave the update on the Friday night bike ride before the Dogwood Festival.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Williams presented the March 18, 2019 meeting minutes for approval and ask for a motion to approve. Austin Schwenker made a motion to approve the minutes. Stephanie George seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor gave the floor to the city attorney, Keith Larson. Mr. Larson discussed the municipal order for the Charter Franchise Agreement and all the options. Austin Schwenker moved the discussion to question. Andrew Klump seconded. No vote was taken. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the municipal order. Jennifer Kleier made a motion to approve. Stephanie George seconded, and the motion passed with 4 in favor (Austin Schwenker, Andrew Klump, Stephanie George and Jennifer Kleier in favor) with 2 abstain (abstained Brittney Gorter and Madeline Bozeman).

Stephanie George discussed the results from the resident survey. The Mayor covered the numbers in reference to what is most important to the residents. He said the results will be presented to the residents at the Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Williams presented the survey from the sidewalk company to the council to review and to decide on a plan to repair city sidewalks. There were lengthy conversations on how much should the city invest and how much should the residents be responsible to cover. The discussion also included which hazard issues should be addressed first, to insure safety for the residents and liability to the city. The conversation went to road repair and how much should go to roads versus sidewalks.

The Mayor presented the supplemental budget for the second reading. There were discussions about the carry over amount. Andrew Klump made a motion to table the supplemental budget. Austin Schwenker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Madeline Bozeman wanted to do a post survey on the Dogwood Festival. There were discussions about how the city will receive the feedback information.

Stephanie George asked if notification is given to the residents if contractors like LG&E are going to work on their property. There was a lengthy conversation about permitting these contractors or notification given to the residents.

New Business

Mayor Williams ask the council if they have a date in mind for the Town Hall meeting. The decision was made the Town Hall Meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM, the meeting will be held at City Hall.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor gave the update on the entrance lighting at Audubon Parkway and Preston, and the entrance at Hess Lane and Oriole. The Mayor advised the council on May 20, 2019, that Andrea Shindlebower,

from KLC, will be at City Hall to assist with updating the Personnel Handbook. He also gave the update on the park's garbage cans.

Closing Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3150 Chickadee – Mr. Becker suggested another option for the sidewalk repair project. The conversation continued about how to pay.

Daniel Stephen, 3106 Meadowlark – Mr. Stephen expressed his dismay with spending too much money on sidewalk repairs and some of the marked problems, not being the issue that was stated in the report.

Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie George seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is set for May 16, 2019 the Town Hall Meeting at City Hall.

Attested

Approved