

Council Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Tony Williams and Councilors Brittney Gorter, Madeline Bozeman, Austin Schwenker, Jennifer Kleier and Andrew Klump arriving late. 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 7:00 PM.

Opening Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker suggested that the city start a fund to assist residents with the cost of removing trees from the right of way. Mayor Williams stated that the forest board discussed that subject at the last board meeting.

Brent Streater, 3211 Oriole Dr. – Mr. Streater asked if the assistance only applies for the trees in the easements. Mr. Streater had Boy Scout Troop 315 with him.

Financial Report

The Mayor presented the cash flow report and budget to actual report for the month. There were some questions about the bookkeeper, electric bills and recodification charges. Brittney Gorter made a motion to approve the cash flow and budget to actual reports. Austin Schwenker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. (Jennifer Kleier, Madeline Bozeman, Brittney Gorter, Austin Schwenker in Favor) (Stephanie George absent) (Andrew Klump not present to vote).

Police Report

Mayor Williams gave the floor to the Chief of Police. Chief Minniear covered the police and the code enforcement reports. There were discussions on contacting the police department to report crime. The Mayor informed the gallery that magnets have been printed for the residents to assist with quick access to important phone numbers.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions. The Mayor gave an update on forest board activity.

Parks and Recreation Board Report

The Mayor stated that there was not a Parks and Recreation Board report submitted. He discussed the Christmas decoration contest and the Christmas celebration. He also thanked Councilors Austin Schwenker and Madeline Bozeman for taking on the celebration.

Unfinished Business

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2019 council meeting. Madeline Bozeman made a motion to approve the minutes. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the floor was opened for discussions or corrections. Madeline Bozeman offered a correction. The motion passed to approve the minutes with the correction. (Andrew Klump, Brittney Gorter, Austin Schwenker and Madeline Bozeman in favor) (Jennifer Kleier abstain) (Stephanie George absent). There was a question about the outstanding payment due to the city from the Aukotoberfest. Mayor Williams promised to keep everyone updated on the status.

There were questions about a 5K run. The Mayor discussed the city taking on a 5K run next year.

New Business

Mayor Williams started a discussion about road paving. He presented the council with a document that showed the cost of liquid asphalt last year at September and the estimated cost at March this year. The information was used to begin thinking about a comprehensive re-paving plan for the city roads. There were lengthy conversations about completing the roads all at once and taking a loan, or certain streets each year. The council then discussed sidewalk repair. The Mayor stated the total bid for the sidewalk repair sits at 30K.

Closing Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker wanted to state that Chickadee needs to be milled twice. Mayor Williams assured Mr. Becker that would happen when the money can be appropriated.

Mayor Williams wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

The next scheduled meeting is January 21, 2020 at 7:00.

Attested

Approved