

Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Tony Williams and Councilors Brittney Gorter, Madeline Bozeman, Austin Schwenker, Jennifer Kleier, Stephanie George and Andrew Klump. 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. After completing the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor asked for a moment of silence in honor of Scott McGaha. Mr. McGaha was going to be sworn in as a police officer at the meeting, however passed away over the weekend.

Opening Public Comments

Mayor Williams asked for any opening comments, hearing none, he introduced Chief Minniear. The Chief introduced a reserve police officer program and offered 4 candidates for the program. He gave a brief synopsis on the candidates. The Mayor asked for a motion to confirm the 4 candidates. Madeline Bozeman made a motion to confirm. Jennifer Kleier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Williams executed the Oath of Office for the 4 candidates.

Mayor Williams distributed the 7 bids for the work on the roads to the councilors. The Mayor opened the floor for discussions and questions. The contractors discussed their previous jobs to give the residents and councilors some reference.

Lloyd Fetzer, 928 Dove – Mr. Fetzer asked if he could continue to mow the leaves in the park across from his house. The Mayor explained that any person working on City properties must be covered on city insurance and that the city has a public works person to take care of the parks. If he has a complaint to please call public works and public works will handle the parks.

Mayor Williams introduced Roy Hoagland of Welenken's CPA. Mr. Hoagland discussed the annual city audit. There were questions about the city owned parks. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the annual audit. Stephanie George made a motion to accept the report. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The city attorney gave a brief statement about the new telecom tax arrangement that the city is currently modifying.

Financial Report

The Mayor presented the cash flow, budget to actual report for the month and budget to actual for year end 2019. Andrew Klump asked that the orange box be removed from year end budget report. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the financial reports. Stephanie George seconded, and the motion passed. (Andrew Klump, Stephanie George, Madeline Bozeman and Brittney Gorter in favor) (Austin Schwenker and Jennifer Kleier abstain)

Police Report

Mayor Williams gave the floor to the Chief of Police. Chief Minniear covered the police and the code enforcement reports.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions. The Mayor asked the council to start considering what actions need to be taken to eliminate the dangerous tree(s) in the right of way, once the owner has been given two written notices to take the tree down.

Parks and Recreation Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions. The main concern for the parks and recreation board is volunteers.

Unfinished Business

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2019. Madeline Bozeman made a motion to approve the minutes. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed. (Andrew Klump, Jennifer Kleier, Austin Schwenker, Brittney Gorter and Madeline Bozeman in favor) (Stephanie George abstain)

New Business

Mayor Williams presented a proposed *Amended Budget Fiscal Year 2020*. He asked for first reading. The city clerk executed the first reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Williams started a discussion about the road paving project. He presented several different options on what it would take to finance the project.

In other new business, the Mayor offered the floor to Madeline Bozeman to present her resolution. The resolution will establish February 2nd thru the 8th as National Awareness Burn Week. Ms. Bozeman read through the proclamation, after reading the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Brittney Gorter made a motion to approve the resolution. Austin Schwenker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty expressed her dismay with loans. She feels the roads should be paved as the city has the money, no loans.

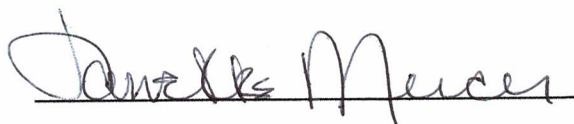
Dorn Crawford, 932 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Crawford would like to know if there will be a budget proposal and message provided to resident for the new amended budget.

Daniel Stephen, 3106 Meadowlark – Mr. Stephen expressed he is not a fan of loans. He feels completing the roads by phases is the way to go.

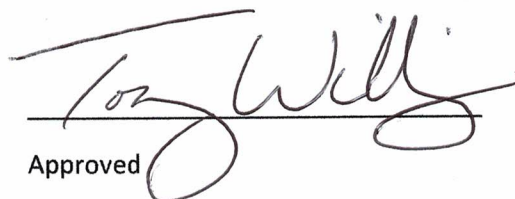
Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee - Mr. Becker is not in favor of loans, however the loan situation presented sounds very enticing.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

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Attested

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tony Willis", written over a horizontal line.

Approved