Council Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, June 17, 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

Mayor Williams opened the floor for opening comments, hearing none, he moved on to the financial report.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written reports and opened the floor for discussion. There were discussions about the new bookkeeper. Andrew Klump made a motion to amend the cash flow report correcting the month from March to May. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the reports with the correction to the cash flow report. Jennifer Kleier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Board Report

The Mayor presented Mitchell Kersting, from the Parks and Rec Board. Mitchell discussed the concept of a natural playscape for one of the parks in the city. He had a presentation and the councilors discussed the cost and the different options. There were lengthy conversations about the cost and water fountains.

Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor to Chief Minniear for discussion. The Chief gave an update on the code enforcement officer's activities. Austin Schwenker asked about the inventory on the street's signs.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions.

Parks and Recreation Board Part 2

Brittney Gorter asked about the Yoga in the park. The Mayor asked about some media exposure for volunteers with traffic flow for the July 4th parade, and he gave an update on the parade. Mayor Williams and council discussed a citywide yard sale.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Williams presented the May 20, 2019 meeting minutes for approval. Austin Schwenker made a motion to approve the minutes. Stephanie George seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented the May 23rd meeting minutes for approval. The motion passed with 3 in favor (Andrew Klump, Jennifer Kleier and Austin Schwenker in favor) (Madeline Bozeman, Brittney Gorter and Stephanie George, abstained).

Mayor Williams asked for the second reading of the Fiscal Year 2020 City Budget Ordinance. The city clerk executed the reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the proposed budget. Stephanie George made a motion to approve. Jennifer Kleier seconded, and the floor was open for discussion. Andrew Klump wanted clarification for the grant to the garden club. Mr. Klump asked about the moving of funds from one to the other. The council expressed their concerns about the amount of money being appropriated to playgrounds with the needs for road and sidewalk improvements. There were discussions about the money appropriated to public facilities. Austin Schwenker called the discussion to question. Jennifer Kleier seconded the call. The discussion ended with all in favor. The vote was taken to approve the 2020 Budget and it was unanimously approved with all in favor.

New Business

Mayor Williams started the discussion about minimum building restrictions. Andrew Klump announce that he is no longer employed by Seiller Waterman. There were discussions about permitting.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor gave the update on the employee handbook. The Mayor and council set a goal of year end for the recodification. The Mayor wants to be sure that the fines and penalties are also updated.

Closing Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee - Mr. Becker discussed the need of re-milling of Chickadee.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill - Ms. Kelty wanted to know if there is going to be a city-wide yard sale, then will individual yard sales not be permitted. The Mayor suggested passing a resolution that addresses not having a yard sale permit for that day only.

Daniel Stephen, 3106 Meadowlark - Mr. Stephen is in favor of a water fountain in one of the parks.

Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Madeline Bozeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is July 15, 2019 at 7:00.

Attested

Approved