

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2011**

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council, City of Audubon Park, was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 3340 Robin Road with the following present: Mayor Michael Scalise along with Council Members Cindy Habeeb, Rose Mangino, Gary Vogel, Al Huber, Judy Schwenker, and Patrick Kehoe. Also present were Police Chief Reesor and City Clerk Stephanie Lee along with City Attorney Patrick McElhone.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Scalise called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Mayor Scalise asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from the previous month. Al Huber made motion the minutes be accepted as presented. Gary Vogel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Art Henson – Audit Report:** Art Henson with Henson & Associates presented the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to perform the Audit, and he went into an explanation of the report giving a brief overview of his findings. With all of the new members on the Council, Mr. Henson said they can call his office to discuss any questions they may have after reviewing the information.

Al Huber made motion to accept the Audit Report as presented. Gary Vogel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The information submitted on the Financial Report showed the figures through the month of December.

Al Huber made motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Gary Vogel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** The following is a list of people who spoke and a general summary of what they had to say:

1. Peter Becker, 3105 Chickadee Rd. – inquired about the December minutes being placed on the website for review.

Mayor Scalise said after being approved, they should be on there within a day or two.

**Property Tax Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Al Huber introduced and Stephanie Lee read and summarized ORDINANCE NUMBER 0001, SERIES 2011, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING JULY 1, 2011 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2012 AS THE FISCAL YEAR, LEVYING TAXES FOR THE SAID FISCAL YEAR AND PROVIDING FOR

THE TIME OF PAYMENT OF SAME AND THE SPENDING OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID LEVY.

Stephanie Lee mentioned the proposed rate for this year is 0.267 per \$100 versus 0.258 per \$100 last year. With this being the first reading, the vote will take place at the next meeting.

**Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Al Huber introduced and Stephanie Lee read and summarized ORDINANCE NUMBER 0002, SERIES 2011, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF AUDUBON PARK TAX RATE ON ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011 - 2012.

Stephanie Lee mentioned the proposed rate is the same as the property tax rate at 0.267 per \$100. With this being the first reading, the vote will take place at the next meeting.

**Garbage Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Al Huber introduced and Stephanie Lee read and summarized ORDINANCE NUMBER 0003, SERIES 2011, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GARBAGE RECYCLING COLLECTION ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF AUDUBON PARK, KENTUCKY FOR JULY 1, 2011 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2012 AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAME.

Stephanie Lee mentioned the proposed rate is the same as the previous year. With this being the first reading, the vote will take place at the next meeting.

Mayor Scalise briefly explained House Bill 44 in relation to the tax calculation.

**Police Report:** Chief Reesor read the Police Report for the month of December as well as the Yearly Report for 2010. A copy of each of the said reports is made a part of these minutes.

**Forest Board Business:** Gilbert Zinner passed out information sheets pertaining to the current business of the Forest Board to the Council for their review. He briefly commented about Jim Mathews with LG&E attending the last meeting they had; and a short discussion followed regarding the taking down of trees, the possibility of dangerous trees, the homeowner's responsibility, and what LG&E may be willing to help in doing.

Mayor Scalise said anyone that is interested should contact LG&E to obtain information regarding each individual situation.

Judy Schwenker inquired about the program from the past in which dangerous or hazardous trees are identified as possibly needing to be removed.

Mayor Scalise said the City does not have an Arborist now, but he said letters are sent to homeowners when the City is notified of a dangerous or hazardous tree.

**Unfinished Business:** There was not any "Unfinished Business" to report at this time.

**New Business:** Mayor Scalise mentioned wanting the approval of the following appointments to the Code Enforcement Board and to the Board of Ethics. He said he would like to appoint Steve Miller (Chairperson), Keith Braun, and Mark Stevens to the Code Enforcement Board under Executive Order Number 004, Series 2011. He went on to add that he would like to appoint John Wientjes (Chairperson), Anne Braun, and Gary Fields to the Board of Ethics under Executive Order Number 003, Series 2011.

Gary Vogel made motion to accept the appointments as presented. Al Huber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Scalise also mentioned asking Gary Vogel and Al Huber to be advisories pertaining to finances. He said Al Huber and Patrick Kehoe are going to be representatives to the N.O.I.S.E. Committee. He also said he has appointed Jonathan Leachman as the Assistant City Attorney. He commented about Mark Stevens, Jonathan Leachman, and Anne Braun being assets to the City; and he thanked them all for their willingness to continue helping out the City.

Al Huber said he thought the Council Training Session held on January 15<sup>th</sup> was very good and well presented. He said he appreciated all of the work Pat McElhone did, and Mayor Scalise agreed.

Mayor Scalise said he has requested an I.D. card from the Kentucky League of Cities; and he said if any other Council members did not get one, please let him know.

Patrick Kehoe spoke in regards to numerous issues he said he has had brought to his attention (entrance lights, MSD projects, Road Funds, street lights, hot patch, the City website, City Hall hours, etc.).

Judy Schwenker commented about residents being welcome to attend the meetings to hear what is going on in the City, and Gary Vogel agreed.

**Mayor's Report:** There was not a Mayor's Report at this time due to the issues being covered earlier in the meeting.

Gary Vogel made motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Huber seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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