

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council, City of Audubon Park, was held on Tuesday, February 22, 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. Patrick Kehoe made motion to have the sentence pertaining to “Executive issues” removed in the paragraph relating to issues he has had brought to his attention. Rose Mangino seconded with a short discussion taking place, and the motion passed unanimously. Rose Mangino made motion to have the words “at great length” in relation to Patrick Kehoe speaking about the issues removed from the same paragraph. Al Huber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Al Huber made motion to accept the minutes as amended. Cindy Habeeb seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Bill Skees – Frost, Brown, Todd: Bellarmine and Fund for the Arts Bonds:** Bill Skees went into a brief explanation of two bond requests he has. He mentioned the Bellarmine Bond is for \$6,000,000 and is for student housing, landscaping, a garden area, capital improvements, etc. He also commented about the Fund for the Arts Bond for \$3,000,000; and he said it is going to be used to acquire a ballet office and to do renovations at the Brown Theatre. He said there will be a Public Hearing on March 21, 2011 at the next Council Meeting for the proposed passage of the Resolutions.

Mayor Scalise mentioned having IRS information publications regarding Bonds; and Bill Skees said if anyone has questions, they can contact him as well.

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

1. Unidentified person – inquired about the website being updated with Council names, etc.

Mayor Scalise said he just talked to someone about that this morning, and he said it should be coming up soon.

Patrick Kehoe commented about Robbie Gibson being interested in helping with the site.

Mayor Scalise said he will keep that in mind.

**Property Tax Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Mayor Scalise said the Property Tax Ordinance is an annual event, and he and Pat McElhone briefly explained House Bill 44 in relation to the tax calculation.

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.

Al Huber made motion to accept the Ordinance as presented, and Gary Vogel seconded. A lengthy discussion took place regarding whether the tax should go up or not, what the funding is needed for, City needs, expenditures, etc.

Mayor Scalise reiterated that the rate for this year is 0.267, and he called for the vote. Four members voted for the rate (Cindy Habeeb, Gary Vogel, Al Huber, and Judy Schwenker); and two members voted against the rate (Patrick Kehoe and Rose Mangino) with the Ordinance passing.

**Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Mayor Scalise mentioned the rate is the same as and is computed the same as the Property Tax rate.

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.

Al Huber made motion to accept the Ordinance as presented, and Judy Schwenker seconded. A short discussion took place regarding the need for the tax, who the tax should/would go to, revenue increase amounts, etc.

Mayor Scalise called for the vote. Four members voted for the rate (Cindy Habeeb, Gary Vogel, Al Huber, and Judy Schwenker); and two members voted against the rate (Patrick Kehoe and Rose Mangino) with the Ordinance passing.

At this time, an unidentified person said they would like fifteen minutes for the public to comment.

Mayor Scalise read from the Agenda, and he said we are required to follow it. He mentioned the “Public Comment” time that was offered earlier.

**Garbage Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 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.

Al Huber made motion to accept the Ordinance as presented. Rose Mangino seconded. A lengthy discussion followed regarding contract renewal, current annual contract cost, other possible options, back door service, informing residents of what the current contract includes, etc.

Al Huber called for the question on the vote, and Mayor Scalise called for the vote. Five members voted for the rate (Cindy Habeeb, Rose Mangino, Gary Vogel, Al Huber, and Judy Schwenker); and one member voted against the rate (Patrick Kehoe) with the Ordinance passing.

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

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

**Police Report:** Chief Reesor read the Police Report for the month of January. A copy of the said report is made a part of these minutes.

**Forest Board Business:** Gilbert Zinner passed out copies of and briefly touched on a “thank you” letter sent to Ed Winner for volunteering on the Rain Garden project.

Al Huber, Mayor Scalise, and Gary Vogel said “thanks” to Mr. Zinner for his work.

Mr. Zinner also mentioned that Camp Taylor closed down one of its Fire Houses.

Mayor Scalise commented about the City being informed about the closing last month.

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

**New Business:** There was not any “New Business” to report at this time.

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

Judy Schwenker made motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Huber seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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