

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2011

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

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

Mayor Scalise mentioned Gary Vogel's absence being due to his father being in the hospital, and he asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts.

Approval of the Minutes – March 21, 2011: Mayor Scalise asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from the previous month. Al Huber made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cindy Habeeb seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes – March 31, 2011: Mayor Scalise asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the special meeting minutes from the previous month. Pat Kehoe stated that he did not have any corrections, but he said he had left the meeting a little upset saying the meeting got rough towards the end with not everyone getting to speak what was on their minds. He asked that they watch that in the future. Mayor Scalise said it will be taken under consideration. Judy Schwenker made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Al Huber 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. Mary Miller, 1307 Audubon Parkway – expressed her gratitude to Mayor Scalise and the Council for the wonderful job and support shown during the Dogwood Festival, and she said it showed the community working together. She said the Police do a wonderful job, and she also thanked Chief Reesor for all of his years of service. She went on to thank the Works Department for their help, and she said they keep the City looking good with a smile on their face.

Chief Reesor, Mayor Scalise, and Al Huber thanked Mary Miller for her comments.

2. Gilbert Zinner, 3315 Wren Road – passed out copies of Newsletters he had gathered from various communities (Douglas Hills, Prospect, Hurstbourne,

and Doe Valley, Kentucky) to show how advertisements pay for them entirely. He said he thinks Audubon Park should look into this as well. He mentioned some of them putting Financial Reports in their Newsletters also.

Mayor Scalise said that would take the Newsletter into an entirely new direction, and he said he will take it under consideration.

3. Drew Perkins, 1131 Dove Road – said he attended last month’s Special Council Meeting; and he said they should be embarrassed. He said they were very rude to one another, and he said it was a fiasco. He said you can tell some of them don’t like one another, and he said they should do a better job in working together. He said he was sorry to Rose Mangino for the way she was treated and for her being interrupted during the meeting.
4. Jimmy Smith, 1130 Dove Road – thanked the Council for allowing him to be a part of the community. He commented about just buying his house last year, and he said he wants to understand about being a part of the solution not a part of the problem. He said he had sent emails out at 3 P.M. today regarding concerns he has. He said he would like to know about Open Records Requests, and he complained about no one being in City Hall when he stopped by or called. At the request of Rose Mangino, he read the email of concerns which included seeing the Police at Norton’s last Monday; seeing the Police on Preston Highway; the Off-Duty Policy (saw an Officer at Gene Snyder and I65); the Police jurisdiction; who the Officers are; wanting to see the Police visible in Audubon Park; wanting clarification on the Financial Report Journal entries from the March meeting; and looking into credit card receipts from O’Reilly Auto Parts, etc.

Mayor Scalise said he will address the financial information next under the “Financial Report”.

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

Judy Schwenker made motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Al Huber seconded, and a short discussion took place.

Mayor Scalise read from a memo submitted by the City Treasurer in response to questions regarding the General Journal entries on the attachment to the Financial Report from the previous month. He said the entries are sequentially numbered, and he said the entries are for the withholdings from employees’ pay for Medicare and Social Security to be paid to the I.R.S electronically. He also went on to comment about \$600 on the Visa bill being for salt for the streets.

Pat Kehoe said he would like to reiterate that he would like to have the credit card statement; and he questioned several entries such as payments to Discount I.D., Intoximeters, Duplicator Sales, Commonwealth Bank, Louisville Motor Exchange,

Kiesler's, Petty Cash, and Classic Car Wash with Mayor Scalise or Chief Reesor replying to each.

Rose Mangino said she had been reading from last year's Audit Report regarding lowering Police protection.

Mayor Scalise asked her to read the specific information she was referring to, and he said those items are looked at each year when the Budget comes up.

Rose Mangino said someone was hired last month to do the on-line service, and Mayor Scalise said no one was hired. He added that the person is not being paid for the service, and a short discussion followed.

After the call for the vote, the motion passed with Pat Kehoe abstaining from the vote.

Budget Ordinance for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 – 1st Reading: Al Huber introduced and passed out copies of the proposed Budget to the Council.

Stephanie Lee read ORDINANCE NUMBER 005, SERIES 2011, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUDUBON PARK, KY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012.

Mayor Scalise said this is the first reading of the Ordinance, and he said the second reading and discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Rose Mangino said she read a motion last week because she thought they had to have two readings for all of them to look at the Budget together. She read the information she had read from the previous meeting again regarding the Census, balancing the Budget without raising taxes, reducing spending, and working together to come up with a solution to financial problems.

Mayor Scalise said there was not a second, and Rose Mangino said Mayor Scalise did not ask for a second. Mayor Scalise said he did not take it as a motion that she wanted to make. He went on to add that when a Budget is prepared, they have to look at the City Officials' Legal Handbook (which states the Mayor presents the Budget to the Council). He said he does have financial advisors, and he said he has to follow the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

Forest Board Business: Gilbert Zinner passed out copies of the Forest Board Report dated April 18, 2011 to the Council and Mayor for their review. He commented about planting a new tree at Audubon Parkway and Teal with Leah Netherland. He mentioned receiving an information packet from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture regarding Farmer's Markets, and he turned the information over to Mayor Scalise.

Mayor Scalise said he had inquired about getting a packet also, and he thanked Mr. Zinner for obtaining the information.

Drew Perkins, 1131 Dove Road, volunteered to look into the project. He commented about sending emails to Cindy Habeeb regarding the idea.

Mayor Scalise asked that Mr. Perkins call him the next day to discuss the project.

Pat Kehoe inquired about the trees in the parks being removed with several stumps remaining.

Mayor Scalise said the stumps in the City's parks will be taken care of when it dries up some.

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

New Business: Pat Kehoe stated that LG&E will be doing work soon from Hess Lane to Audubon Parkway on Oriole (behind Oriole and behind Chickadee). He said the electric could be out for a nice length of time, and he later added that he will remind John Lockett of the need to obtain a permit before doing the work.

Cindy Habeeb inquired as to what he means about the length of time involved.

Pat Kehoe said they are replacing the poles, and he said it will be for several days a week for up to six hours.

Mayor Scalise questioned about businesses on Preston, and Mary Miller asked about the residents being notified.

Pat Kehoe said in response to notifying the residents, "yes, he thinks so".

Mayor's Report: Mayor Scalise mentioned State Representative Jim Wayne being unable to attend the Dogwood Festival this year due to conflicts in his schedule. He said Representative Wayne had sent a state flag, and he read from a letter he also sent saying how safe Audubon Park is. He went on to add that the Farmer's Market project was already covered earlier in the meeting.

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

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