

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2012

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council, City of Audubon Park, was held on Monday, August 20, 2012, at 3340 Robin Road with the following present: Mayor Michael Scalise along with Council Members Cindy Habeeb, Gary Vogel, Al Huber, and Patrick Kehoe. Also present were Chief Jeff Cox and City Clerk Stephanie Lee. City Attorney Patrick McElhone along with Assistant City Attorney Jonathan Leachman as well as Council Members Rose Mangino and Judy Schwenker were all 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.

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 to accept the minutes as presented. Cindy Habeeb 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:

Mayor Scalise mentioned he would like to obtain brief biographies of the various candidates for Council Member (those wishing to participate) for the upcoming election to place in the Newsletter for residents to see and get acquainted with them. He said this is general information (name, address, etc.) without any political views being expressed. He later said those interested can send the information to his email address, and he said he would like to have them in by Labor Day.

1. Steve Miller, 1101 Cardinal – will be spearheading a “Candidate Forum” for residents to get to meet the various candidates. He jokingly said he doesn’t plan on wearing a referee shirt, and he said each candidate will likely have three to four minutes to speak.

Mayor Scalise said it will probably be in October or so, and he commented about possibly using Audubon School. He said they will try to advertise it in the Newsletter.

2. Gene Stotz, 3330 Robin Road – thanked the Works Department, Police Department, and the City for all of their help following the storm on July 19th. He mentioned Robin Road being hit hard, and he said neighbors were helping to pickup branches (thanking them also). He also said the Camp Taylor Fire Department was out helping, and he said the City did a great job in getting Robin Park cleaned back up.

Mayor Scalise also thanked the citizens, and he mentioned there are still a few logs in the parks (Robin and Curlew) if anyone is interested for firewood.

Financial Report: The information submitted on the Financial Report showed the figures through the month of July. Mayor Scalise commented about the Financial Report being for informational purposes only with the upcoming Audit; therefore, a vote was not taken at this time.

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

Chief Cox also commented about working on a project for Halloween. He said he will have more information regarding the idea at the next meeting.

Patrick Kehoe said he would still like to have the individual breakdown of Audubon, Parkway Village, and Audubon Hospital; and Keith Braun agreed.

Chief Cox said he has a breakdown of the information, and he said he will give Councilman Kehoe a copy after the meeting.

Forest Board Business: Gilbert Zinner passed out the Forest Board Report dated August 20, 2012 to the Mayor and Council for their review. He mentioned there is a work day scheduled for the second Saturday of each month in the parks, and he said they will be working in Curlew Park on September 8th from 10 A.M. until Noon.

Unfinished Business: At the request of Mayor Scalise, Michael Gooden gave a brief overview of the information he has obtained regarding the Farmer's Market idea. He touched on liability issues and insurance, the definition of a Farmer's Market, reasons for the market, benefits, vendor commitments and permits, average booth costs, types of markets and seasons, products offered, current Louisville Farmer's Markets, possible locations, fees, hours/days, etc. He expressed an interest in obtaining volunteers for a Committee to help work on the project, and Mayor Scalise said he will request volunteers in the Newsletter. He said they need to think about what they want to offer there, if there is support from the community for the idea, and the issue of the drought this year.

Mayor Scalise mentioned contacting Jack Green (as suggested by Councilman Vogel at the last meeting) regarding an estimate for the hail damage to City Hall. He said he will get the adjustor back in, and he said they will discuss the estimates he has. He commented about some of the decisions being made last month regarding the repairs (pending insurance approval).

Patrick Kehoe inquired as to if the City has had any contact with MSD regarding the issues in the parks and on personal property.

Mayor Scalise said he is going to speak with Mr. Conlin regarding his issue after the meeting. He said the information has been reported to MSD regarding the parks, and he said they have not responded. He said there is a series of holes in Oriole Park they have been contacted about, but he said they say they don't show the pipe on their map. He commented about having problems at Cardinal at Linnet and Thrush possibly due to this.

Patrick Kehoe questioned about liability issues if someone was to get hurt, and Mayor Scalise said he thought it would be MSD's responsibility (mentioning their security).

Patrick Kehoe inquired about street repairs, and Mayor Scalise said he has a meeting scheduled in Frankfort with the Executive Director of Rural Roads and Secondary Streets and Representative Jim Wayne tomorrow to see if there is any funding available.

New Business: Mayor Scalise mentioned Bill Skees will be here next month to request a Bond issue for Bellarmine, and he went into a brief explanation of Bonds.

Patrick Kehoe said he thinks he has secured financing (will probably know for sure later in the week) for the "Movie Night" he has been planning. He said he is looking at having it around the time of the next meeting or right after.

Mayor Scalise said the City will need to issue a permit, and he said a Proof of Insurance Certificate will need to be supplied by the company providing the equipment.

Patrick Kehoe inquired as to when the next Newsletter will be coming out, and Mayor Scalise said around the middle of September.

Patrick Kehoe questioned about an expense for Attorney fees from Fifer Law Office, and Mayor Scalise said it is Jonathan Leachman's fee for his services.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Scalise requested the Council go into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue in letters they had received, and they went into Executive Session (off record).

After returning from the Executive Session (back on record), Al Huber made motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Habeeb seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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