

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20, 2013

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council, City of Audubon Park, was held on Monday, May 20, 2013, at 3340 Robin Road with the following present: Mayor Michael Scalise along with Council Members Joanne Bader, Nancy Zinner, Vince Osbourn, Mark Stevens, Al Huber, and Cary Campbell. Also present were Police Chief Jeffrey Cox, Deputy Police Chief Ronald Jones, and City Clerk Stephanie Lee. City Attorney Patrick McElhone and Assistant City Attorney Jonathan Leachman were also both present.

Call to Order: Mayor Scalise called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, a moment of silence was taken in honor of the victims of the tornadoes that had occurred earlier in the day in Oklahoma.

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. Joanne Bader 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. Jim Head, 1112 Audubon Parkway – mentioned speaking with the City Clerk in order to obtain the telephone number for Tim McNally with Waste Management to contact him in trying to obtain a large, green garbage can (previously inquired about during the Council Meeting last month). He said Tim McNally informed him that the green garbage cans are not furnished. He said he then called the Customer Service number for Waste Management, and he said he was told everyone in Audubon is entitled to one can per household. He went on to add that he doesn't think everyone knows about this, and he said he would think the person negotiating the contract would know that.

Mayor Scalise said if you have more than the one furnished, he said he thinks they charge \$2.00 per month, per additional can. He said Mr. McNally is the one that told him that; therefore, he said he doesn't know why he would tell Mr. Head that.

Joanne Bader asked Mayor Scalise if he can put the information regarding the cans in the upcoming Newsletter in his column, and he said he would.

2. Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – inquired (with regards to the first reading of the Budget) as to if they had found any main areas to make substantial cuts.

Mayor Scalise said he cannot talk about an Ordinance that has not been introduced yet. He said they are aware of her concerns, and he said they have addressed them.

3. Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – questioned the difference between the public and the Council on the REACH alert notification system. He said he thinks everyone should get the same messages, and he went on to say it should be public knowledge.

Joanne Bader said everyone will get them, but she said some of them are for Council Members only. She said it is just to give them an option if they need to give out information regarding meetings, etc. She said nothing has been sent out yet anyway, and she said they can take that out.

Cary Campbell agreed with Pete Becker in the messaging being the same for everyone.

Mayor Scalise said he will talk to Ken Weber to address the situation.

Financial Report: The information submitted on the Financial Report showed the figures through the month of April. Al Huber made motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Mark Stevens seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Scalise mentioned only having a couple of months left in the current fiscal year, and he briefly went into an explanation of the report and items not included on the reports (current fiscal year versus the upcoming fiscal year).

Vince Osbourn inquired about making the adjustment for the current versus upcoming fiscal year, and Mayor Scalise agreed saying that's the way he foresees it.

Nancy Zinner questioned about the Deferred Revenue (on page one of the Balance Sheet) being from taxes, and Mayor Scalise said it is tax money collected for the next year.

Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 – 1st Reading: Al Huber presented and read ORDINANCE NUMBER 0005, SERIES 2013, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUDUBON PARK, KY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014.

Mayor Scalise said with this being the first reading of the Ordinance, he said it will be discussed at the meeting next month; and he went into a very brief explanation of the process or thinking behind it. He said he can speak to each of the Council Members individually if they have questions, but he said they cannot discuss it now.

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

Deputy Chief Jones passed out copies of the Report for the Council and Mayor to review.

Chief Cox mentioned a Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$9,300 the City has been granted for next fiscal year.

Cary Campbell inquired as to who should be thanked for their efforts in obtaining the grant, and Chief Cox said Deputy Chief Jones (followed by applause in his honor).

Chief Cox also mentioned the LEPP Grant the City received for vests, weapons, ammunition for training, etc. He said it was for \$4,000; and he said Captain Curtis had written that one. He went on to say the City had also received a grant from the Kentucky League of Cities. He said he worked on this grant; and he said it was for the Police, street signs, ammunition, etc. for reimbursement. He went on to mention the "Click It or Ticket" campaign going on through the holiday. He said the A.P.B. will be posted soon after being delayed due to computer problems. He commented about including an article regarding Nancy Zinner's concerns with the phone system from the previous meeting, and he said the City is in the process of working on the phone system as well. He later mentioned working on the Budget also.

Nancy Zinner thanked Chief Cox, and Joanne Bader said she appreciated the recent "Pill Toss" program being included in the on-line version of the alerts.

Nancy Zinner questioned about being notified of a burglary suspect on the REACH Alert and the A.P.B. Alert system also, and Chief Cox said he thinks the subject was apprehended.

Mayor Scalise questioned as to if Joanne Bader knew how many people had signed up for the alerts. He went on to encourage residents to sign up for the program.

Joanne Bader said she thinks it is around 70 or so people right now. She said she thinks people want to help out when they can, and she said she thinks the alerts help.

Forest Board Business: Gilbert Zinner passed out copies of the Forest Board Report dated May 20, 2013 to the Council and Mayor for their review. He said April was a good month with planting six trees in Henderson Park. He said five Forest Board Members along with two Garden Club Members made the job pretty easy. He commented about replacing trees on the 6 streets between Audubon and Hess saying they have replaced 17 trees already (as of May 12th). He said they are in hopes of people getting enthusiastic about replacing the Ash trees. He said on June 15th, they are going to work from 9:30 A.M. to Noon; and he mentioned anyone interested in helping out should visit the website for more information.

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

New Business: Vince Osbourn said he has been working with the Mayor on the Budget in focusing on the roads. He said it would be helpful if people write to State Senator McGarvey and State Representative Jim Wayne regarding grant money to assist with trying to obtain funding.

Mayor Scalise agreed, and he went into a brief explanation of the various sessions and jurisdictions involved and the timing for requesting funding. He later added that most of the utilities have been doing work in the area.

Joanne Bader suggested placing the information in the upcoming Newsletter to encourage residents to write the letters.

Mark Stevens inquired as to if this would be funded by a grant, and Mayor Scalise agreed explaining how they would need to apply.

Joanne Bader mentioned the contractors in the area that have been doing work, and she said it has messed up the streets even with the patching.

Nancy Zinner commented about the upcoming Garden Tour scheduled for June 22nd. She said they are going to sell plants at the tour as well.

Mark Stevens questioned as to if this information (sale/tour/date/hours) should be put out on the REACH Alert, and Joanne Bader said she will get with Captain Curtis to see if it can be added.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Scalise mentioned they are currently reviewing the Ordinance relating to Yard Sale versus Estate Sale permits. He said they can look at it to see if it should be amended for clarification. He went on to mention a Jefferson County League of Cities' Meeting he had just recently attended. He said Charles Skip Miller (Louisville Regional Airport Authority Director) was one of the speakers, and he said he had commented about their involvement in the "Quiet Homes Project" which includes some of Audubon Park (Robin Road along with a few homes on Audubon nearest Preston). He added that Mr. Miller had said there had been 59 people sign up for the project, and he said they are still working on it.

Al Huber said based on what he had heard at a meeting on Saturday morning, it is looking like they are going to okay the project, and he said a letter is possibly going out in a week or so about it from what he had heard.

Nancy Zinner questioned as to which homes were actually included, and Mayor Scalise made clarification for her.

Joanne Bader inquired as to if a 4th of July Parade would be taking place this year again.

Cary Campbell suggested talking to Patrick Kehoe about it, and Joanne Bader said they will need to know as soon as possible so alerts can be put out if it is going to take place.

Nancy Zinner suggested also putting the information in the Newsletter.

Mayor Scalise said he thinks the people liked the parade last year, and he said the City would not have an objection to it. He went on to add there would not be a fee if the City is the one putting it on.

Cary Campbell said he would check with Patrick Kehoe; and Mark Stevens said if they can get the information at least, they can do the notifications.

Chief Cox said with this being a City function, he suggested someone from the current Council should head up the function.

Mayor Scalise said others can help, and he agreed with Chief Cox.

Al Huber made motion to adjourn the meeting. Cary Campbell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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