

Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Council Members Joanne Bader, Vince Osbourn, Mark Stevens, Nancy Zinner, William Klump and Cary Campbell. Also present were Acting Police Chief Douglas Sweeney, City Attorney Steve Emery, City Engineer Clint Channell and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Confirmation of Appointed Officials

Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to appoint Douglas Sweeney as the Chief of Police for Audubon Park. Joanne Bader made a motion to appoint Douglas Sweeney as the Chief of Police; Cary Campbell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor asked for the motion to appoint Mike Minniear as the Assistant Chief of Police. The mayor noted this is not a formal city position listed in the ordinances. Joanne Bader made a motion to appoint Mike Minniear as Assistant Chief of Police; Vince Osbourn seconded. Cary Campbell questioned if the City should make this an official position. Mayor noted the City should consider the position, however for the time being the City will consider this an organizational necessity. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to endorse Teddy Laun as a police officer for the City of Audubon Park. Cary Campbell made a motion to endorse Teddy Laun to the police department, Mark Stevens seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The mayor gave the Oath of Office for the two appointed positions and for the police officer. The Chief asked for permission to give a brief synopsis on each of the police officers in the department and to reiterate the great police force present in Audubon Park. Mayor Crawford gave a few good words about the Chief, and asked the Council for a twelve minute suspension for the guests to congratulate the three officers and for some refreshments. Joanne Bader made a motion for a suspension, Nancy Zinner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Clinton Channell reported that since his appointment to this position he has ridden through the city assessing the roads. He noted he has met with people about contracting and permitting. He has also met with a contractor and has received a detailed bid and is waiting on another bid. Mr. Channell informed the group his email address is on Audubon Park's web page. He asked the residents if they have specific areas of concern to take a picture of those areas and email those to him with the location. Joanne Bader noted Mr. Channell's address is located under the Government tab, under Audubon Park Officials. There were questions from the Council and the residents about discounts on the complete job versus selected roads. A question was raised about a plan of completing a certain number of streets

each year. Mr. Channell stated that he felt that was a feasible way to tackle the issue since the city does not have the financing to complete all the streets at one time. Another question was raised, once the new pavement is laid and the utility companies come in and need to make cuts, should we have policies with fees associated in place for these situations? Mr. Channell said he has not had that conversation with the Council.

Communications Report

Vince Osbourn noted the Web page is live. Laura Kelty has volunteered to be the assistant administrator of the Web site. She has been trained by Mike Thompson, the web designer. Joanne Bader noted the Web page address is the same: www.audubonparkky.org.

Financial Report

Mr. Veeneman noted under the General Funds, Revenue, Premium Tax, line item 4315-00 should come in over budget. He covered General Funds, Appropriations, line item 5400; Payroll Expenses, Payroll Expenses-Pensions line item 5610-00, and Public Safety, Payroll Taxes line item 5400-20, the monthly figures are skewed because of reallocation of funds, however the year to date figures are accurate. Joanne Bader asked if the credit for the reduced amount of Workers Compensation Insurance is reflected in this report. Mr. Veeneman was not aware of this situation and the Mayor answered no, we have not received those checks as of yet.

Mr. Veeneman started a discussion on the comparative balance sheets. Mr. Klump was confused by the numbers reflected under Current Liabilities for Magnolia Bank unit 2065; Leasing One unit 2066, and Leasing One unit 2064, how those number could be the same for 2013 and 2014. Mr. Veeneman stated that the 2013 balance sheet was produced on a different software than the 2014 balance sheet, and the numbers were not updated on the 2013 balance sheet until July 1, 2013, therefore some of the numbers reflected are not correct/current.

Mr. Osbourn noted that he has concerns about the forecast but didn't feel this was the time for that discussion. Mr. Campbell questioned if the budget would have been in line with the spending, aside from the issues with the extraordinary, unexpected expenditures and money being spent before the start of the fiscal year. Mr. Veeneman noted the current budget would be a good model, keeping in mind the payroll tax rates were figured low, at 7.65% and the rate should have been 9% or 10%, because the 7.65% rate did not take into consideration unemployment insurance. Mr. Klump asked if government agencies could opt out of unemployment insurance. The city attorney, Mr. Emery, answered that municipalities are not exempt from unemployment insurance. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Mark Stevens made a motion; Cary Campbell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney's Remarks

Mr. Emery noted that he and the mayor met before the meeting to discuss current issues and any upcoming issues. He also noted that his services are available to the Council and the Chief of Police. He

welcomed and congratulated the Chief. The mayor invited the Council for any questions that Mr. Emery could address at this time; there were no takers. Mayor Crawford excused Mr. Emery and Mr. Veeneman from the meeting.

Police Report

Chief Sweeney covered what his vision is for the Police Department. He wants to give the residents of Audubon Park a great community neighborhood police force. The goal is to provide the best service, meaning if you have a major crime homicide or rape, we call the experts; Louisville Metro. We have built good relationships with outside police agencies. We are experts at patrolling, getting familiar with the residents and looking for things and persons not belonging to the City. We are looking out for your best interests and to become a part of the community. The police report is included as part of the minutes.

Other

Mayor Crawford introduced Josh Schneider a candidate for District Court Judge Division 2. Mr. Schneider gave a brief synopsis of his career and life. Mr. Klump wanted to go on record that Mr. Schneider's presentation was out of order. Mr. Schneider should not be allowed to campaign during a Council meeting. The Council meetings are to handle city business, not for campaigning. Joanne Bader noted that Mr. Schneider's time to speak should have been during public comments.

Forest Board Report

Mr. Zinner reported they have collected over \$15,000.00 dollars raised from private donations and \$6,500.00 has been earmarked for hazardous tree and limb removal in Curlew Park. The board has an application submitted and approved to become a Tree City USA 2013. Mr. Zinner noted that the Forest Board is scheduled to start working in the parks, Saturday, March 15, 2013. He also noted this information can be found at www.treecommunity-apky.org. Joanne Bader noted this information is also on the City Web page.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to approve November 18, 2013 minutes with corrections. Joanne Bader made a motion to accept November 18th minutes with corrections, Vince seconded and the motion passed with 4 in favor and 2 abstaining (William Klump and Nancy Zinner abstaining because they were not present at meeting).

Mayor asked for a motion to approve November 7, 2013 minutes with corrections. Joanne Bader made a motion to accept November 7th minutes with noted corrections, Vince seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve December 16, 2013 minutes. Mark Stevens made a motion to accept the December 16th minutes, Vince seconded, and Mayor asked for discussion. William Klump noted three typos. The motion passed with the corrections to the typos, unanimously.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve January 21, 2014 minutes. Joanne Bader made a motion to accept the January 21st minutes, Cary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor noted he would continue to look at the Board appointments to determine timetables for the new appointments.

Cary Campbell asked if we were getting closer on the issues with the pensions. Mayor Crawford noted he was in discussions with the City attorney on that issue and the sanitation issue. Nancy Zinner asked about the interruption of recycling and trash pick-up. Mayor Crawford noted he met with Waste Management, they are aware of the issues, and expressed an interest in restoring their stature. We also deducted the cost of one missed recycle and garbage pick-up from the regular January bill.

New Business

The mayor noted the need to have a budget committee. This committee will need to prepare an outline of the upcoming budget, and to assist with calculating property assessment taxes. In order to meet timelines that are necessary for setting tax assessments, the mayor prepared a set of draft ordinances for the first reading. There were several questions from the council about the numbers representing the rates for said taxes. The mayor explained the numbers will need to be examined once the budget has been established and approved. The drafts are primarily for the language. The City clerk read the four draft ordinances and they are as follows: An Ordinance Adopting July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 as the Fiscal Year 2015, Levying Taxes on Real Property for said Fiscal Year and Providing for the Time of Payment of Same and the Spending of the Proceeds of said Levy; An Ordinance Establishing the City of Audubon Park Tax Rate on All Motor Vehicles for the Fiscal Year 2015; An Ordinance Adopting the Waste Management Program Assessment for the City of Audubon Park, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2015 and Providing for the Collections of Same; and An Ordinance Imposing License Fees upon Insurance Companies for the Privilege of Engaging in the Business of Insurance within the Corporate Limits of the City of Audubon Park. The four draft ordinances are included as part of the minutes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford noted the audit is not completed and the Management Discussion and Analysis has been drafted. The Mayor has prepared a flyer regarding airport affairs that explains the likely progress of the insulation program. The airport advised us that they were starting in February, but have not seen them yet.

Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill: Ms. Kelty asked if the City of Audubon Park was ending the contract with Parkway Village. Joanne Bader noted that she was not aware of this action, and that under the previous administration the council had asked for specifics about the contract which they did not receive. Ms. Kelty wanted a better understanding of why it would be so bad to exchange rights for the easement to the airport for free windows and installation. Cary Campbell noted a person will not always be in their house, if a person is out walking and talking to some neighbors, the noise from airplanes can be

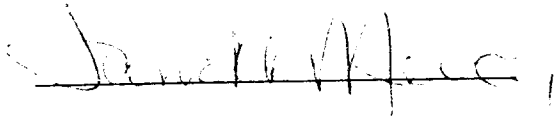
overwhelming. Mark Stevens noted once you give the rights to the easements, the rights stay for the duration of the house. Mayor Crawford noted the issue is not only with the easements in themselves, but the residents are in actuality entitled to the windows and insulation without giving up rights to the easements. Mr. Campbell noted he felt the easements are bad. Yvonne Miles of Parkway Village stated the easements are not bad. She also noted that if you opt out you will not receive the insulation and windows, and the airplanes are going to fly overhead anyway. Mayor Crawford reiterated the point the residents are entitled to the insulation and windows without giving rights to the easements.

Pat Kehoe, 3305 Oriole Dr.: He wanted to thank the Council for responding back to his questions. Mr. Kehoe asked, "What does the column labeled "Other" on the police report represent. "Does that column represent runs the Audubon Park police department makes for Metro Louisville and if so can we charge a fee?" Joanne Bader and Chief Sweeney explained that Audubon Park received free training, radios and Metro's expertise, in exchange for the business checks and police runs in those area and these benefits far outweigh what we do for Metro.

Chris Ashman, 1142 Audubon Parkway: Ms. Ashman is concerned about the safety of the early morning runners. The runners wear black and gray, and reflectors, if worn, are not visible. She made a couple of suggestions: the City enact an ordinance requiring reflectors and/or the City could sell reflectors.

Suzanne Eberenz, 1147 Dove Rd: Ms. Eberenz inquired if the meeting room could be rented by the residents. The Council and Mayor said yes.

The Mayor announced the next Council meeting will be March 17th, so please wear green. He asked for a motion to adjourn. William Klump made a motion to adjourn, Vince seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.



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