

Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, May 19, 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 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 7:30 PM.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Channell stated the Public Hearing meeting for the roads in the City to be repaved was set for Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Audubon Elementary School. He noted there are five or six major areas that require immediate attention, the most crucial area of concern being Eagle Pass and that repair will cost about \$25K. The other areas of concern are Thrush at Dove (approximate cost \$10K), Hess Lane at Sora, Hess Lane at Eagle Pass and Falcon (at an approximate cost of \$60K). The real problem is maintenance over the long term. Mr. Channell stated most of the roads in the City have longitudinal and latitudinal cracking which is allowing water to sit under the asphalt causing the conditions of the asphalt to degrade further. The solution to this problem is to seal or repave every road and the cost has come in at \$1.5 million. Mr. Channell is meeting with a contractor on May 20, 2014, to come up with a cost-effective plan to seal the cracks in order to buy the City some time.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the financial report was compiled by the City's volunteer bookkeeper. He asked the Council for a motion to table the financial report until some corrections were completed. William Klump made a motion to table the report, Nancy Zinner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney's Remarks

Mr. Emery reported on a lawsuit brought against the City by the former Police Chief and City Clerk regarding allegations of pension funds not being paid. The Kentucky League of Cities has appointed counsel to defend the City in this matter. They have prepared and filed an answer. Mr. Emery has reviewed that answer and has assisted on a counter-claim. The counter-claim is to recover the money that was paid out before the City stopped payments. Mr. Campbell asked if the League of Cities was handling the counter-claim. Mr. Emery answered no, this action is not covered under the policy. The City is protected in defense; however when the City seeks to recover money, the City is on its own.

Police Report

Chief Sweeney reported the Ford Expedition was sold. He has purchased two vehicles from the St. Matthews police department. The Chief discussed the 4th of July event and attractions he has planned for the event.

Forest Board Report

Mr. Zinner noted that Anne Bobigian and the Mayor are working on updating the ordinance pertaining to the City Forester/Forest Board. He also noted that the Forest Board will no longer sponsor monthly work-days. The Board will complete a "walk through" of the five City Parks and will schedule a concentrated effort on one Park most in need of weeding, pruning and etc. Cary Campbell suggested an ordinance requiring residents to replace trees in the easements. Mr. Emery noted that the City of Kingsley has ordinances addressing this matter, so Audubon does not have to re-invent the wheel.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting on April 21st. Vince Osbourn made a motion to approve the minutes, Joanne Bader seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Chief Sweeney introduced a new part time police officer, Marcia Davis. He also noted that the City was losing a full time officer, Angela Owens, who is going to the Louisville Police department. The Chief gave a brief synopsis of Ms. Davis's career. Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to confirm Marcia as a part-time officer. Cary Campbell made a motion, Vince Osbourn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor noted that he has prepared a budget outline. It is a working document. He will have a clean version to the Council by the end of the week. Mayor Crawford asked the Council to review, discuss changes and plans to have a proposed budget ready by the next Council meeting. The Council had suggestions to how the working document should be laid out.

Mayor Crawford stated he has received nine form letters from residents/landlords asking for approval for easements. The Mayor replied this is not what the ordinance states when seeking an easement. There has not been a return response. The Mayor and the City Attorney are in discussion on what is the next move.

Public Comments

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams has someone who will match whatever the City can raise for a playground in one of the parks. Mr. Williams is asking the City for \$25K to start the project. There was discussion about what the priorities are for the City and how to obtain resident feedback on priorities for capital projects. The Mayor suggested establishing a Parks and Recreation Board.

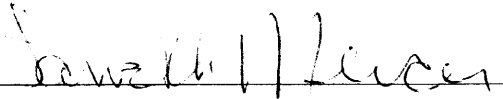
Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker asked whether the residents will be given the opportunity to see the budget before it is voted on. Mayor answered yes, the proposed budget must be ready by the first of June and once proposed, it will be made public and will be presented at the June meeting.

John Mangino, 3102 Meadowlark – Mr. Mangino wants to know if there are any new law suits against the City, with the exception of the pending pension lawsuit. The Mayor responded there are no other new lawsuits, other than the pending sanitation suit.

Rose Mangino, 3102 Meadowlark – Ms. Mangino wanted to know if the Kile Nave suit was settled. The Council answered yes.

Nancy Zinner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cary Campbell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for June 16, 2014.

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