

Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 3340 Robin Road. In the Mayor's absence Councilor Darrell Shelton conducted the meeting. The following were present: Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Lisa Weaver, Camden Shipley and Andrew Klump. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Minniear, bookkeeper Susan Gordinier, City Attorney Chip Hayward and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Councilor Shelton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He opened the floor for public comments.

Opening Public Comments

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams wanted an update on the City's trial with the airport that was set for the next day, February 21, 2018. Mr. Hayward stated that he was unaware of a trial, he was aware of a hearing set for March 29th. Mr. Williams stated that he wants the police department out of the police contract with Audubon Hospital.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Hayward asked that the Council go into executive session provided by KRS 61.810 (1) (c), for discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the City. Andrew Klump made a motion. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session Councilor Shelton called the meeting back to order at 7:30 PM.

Financial Report

Councilor Shelton noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. Darrell Shelton asked about a final Budget to Actual report. Susan explained that the budget to actual report will not match exactly to the audit report. Darrell Shelton stated that he has never seen final numbers for FY 17. Councilor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Andrew Klump made a motion. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety

Chief Minniear noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. Andrew Klump asked that the police officers get out of their cars and stand on the corner on Preston and Audubon Pkwy, because he feels that seeing the officers will help keep crime out of the city. Chief Minniear answered that should not be a problem and that soon the police officers will be out on the bikes. There were discussions about the contract with Audubon Hospital.

Forest Board

Councilor Shelton noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. Gil Zinner thanked the City for the support given to the Forest Board.

Unfinished Business

Councilor Shelton presented the January 16, 2018 meeting minutes for approval. Andrew Klump offered a correction to note his questions regarding Parks and Rec funding. Lisa Weaver made a motion to approve with the one correction. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Councilor Shelton presented the February 1, 2018 Special meeting minutes for approval. Brittney Gorter made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Councilor Shelton announced that the swearing in of Councilor Shipley would be postponed until the Mayor is present to administer the Oath of Office. The Councilor asked for the second reading of the Ordinance Amending the City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. The City Clerk executed the second reading. Councilor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance to amend the 2018 budget. Lisa Weaver made a motion to approve. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the floor was opened for discussion. Andrew Klump continued to question the balance of Parks and Recreation and Contingency funds. The motion passed with 3 in favor (Lisa Weaver, Brittney Gorter and Darrell Shelton in favor) and 1 opposed (Klump opposed). Councilor Shelton asked for the first reading of An Ordinance Imposing License Fees Upon Insurance Companies for Business Conducted within the Corporate Limits of the City of Audubon Park. The City Clerk executed the first reading. Councilor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt to start discussion. Brittney Gorter made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Andrew Klump seconded. Darrell Shelton started the discussion with lowering the tax to 8 ½ percent from present 9 percent. Councilors continued the preliminary discussion, to be continued after second reading.

Mayor's Report

In the Mayor's absence there were no updates. Darrell Shelton gave information on a book that is being created about the history of the City.

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty stated her dismay about Insurance Business taxes.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams continued with the conversation about Insurance Business taxes. He resumed the conversation about the hospital contract and the money needed to operate the police department. He also reopened the discussion on the Parks and Recreation funds that Mr. Klump started earlier in the meeting. Mr. Williams expressed his concerns about city projects that he feels should be completed. He asked about an upcoming Town Hall meeting on budgeting.

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee Rd - Mr. Becker asked if there is a \$90,000 surplus, why raise property taxes. There was discussion about the nature of carry-over funds. Mr. Becker also added his recollection about bids for lighting at the entrance of Audubon Pkwy.

Robbie and Sarah Bhatia, 1208 Audubon Pkwy – The couple expressed their concerns about the budget and how money is spent.

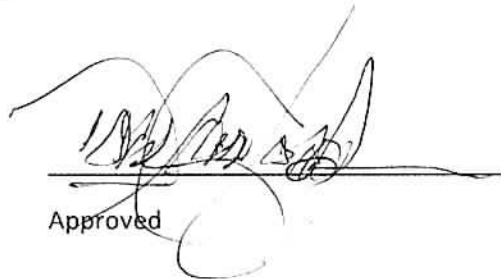
Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is on March 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM.



Attested



Approved