

Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Lisa Weaver, Camden Shipley, Mike Gardner Sr. and Andrew Klump. Also present were City Attorney Chip Hayward, Chief of Police Mike Minniear, bookkeeper Susan Gordinier, and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Mayor welcomed an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop number 67 to the meeting.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Hayward noted that the hearing date in the LRAA case has been moved back to May 17th and there were no further updates.

Financial Report

The Mayor informed the Councilors that the financial report in the packets neglected to include the revised figures adopted in last month's supplemental budget, and a corrected one has been placed in meeting desks to review. If approval at this time is not appropriate, then the Council should take the time to review further, and approval can come later. Mike Gardner asked about the allocation of the beginning balance number. He understands that the revenue is allocated and wanted to be sure that all Council understands the report. There were other remarks about the report and how the numbers are reflected on the report. Approval of the report was deferred to the next meeting.

Darrell Shelton asked about the final Budget to Actual report for the fiscal year 2017. The Mayor responded the September Budget to Actual report for FY 17 would be considered the year-end figures.

Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report, and after brief remarks from Chief Minniear opened the floor for discussion. Brittney Gorter noted that traffic violations were down. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the Police report. Mike Gardner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. Lisa Weaver asked about the pruning program. Leah Netherland said she would get with Ms. Weaver after the meeting. There were discussions about programs that are available and upcoming programs for the next budget year.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the February meeting minutes for approval and opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion and Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mayor Crawford asked for the second 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 reading, and the floor was opened for discussion. There were comments about

lowering the tax rate, and balancing lost revenue with increases in the property tax. Other remarks emphasized the need for City financial stability, and the continued needs being served by existing revenues. After discussion, the Mayor noted that a motion to adopt a change was already on the table from the previous meeting, and asked for any proposed amendments to modify the specific figure. Hearing none, the vote was taken, and all opposed the revising ordinance, so the rate remains at 9%.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford spoke about the new Metro Tree ordinance, and wanted to comment that Audubon Park is not directly affected by the ordinance; however, we will look at our Forest Code, with a view to keeping our program at least as robust as Metro's. He then distributed draft budget requests submitted to date from departments and boards, to allow for preliminary Council review pending his complete budget message and proposal for consideration.

Mayor Crawford noted that the spring newsletter was in the process and should be ready for delivery by the end of the week. There were suggestions about additional articles that should be included in the newsletter. He also gave the updates on the Easter Egg Hunt and the Dogwood Festival.

The Mayor started a discussion about a stop sign being placed T the corner of Robin and Cardinal. A motion was made for a resolution to install a stop sign at the corner of Robin and Cardinal by Mike Gardner. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 opposed. (In Favor: Mike Gardner, Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Camden Shipley and Lisa Weaver) (opposed Andrew Klump)

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty expressed that she is extremely disappointed about the insurance tax not being lowered. She informed the city that she will need the written resolution for installing the stop sign.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass - Mr. Williams noted that potholes are getting bad and was hoping that it was being addressed. He questioned the balance of the Contingency Reserve. Mr. Williams mentioned that there is an ordinance against motion cameras in the city.

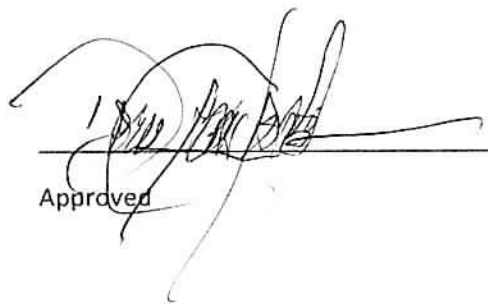
Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is set for April 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM.



Attested



Approved