

# Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Amanda Thompson, Andrew Klump and Lisa Weaver. Also present were Chief of Police Doug Sweeney, bookkeeper Susan Gordinier, and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

## Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Mayor welcomed the new Council and noted the new meeting room layout. He opened the floor for public comments.

Jeff Prewitt, 927 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Prewitt wanted to thank the Council and the police department for all their work.

## Public Safety

Chief Sweeney presented the police report. He also gave a comparison of the crime rate in Audubon Park versus the rest of the zip code. The comparison clearly shows Audubon Park is significantly lower than the rest of the zip code. Lisa Weaver asked for clarification of some particulars of the report. Darrell Shelton asked about speeding and rolling through stop signs. The Chief addressed both issues. The police and comparison reports are included as part of these minutes.

## Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. Lisa Weaver asked about KLEFPF. The Chief of Police explained that it works like a grant for full time police officers throughout the state. The bookkeeper made general statements about the financial report. Darrell Shelton made a motion to accept the financial report. Lisa Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The financial report is included as part of these minutes.

## Engineer's Report

The Mayor apologized for the Engineer's absence. The Engineer informed the Mayor that he has obtained a bid for the electrical work on the entrance columns, and he has been monitoring the roads for any additional issues.

## Forest Board

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. Lisa Weaver asked whether the City is currently infested with the Emerald Ash Borer. Several residents answered yes. There were remarks about programs that are in place to increase the awareness of the Borer and the damage to the City if not addressed. Brittney Gorter asked if there was a program to incentivize treatment before taking trees down. Board rep Gil Zinner talked about the process for the treatment of the trees. The Forest Board report is included as part of these minutes.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Mayor noted the meeting minutes for the variance hearing on December 12<sup>th</sup> and opened the floor for discussion and/or corrections. Darrell Shelton made a motion to accept the Variance Hearing minutes. Andrew Klump seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor noted the meeting minutes for the regular council meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup> and opened the floor for discussion and/or corrections. Lisa Weaver offered 5 editorial corrections. Lisa Weaver asked about the nature of the closed session. The Mayor answered that details of a closed session, other than the general subject, are confidential by law. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes with the given corrections. Darrell Shelton made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Crawford spoke to the new Council about the action item list and how it is used to keep the Mayor and Council on task. Darrell Shelton discussed the fiscal calendar. On request from the table, former Councilor Tony Williams described the Dropbox application and offered to assist with its future use.

### **New Business**

Mayor Crawford noted the packets included an amended budget proposal. He discussed the individual department's amendments. Daniel Steven asked about the \$12K that has been set aside for the Parks and Recreation being restricted funds. He was concerned because it is not restricted on the Amended Budget Proposal. There were comments about the \$12K, and how it will be spent. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the amended city budget. Brittney Gorter seconded. The Mayor asked the City Clerk for a first reading of the amended budget ordinance.

Discussion continued about set-aside provisions for funds generated by the parks program. Clarifying remarks will be proposed for the second reading at the next meeting.

One other element of the budget proposal discussed was the acquisition of a file server to house automated City records. Darrell Shelton favored Cloud storage instead, for capital savings, and access to an organic security environment. While noting his reservations, based on standing government security concerns, and recommendations of the City's IT consultants, the Mayor agreed to seek additional feedback.

Andrew Klump made some suggestions for the surplus of revenue for this fiscal year. He suggested that there could be monitors installed in the meeting room to display the handouts that the Council receives in advance packets to make the meetings more transparent. Mr. Klump also made a suggestion to repair sidewalks throughout the city. The Mayor reminded everyone that we need to be sure that we prioritize.

Darrell Shelton asked, if the City replenishes the Road Fund with City tax money, does that money become restricted. The Mayor answered yes.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Crawford thanked the new Council for stepping up for the City. He discussed a document in the advance packet, "Suggestive Council Oversight Committees". The document was included to engage the new Council in functional areas of government that most interest them. Darrell Shelton feels that it will be beneficial if the some individual Council members would act as liaisons to the city boards.

The Mayor noted that the City is in the beginnings of budget formulation for next fiscal year. Mayor Crawford distributed the ethics disclosure statements, and asked to have those completed and returned. He also distributed the most recent draft of the recodified ordinances and asked the Council to take a look and compare it to the current Code. The Mayor asked the Council if there was a need for a closed session provided by KRS 61.810 (1) (c) for discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the City. Darrell Shelton made a motion to go into closed session. Andrew Klump seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor asked if they could conduct closing public comments before the closed session. The Council agreed.

### **Closing Public Comments**

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass - Mr. Williams discussed a state Energy Efficiency Grant application he is helping compile. He noted the opportunities that the City could take advantage of, to improve energy efficiency and obtain some upgrades for City Hall. Brittney Gorter asked if the entrance column lights could be included in this grant. Mr. Williams stated it would be something to consider.

Mr. Williams asked about the difference between resources and appropriations in the supplemental budget proposal. Darrell Shelton responded that \$11K was the Park and Recreation Board's reserve. The Mayor added that the rest could be allocated to Andrew Klump's proposed TV monitors.

Mr. Williams also noted that the amended budget does not show any pay increases for the police department and he feels that the City has the best and should be paid accordingly. The Mayor noted that patrol officers had already been allocated an increase in the current budget.

Tony Williams gave the new Council members some advice on ordinances and to look at the City audit. The audit represents how the City has operated the previous year.

Linda Bogner, 1140 Audubon Parkway – Ms. Bogner stated that she likes Mr. Klump's idea about the TV monitors. She suggested, in the interim, the gallery could receive a paper copy to follow along. Ms. Bogner asked if the information could be posted on the webpage. She also would like to suggest that each Councilor have a microphone. Ms. Bogner also had several comments about the road fund.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty stated that any reports posted on the webpage before Council approval would need to be marked as draft copy. She stated that only documents that have been approved should be posted.

Brittney Gorter, 3302 Robin - Ms. Gorter wanted to know if there was any update from Metro on proposed bike routes through the City. The Mayor replied there had been no further feedback since the City's reservations were conveyed to the Metro coordinator in October.

Laura Jones, 3118 Eagle Pass – Ms. Jones wanted to thank the new Council members for their service. She wanted to know the status of the City's legal representation. The Mayor replied we are in the process of hiring a new attorney.

The regular business of the meeting concluded at 9:40PM.

The Mayor informed the gallery that the Council is going into closed session, requiring the room to be cleared. There will not be any more regular business to conduct after the closed session, so those wishing to leave the meeting will miss only its adjournment.

At the end of the executive session, the Mayor called the regular meeting back to order.

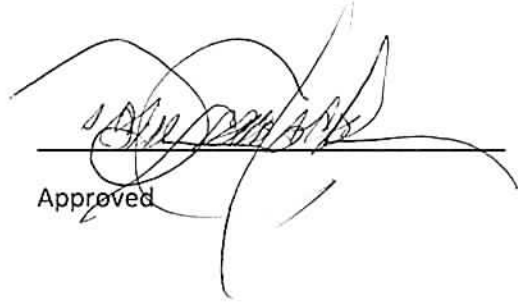
Darrell Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Andrew Klump seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

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Attested

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Approved