

Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Lisa Weaver, Amanda Thompson and Andrew Klump. Also present were Acting 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. He opened the floor for public comments.

Opening Public Comments

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass - Mr. Williams discussed the cash surplus carried forward should be reduced by \$40K and moved to the contingency reserve fund, to bring the contingency fund to \$90K. The Mayor explained once the city receives the official audit and can allocate the money, the contingency fund balance will be available. Mr. Williams also commented on the recodification project; he feels that the Building Code should be handled with Metro's code, because he doesn't want the police to be enforcing the building code.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill Road – Ms. Kelty wanted to discuss the email that she sent to the Council, first to be sure that all of them received it and if not to get corrected email addresses. The email was about an accident that occurred on Cardinal because of a driver being overserved at Audubon Country Club. Ms. Kelty feels if there are stop signs placed on Cardinal that would slow down traffic. She noted that she and Chief Sweeney, before his departure, spoke about stop signs being placed at the corner of Robin and Cardinal, also one at the corner of Cardinal and Dove. The discussion continued about stop signs on Cardinal, and Amanda Thompson also mentioned that she felt the police department should talk to the Club about their legal responsibility for overserving.

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee - Mr. Becker asked if someone could contact the owners of the old drug store on Preston to clean up the building and its surroundings.

Legal Affairs

Mayor Crawford introduced Samuel Hayward as a candidate for the office of City Attorney. He opened the floor for the Council to ask questions and make comments. Andrew Klump asked Mr. Hayward about his schooling and experience. Mr. Hayward answered he passed the Bar and his last semester of school he attended University of Louisville and made A's and B's. Amanda Thompson asked whether other cities he has worked with have the Mayor/Council form of government. He answered yes. She also asked if he has experience with litigation. Mr. Hayward answered no, but he and his firm have the resources to handle anything that may come up. Mr. Hayward discussed his involvement with the City of Green Springs. The Mayor asked for a motion to confirm the nomination. Lisa Weaver made a motion to confirm. Amanda Thompson seconded. There was some discussion of the nomination process, and the nomination was then confirmed with 4 in favor (Lisa Weaver, Amanda Thompson, Darrell Shelton and Brittney Gorter) and 1 opposed (Andrew Klump). Mayor Crawford gave the oath of office to Mr. Hayward. The Mayor asked for a motion to go into a closed session for further discussion of legal affairs. Amanda Thompson so moved. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Following the executive session, the Mayor called the regular meeting back to order at 8:10 PM.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. Darrell Shelton asked about year-end audit. Susan replied that once the audit is complete she will convert the numbers to the format of the Budget to Actual report. The Mayor discussed using the updated year-end Budget to Actual report to help with forecasting the new amended 2018 budget. Andrew Klump asked for a breakdown on the public events. The Mayor invited him to see the bookkeeper for any additional details not appearing in the monthly summary report. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve that financial report. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report

There was no written report; the Mayor noted that the engineer was still working on bids for the entrance lighting.

Public Safety

The Mayor presented Mike Minniear for confirmation as the Chief of Police. Darrell Shelton made a motion to confirm the nomination. Andrew Klump seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Minniear. Chief Minniear discussed the police report and the KLEFPF audit. Darrell Shelton asked about speed Limit signs that also display the speed of cars passing. Mr. Shelton said he saw one in St. Matthews. Chief Minniear said he would speak to the Chief at St. Matthews.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. Gil Zinner noted that the Forester is continuing to compile a report that assesses the condition of the trees in the parks.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the October meeting minutes for approval. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor offered the second reading of the proposed commercial vehicle ordinance. The City Clerk executed the second reading and the Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the amended ordinance. Andrew Klump made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance. Darrell Shelton seconded. The Mayor asked for discussion. Darrell Shelton proposed striking the verbiage from section (c) "not readily visible from the street". After further discussion, Darrell Shelton made a motion to amend the amendment to add the verbiage of "rear most corner" and strike the verbiage "not readily visible from the street". Lisa Weaver seconded the motion. There were 2 in favor (Darrell Shelton and Lisa Weaver) and 3 opposed (Andrew Klump, Brittney Gorter and Amanda Thompson), so the amended text was not adopted. Andrew Klump suggested simply to change the word from "and" to "or". The verbiage would read "located to the rear of the dwelling on such property or not readily visible from the street." He made a motion to amend the amended ordinance to only change the word "and" to "or". Amanda Thompson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford gave an update on the recodification process. Andrew Klump asked if the Council would receive a new copy of the revised Code before further redrafting. The Mayor replied yes. The Mayor reminded everyone that the next newsletter is due and to submit anything they wanted to include. Darrell Shelton asked if the dispatch number could be published so that all residents have access. There were comments about happenings in the City and the district.

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill Rd – Ms. Kelty noted that Google Fiber is coming this way and understands that they will be cutting into the roads. She suggests that the City Engineer contact them so to head off any cutting into newly paved roads. She also suggested that if it is going to be another couple of years before lighting is installed at the entrances, perhaps some concrete statuettes. Ms. Kelty noted she would like to see the insurance business tax reduced to 5%. She discussed some other potential changes to the City Code.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams repeated his dismay with the Building Code and how it will be enforced. He doesn't want the police to enforce the Code.

Brittney Gorter asked if there will be a fee increase to the police services contract with Audubon Hospital since the hospital is expanding. There were additional remarks about police services in the surrounding area..


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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is December 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM.



Attested



Approved