

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 17, 2017**

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

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Opening Public Comments**

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee - Mr. Becker noted that the graffiti has begun to appear again.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass- Mr. Williams stated that he has not received any more information on the energy grant. He noted that he has been working with LG&E on the lamp posts throughout the City. LG&E completed an audit last week and discovered that there are 114 problems. Mr. Williams produced an excel spreadsheet that displayed the results of the audit and a small sampling of the City's LG&E bills. Mr. Williams discussed his findings.

The Mayor introduced District 10 Councilman Pat Mulvihill. Mr. Mulvihill gave a brief synopsis of his role, just as information to the new Council. He also gave an update on events and economic developments ongoing in District 10. There was a short discussion about the Audubon Elementary School and Hess Lane traffic issue.

### **Attorney's Remarks**

The Mayor recognized new City Attorney Katherine Reisz, and opened the floor for questions from the Council. Hearing none, the Mayor excused her.

### **Financial Report**

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. Darrell Shelton suggested that one additional line item be added to the Parks and Recreation Board's revenue as well as for appropriation to show the Council the revenue needed to host events versus the revenue to maintain the parks. There were lengthy comments about auditing events, and who oversees Parks and Recreation Board expenditures. Mike Gardner suggested that a few of the Councilors form a committee to review the Parks and Recreation Board's processes. Once the committee has completed its inquiry, it would come back to the Mayor with findings and recommendations for improvements. The Mayor asked for a motion to form this committee to make inquiries, and develop findings and recommendations on the practices associated with the Parks and Recreation Board's operations. Mike Gardner made the motion; Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mike Gardner made a motion to approve the financial report. Andrew Klump seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The financial report is included as part of these minutes.

### **Public Safety**

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for Officer Scott Barto to answer any questions. Mike Gardner thanked the police department for stepping up enforcement on speeding in the City. Officer Barto noted that there were specific complaints about speeding school buses, and they are monitoring that now. Darrell Shelton also thanked the police department for the Easter Egg hunt. The police report is included as part of these minutes.

### **Engineer's Report**

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for conversation. Mike Gardner was happy about the work that is being done the roads. Engineer's report is included as part of these minutes.

### **Forest Board**

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. There were a few comments on how busy the Forest Board has been all month. The Forests Board's report is included as part of these minutes.

### **Parks and Recreation Report**

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. Comments were made about the dogwood tree raffle and the success of the Light-Up Audubon event. The Parks and Recreation Board's report is included as part of these minutes.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Mayor noted the minutes for the March 20, 2017 meeting. Darrell Shelton offered an editorial fix. Andrew Klump requested "subject to the adoption of an ordinance to that effect" to be added to end of the statement about regulating ice cream trucks and how to insure safety. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes with these corrections. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Mayor Crawford noted that he wished that he was further along with the budget, but he did insure that it will be ready in time to execute. He talked about funds going to the Forest Board to help with tree replacement. The Mayor discussed giving the police department a raise. He also spoke about the still-awaited property tax rolls.

Mayor Crawford noted the written request for a variance from Sterling Denham. He asked the Council to review the information and if need be, go by and look at the property to inspect the property for the request. The Mayor proposed to set the variance meeting at 6:30 on May 15th, before the regular meeting. The Council agreed. Mike Gardner asked a couple of questions about the variance process. Darrell Shelton gave an FYI that he will be out of the country from May 17<sup>th</sup> until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lisa Weaver noted that she will be out of town from May 13<sup>th</sup> until the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mike Gardner said that he is committed every day the week after Derby.

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor gave an update on the Light Up Audubon event, and Easter Egg Hunt paired with the Arbor Day Celebration. Darrell Shelton commended the events.

Mayor Crawford gave an update on the clean-up at Nightingale, and made preliminary remarks on the budget. The Mayor spoke about the revenue streams and a town hall meeting to discuss the budget with the residents.

**Closing Public Comments**

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty reminded the Council that there are two bios that are still needed for the Web page. She also noted that there are several tree stumps throughout the city. Ms. Kelty wanted to know how long they have to remove the stumps and who is in charge of policing. The Mayor stated that he will look into the ordinance and address the issue.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass - Mr. Williams noted that historic preservation tax credits might be available for the entrance column restoration work, although government entities do not pay taxes. The Mayor stated he will look into this and find answers.

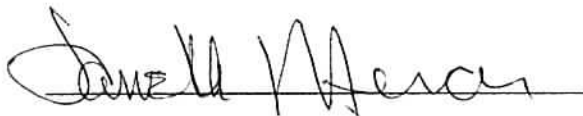
Mr. Williams noted the issues that occur during the Light-Up Audubon event and gave his opinion and suggestions on the issues.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty noted that the Parks and Recreation Board needs to have a set of directions/guideline to follow in order to put on these City events. There was lengthy remarks about procedures for the events.

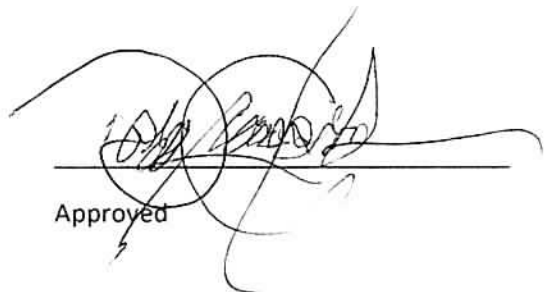
The Mayor thanked everyone's attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Darrell Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is May 15, 2017, with the Denham variance hearing to precede.



Attested



Approved