

Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Lisa Weaver 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

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Mayor opened the floor for public comments; hearing none, he moved on to legal affairs.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Hayward noted an airport meeting is set for 1-17-2018.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. Darrell Shelton asked about the sale of fixed assets. The Mayor replied that the city will have some police cars and could have some surplus things from public works to sell off. Mr. Shelton asked about the \$100 under Parks and Recreation. Mayor Crawford explained the money was spent to pay for help to spread mulch. Darrell asked about the \$800 storm damage. The city clerk explained the large tree branch that had fallen onto Cardinal Drive. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the financial report. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor asked for permission to move up on the agenda the annual audit. The Council agreed, and the Mayor introduced Roy Hoagland, CPA, of Welenken CPA's. Mr. Hoagland discussed the audit and opened the floor for comments or questions. There were questions about unallocated revenues, separate funds, as well as when the supplemental budget process can start. The auditor's opinion was that fewer funds are better for sound management; and now that the City is on steadier financial ground, supplemental budgeting could start earlier than previously.

Public Safety

Chief Minniear noted the written report and opened the floor for questions or comments. Andrew Klump reiterated his interest in a layout of police department goals and objectives. Lisa Weaver noted that she appreciated the additional detailed activities report that was included.

Forest Board

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. Leah Netherland presented a plan to hire a part-time landscaping person for 50 hours of pruning, mulching and weeding the parks, and for installing a water supply in at least one initial location, using unspent funds from the Board's budget. The council agreed to the plan.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the December meeting minutes for approval. Lisa Weaver offered one grammatical correction. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes. Andrew Klump seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mayor Crawford distributed a supplemental budget proposal, and opened the floor for discussion. There were discussions of the final budget-to-actual report numbers as compared to final audit report numbers. Andrew Klump questioned the numbers under the contingency, parks and recreation funds and how it appears on the budget to actual report. The Mayor asked the City Clerk for the first reading of the amended budget. The clerk executed the first reading.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford inform the Council that Susan Gordinier was working on finishing the formatted draft recodification of the ordinances. He also noted that there is an opening on the Council, and the current members have 30 days to fill the vacancy. The council decided to have all interested parties submit a letter of interest to City Hall by noon, Friday, January 26, 2018. The City Clerk will distribute the letters of interest to the Council. A special meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at City Hall to allow the interested parties time to introduce themselves to the Council and have the Council make a selection.

The Mayor noted that the annual ethics compliance statements need to be completed. Darrell Shelton noted that the premium tax rate must be submitted by March and if it's going to change then, the City will need to start considering the rate, so that 2 readings can be completed by the March deadline.

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty noted that 5% was the insurance business tax rate for most small cities in Jefferson County. Laura also wanted to know the target date for securing new stop signs in the City. The Mayor replied that we have asked the Metro engineer to give a courtesy opinion on the best placement of the signs. Laura also offered comments on who would be the best candidates to fill the open seat on the Council.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams would like to see a comprehensive road repavement plan. There were comments and discussion about priorities and funding for repaving streets. He asked for any update information on the Google fiber-optic project. The Mayor said no update had been provided as yet. Mr. Williams was concerned about repaving roads if Google fiber is going to be digging them up to install fiber lines. Mr. Williams would also like to see the police service contract with Audubon Hospital either be raised in price or cancelled.

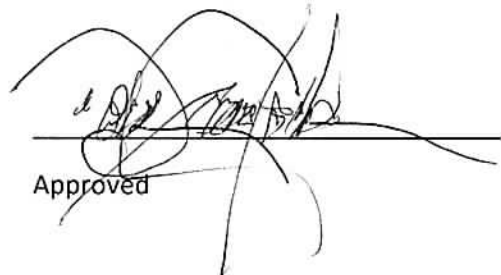
Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2018.



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