

Council Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2017

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

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He opened the floor for public comments; hearing none, he moved to Attorney's remarks.

Attorney's Remarks

Ms. Reisz requested to go into closed session provided by KRS 61.810 (1) (c), for discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the City. Andrew Klump made a motion to go into closed session. Brittney Gorter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session the Mayor called the meeting back to order at 7:15 PM.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions; hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Amanda Thompson made a motion to approve the financial report. Darrell Shelton 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 comments and questions. Chief Sweeney noted that there will be extra police on duty to assist with the Block Party. He remarked that he has addressed the concerns about speeding MSD trucks.

Brittney Gorter stated that she noticed that the amount of speeding tickets was down from May and asked if the speed bumps contributed to that downturn. Chief Sweeney answered his officers thought the bumps did bring the number down.

Andrew Klump discussed several issues with the speed bumps and the signage that would require a resolution. The Mayor reminded everyone that the speed bumps are a trial, to see if they have a role in City law enforcement. Mr. Klump discussed his concerns with ice cream trucks going through the City.

Darrell Shelton asked if the City has any idea on the cost of speed bumps. The Mayor replied no, because the trial is only using temporary fixtures. The police report is included as part of these minutes

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. Gil Zinner thanked the Mayor and anyone else involved with approving their budget. He also announced that on July 22, 2017 at 8:30 the mulch in Robin Park will be spread and anyone wanting to help is welcomed. Mr. Zinner noted that they have 8 new residents to participate in the ash tree replacement program. He discussed the importance of canopy trees in the City. Mr. Zinner noted that the City is having trouble with dogwood trees dying. The Forests Board is asking the residents to please report to the City Hall or to the Forest Board if they have a dogwood tree that is dying or has died, the color, age and where the tree was purchased. They are trying to establish a history on these trees.

The Mayor noted that he does not have a formal report from the Engineer, however the Engineer was present, so he opened the floor for questions or comments. Brad Derrick reported that the road work on Cardinal and Sora was going to start on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. He also noted that a curb will be replaced on the corner of Dove and Cardinal that is failing.

Mr. Derrick is still working on quotes for the lighting on the entrances. There were a couple of comments on how long will it take to complete the work. Brad thought at least a week once the work got started.

Amanda Thompson asked about the road deterioration issues on the corner of Wren and Audubon Pkwy. Mr. Derrick was not familiar with the problem but would look into it.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the meeting minutes for approval. He presented the first set of minutes for June 19, 2017. Andrew Klump and Darrell Shelton provided some corrections to the Unfinished Business section. Darrell Shelton and Brittney Gorter gave some corrections to Public Safety section about the speed bumps. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the given corrections. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes with the given corrections. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Crawford offered the second set of minutes the June 27, 2017. He did note that the meeting was for the first reading of the Amended Budget and there will be additional documentation included for the hard copies kept at City Hall. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Amanda Thompson made a motion to approve. Brittney Gorter seconded. The minutes were approved with Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter and Amanda Thompson in favor. Andrew Klump opposed. The final set of minutes for June 28, 2017 was presented for approval. Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to approve. Amanda Thompson made a motion to approve. Brittney Gorter seconded. The minutes were approved with Amanda Thompson, Brittney Gorter and Andrew Klump in favor. Darrell Shelton abstained.

New Business

The Mayor presented the variance hearing request from John Burke for consideration and to schedule a hearing at 6:30 on August 21, 2017. A couple of Council members asked for clarification of the variance. The Mayor explained that details would be given at the hearing, he then asked for a motion to set the hearing. Brittney Gorter made a motion to schedule the hearing. Amanda Thompson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford noted that the City has a new insurer, Traveler's. Traveler's came in about \$7K less than KLC's last year's bill and about \$16K less than the new year KLC asking price. He gave an update on the Block Party and added that the bookkeeper is preparing for the City's annual audit.

Darrell Shelton asked the question if there is a timeline for the report from the Parks and Recreation Board oversight committee. The Mayor stated he has not received one; Brittney Gorter gave the update and said it should be about two weeks after the Block Party. Darrell asked if there will be a report ready for the next Council meeting on August 21, 2017. Ms. Gorter answered yes.

Closing Public Comments

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams wanted to know why on the new approved budget in the contingency reserve line is showing \$40K. He noted that last year when he was on the Council that there was \$50K and now adding \$40K it should show \$90K, unless the \$50K was spent. The Mayor explained that the \$40K is a new appropriation and once the audit is completed and the numbers have been scrubbed the total amount will be reflected.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty what is the new insurance premium going to cost the city. The Mayor replied about \$64K. She asked if it should be a sealed bid. The Mayor answered that insurance is an exception to normal procurement practices.

Laura Jones, 3118 Eagle Pass – Ms. Jones asked if the special meetings were announced to the public. The Mayor answered yes and the agenda was posted on the front door at City Hall. She also asked what was the topic. Darrell Shelton answered the topic was to amend the budget.

Sarah Parker, 3303 Chickadee – Ms. Parker asked if having the oversight committee planning the Block Party event was a conflict of interest. The Mayor answered no, it should provide good hands-on experience to help with their findings. There were conversations about who assigns the volunteers duties for the events.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

The next scheduled meeting is August 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM for the variance hearing and the regularly scheduled meeting to start at 7:00 PM.



Attested



Approved