

Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, March 20, 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 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. He opened the floor for public comments.

Opening Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty expressed her dismay with the insurance business tax, and reminded the Council that there is still time to lower that tax rate. She also remarked that the “sharrow” markings proposed for a local bikeway are not in line with the City’s overlay ordinance, and she is strongly against those being painted on city streets. Finally, Ms. Kelty reminded the Council that some still owe bios for the Web site.

The Mayor introduced Geoff Wohl, assistant to Pat Mulvihill, District 10 Metro Councilman. Mr. Wohl gave some updates on events going on in District 10.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams did not have any updates on the energy conservation grant. He wanted to know if there were any updates on the entrance columns. The Mayor deferred to hear from the Engineer (arriving late). Mr. Williams wanted to discuss road work as well. He feels that the city needs to repave a full street at a time, instead of patchwork. He feels there should be a 10-year plan. Mr. Williams also wanted to provide further input on how to administer the City’s contingency reserve.

The Mayor asked for consent to move up on the agenda the confirmation and installation of a new board member to the Ethics Board. The council agreed. Mayor Crawford introduced John Weber as a candidate for the Board. He opened the floor for discussion and questions, then asked for a motion on Dr. Weber’s nomination. Mike Gardner moved to confirm; Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Crawford administered the oath of office.

Public Safety

Chief Sweeney presented the police report. The Chief gave a hospital update on Garden Club VP Gene Stoltz. Darrell Shelton noted that the City doesn’t have enough speed limit signs posted. Chief Sweeney observed that state law provides that all neighborhoods are 25 MPH. Finally, he announced that the Mayor and the police department will be putting on an Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th in Robin Park. The police report is included as part of these minutes.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report, and opened the floor for comments and questions. Mike Gardner asked about the storm damage reserve and the amount in reserve being enough. There were

comments about the road fund and the Mayor asked if that conversation could hold until the Engineer arrives to address the questions. Darrell Shelton 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.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Derrick noted on his arrival that he has been in contact with the paving contractors, and work will be resuming soon to complete the list of potholes identified in the fall. He is still trying to obtain a plumber to run the gas pipes for the entrance lighting, but he is not receiving any return calls.

Lisa Weaver asked if MSD has any future plans to resolve the drainage problem on Wren. He said that he spoke to someone last summer, but hasn't heard anything since. There were several remarks about the drainage problems in the City.

Mike Gardner asked if MSD could attend a Council meeting. Darrell Shelton suggested that there be a town hall meeting to have a bigger impact. Mr. Gardner asked about road paving and if there is a plan. Mr. Derrick suggested that the City will need to reserve \$100,000 a year for repaving, and should also have additional money set aside for regular repair and maintenance. There was discussion about repaving plans, and the priority of doing work to keep the streets safe.

Mr. Derrick referred to the \$17,000 estimate he received for the electric power to be restored to columns at both of the entrances. His best guess on the plumbing would be an additional \$3K, however without getting the plumbers to call him back, this is his best guess.

Parks and Recreation Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. Brittney Gorter asked for an update for the signs in the parks. Daniel Stephen has a person who should have a rendering of the sign ready for showing by the next meeting. Mr. Stephen questioned the \$11K that shows on the budget-to-actual monthly report as a Parks Program reserve, versus the \$10K that is reflected in the amended budget ordinance. The Mayor explained the \$11K is the starting year figure and the \$10K is the Board's projected ending figure. The Parks and Recreation Board 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. Mayor Crawford explained that the Arbor Day Tree Planting event will be paired with the Easter Egg Hunt to help improve attendance. Darrell Shelton noted that the Forest Board has scheduled a work day on Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 AM.

Unfinished Business

The Mayor noted the meeting minutes for the February 21st meeting, and opened the floor for comments and questions. Lisa Weaver offered an editorial correction. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve with the one correction. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Crawford started the discussion about Metro's bike routing project. He noted that there was an appointment set for the bike route coordinator to complete a walk-around and talk about some of the

issues of doing something other than marking up the streets, however he did not show. The Mayor is going to reschedule and see if he can have something more at the next Council meeting.

New Business

The Mayor updated the status of board appointments and establishment of new terms. He also reminded everyone that the newsletter for this quarter is about to be produced, and if anyone wants to have something included please submit that to City Hall by Wednesday.

The Mayor asked if the Council has the need for a closed session allowed by KRS 61.810 (1)(c), to discuss legal matters. The Councilors stated there was a need.

Amanda Thompson would like to have ice cream trucks be able to come through the City. There were conversations about allowing this in the City, and what should be required from the drivers to insure safety. There were suggestions of taking a copy of driver's license and let the police investigate the person to insure that the person doesn't have a criminal record, subject to the adoption of an ordinance to that effect.

The Mayor opened the floor for closing public comments before they went into executive session.

Closing Public Comments

Darrell Shelton wanted to address the opening comment about the Insurance Business Tax rate. He feels the City is not financially sound enough to reduce one of its main revenue streams right now, but should continue to assess.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams noted on the budget-to-actual report on the City Attorney line there is \$16K. He doesn't see how the City will spend all of that money in the few months left in this fiscal year. He suggested that \$10K be moved over to the Road Fund. He talked about the line of credit that the city no longer needs, and that some of that should be available. Mr. Williams noted that the City spends \$45K on streetlights. He feels that the streetlights need to be changed to LED lights, which should save money. He also suggested that a town meeting be set up, so the resident can be involved as in years past to talk about the budget. The Mayor assured him this practice would be continuing.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty wanted to note to the Council what the Insurance Business Tax really is, and who pays that tax. She also wanted to express that is an unfair tax.

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.

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker suggested that some of the Insurance Business tax be appropriated to the Road Fund; he feels this would help the residents better accept this tax.

Darrell Shelton made a motion to go into closed session. Mike Gardner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The regular business of the meeting concluded at 9:00 PM.

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

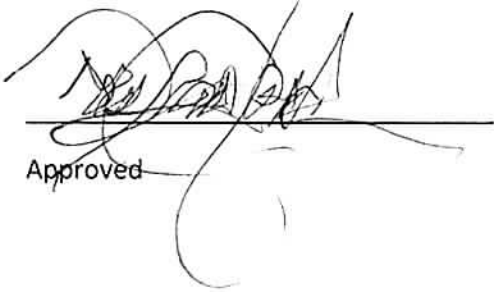
Mike Gardner made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is April 17th at 7:00 PM.

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Approved