

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 18, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Amanda Thompson, Mike Gardner Sr., Lisa Weaver 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 6:30 PM. The meeting started early for orientation and Q and A for visiting Boy Scouts. The Mayor summarized the duties and commitments of the Council members and city officials. Each Council member and official gave a brief synopsis of themselves and a description of their positions within the city.

### **Opening Public Comments**

The Mayor opened the floor for Public Comments.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty voiced her opinion that speed bumps aren't working. She feels that the police need to write more tickets. She moved on to the ordinance that was published in the recent newsletter about commercial and recreational vehicles being parked on the driveway. Ms. Kelty wasn't sure that the city had legal rights to enforce such an ordinance.

Rose Mangino, 3102 Meadowlark - Ms. Mangino discuss her neighbors running a business out of their home. She noted that it is an AirBNB business and that the owners don't live there, so she is exposed to different people in and out of that house. Ms. Mangino said that the renters have parked in their driveway with 18-wheeler trucks and have messed up the foliage because the driveway is not big enough for an 18-wheeler.

John Mangino, 3102 Meadowlark – Mr. Mangino continued the conversation about the next-door neighbor being an AirBNB, and some other issues with this arrangement. He stated that the owner is not keeping up with the yard work and it is a safety hazard. Mr. Mangino also noted another house across the street that may consider the same, becoming an AirBNB absentee owner. He feels that the City needs to make some decisions about the AirBNB. The Mayor and the Council continued the discussion.

Paul Beatty, 3105 Widgeon – Mr. Beatty wanted to know if he is compliant with where his recreational vehicle is parked. The Mayor answered that the RV is parked in the back and should be fine. There were several questions and comments about the ordinance published in the newsletter.

### **Financial Report**

The Mayor noted the 2 financial reports, one for year end 2017 and the current 2018 report. He opened the floor for questions and comments. Darrell Shelton started with the carry-over amount from fiscal year 2017. Susan explain how she came back to the number and the Mayor explained that the number will still need further scrubbing. He noted that the budget forecast reflected under Motor Vehicles Property tax was low by \$5K and the figure for Insurance Business taxes was low by \$24K. He suggested

that the budget be amended to increase both those numbers for FY 2018. Andrew Klump questioned the number on the 2017 budget under Parks Program Reserve. Susan explained how she arrived at the number. He also questioned the City not spending any money with the City Attorney. The Mayor explained money was spent in September; the report they are looking at is August expenditures. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the 2017 financial report. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the 2018 financial report. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the report. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Safety**

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. Amanda asked if there was only 1 speeding ticket issued. The Chief answered that there were 6 other tickets written. Ms. Thompson replied that she knows that there was more than one speeder. The Chief explained that his officers are crime fighters and he reminds them to go back to keeping the streets safe. He explained the other duties the police perform, in addition writing speeding tickets. There were discussions about the time spent on issues other than Audubon Park. The police report is included as part of these minutes.

### **Engineer's Report**

Andrew Klump started the conversation and had raw-rough estimates of safety resolutions to the speed bumps and he distributed those to the Council. There were discussions about speed bumps and speed humps. Brad Derrick discussed speed humps and the costs that could be associated. The work on the entrances is still ongoing. Darrell Shelton asked if the \$20K that has been appropriated for the entrances was enough or does the City need to set aside more. Mr. Derrick replied he does not have a solid number but he feels \$40K might be needed. He noted that if the City decided to have gaslights, the main expense would be the monthly cost for the meters, not so much the installation or usage.

### **Forest Board Report**

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. There were questions about the Garden Club grant. Darrell Shelton noted that there will be a mulch spreading event in Oriole Park, Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 9:00 and welcomed any volunteers.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mayor Crawford noted 2 set of minutes that need approval. The first set of minutes was for the Variance Hearing, and the Mayor asked for a motion to approve these minutes. Mike Gardner made a motion to approve. Amanda Thompson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The second set of minutes was for the Regular Council meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Amanda Thompson made a motion to approve. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

The Mayor gave an update on the Auktoberfest. Amanda Thompson offered the first reading of "An Ordinance Amending Section 5-6.07 Exterior Parking of Vehicles and Non-Operating Vehicles."

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Crawford discussed the City's new insurer and the policy. He wanted some new ideas to motivate new board members and volunteers. The Mayor offered kudos to Chief Sweeney and Lisa Willner, the City's School Board Representative for the work completed to help with traffic flow on Hess Lane during school dismissal.

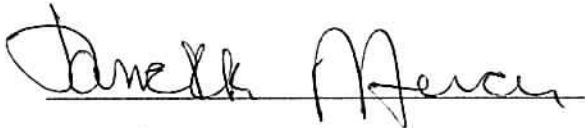
**Closing Public Comments**

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – He discussed the amended ordinance Amanda Thompson presented. He mentioned he is for the ordinance.


Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Mike Gardner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

The next scheduled meeting is October 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM.



Attested



Approved