

Town Hall Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

The City Council of Audubon Park held a special meeting, as provided by KRS 61.823, on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at City Hall with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Mike Gardner Sr., Lisa Weaver and arriving late Andrew Klump. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Minniear, and City Clerk Janette Mercer. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing to discuss budgeting and tax formulation for the fiscal year 2019.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford noted that the meeting would not be called to order until Mr. Klump arrived to insure a quorum. He talked about what the City does and where and how the money is spent. The Mayor's slide presentation and a list of the attending residents are included as part of these minutes. Mr. Klump arrived at 6:40 PM and the Mayor called the meeting to order. After completing the presentation, Mayor Crawford opened the floor for discussion.

Leah Netherland, 1141 Dove – Ms. Netherland is the chair of the Forest Board. She thanked the Council and the Mayor for all their support. Ms. Netherland spoke about the Ash Tree Replacement Program and the shared structural pruning between the residents and the City to maintain the new trees planted in the public way. There was discussion about the structural pruning process.

Rose Cantrell, 3128 Sora – Ms. Cantrell wanted to discuss road repaving and if there is a plan. Mayor Crawford explained that the paving season has just started, and a plan will be developed to prioritize needs. There were discussions about the process of repaving the streets.

Mitchell Kersting, 3235 Robin – Mr. Kersting asked if repaving of the roads must go through public bid. The Mayor replied that some contractors are certified by the state and can be selected without a competitive bid, however he goes through the process anyway. There was discussion about the cost of setup and staging.

Ray Niemann, 3112 Sora – Mr. Niemann asked if the City could take a loan to complete all streets. There were comments about the pros and cons of a loan. Mr. Niemann asked if anything is being enforced, grass cutting, building maintenance and fence height. The Mayor explained that code enforcement is driven mostly by complaints, but the police department patrols the City to identify infractions. The Chief stated that this is on the radar and will be a priority. There was continued discussion about strengthening enforcement of the code.

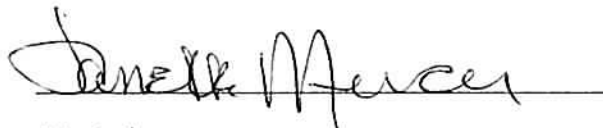
Patty Stinson, 3115 Sora – Ms. Stinson stated she has pictures of cars parked in a neighboring backyard with hoods standing open and a pop-up camper parked and hooked up to electric and a propane tank for about a month. Chief Minniear gave his cell number and asked the residents to call him with issues and the Mayor suggested that they call dispatch as well.

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker wanted clarification of the budgeted amount reflected under Parks and Recreation. The Mayor explained that at the time there wasn't a Parks and Recreation Board to offer a budgeted figure, so for now this is a guess and should be amended once the Board is fully engaged.

The Mayor moved on to the second reading of the *ad valorem tax, FY 2019* and the waste management, FY 2019 ordinances. He asked the City Clerk for the second reading. The City Clerk executed the second reading; with the motions to approve already completed at the last meeting the floor was open for discussion. Darrell Shelton asked if the Council would consider increasing the property *ad valorem* tax as discussed at the last meeting. His understanding was if the insurance business tax remained at the same rate then the *ad valorem* would be raised to meet all the needs of the City. There was continued conversation about taxes and the long-term effects of both revenue streams. The ordinance passed with three in favor and one opposed (Mike Gardner, Andrew Klump, Lisa Weaver in favor, Darrell Shelton opposed). The Mayor asked the City Clerk for the second reading of the waste management ordinance. The clerk executed the second reading and the Mayor opened the floor for discussion. Hearing no response, he asked for approval. The ordinance passed unanimously. Andrew Klump made a motion to adjourn. Mike Gardner seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM.



Attested



Approved