

Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Brittney Gorter, Tony Williams, Camden Shipley and Andrew Klump. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Minniear, 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.

Opening Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker wanted to know where on the budget report does the money to pay the airport suit fall. The Mayor answered under Legal Affairs.

Legal Affairs

Mayor Crawford offered the floor to the City Attorney. Mr. Hayward gave a short update on the sanitation case. He stated the Supreme Court affirmed the Court of Appeals opinion, but noted a possible off-set defense, where defendants may try to satisfy the court that diverted funds were spent for valid and necessary expenses. Such a defense will not be allowed in future cases without supporting legislation, but they are going to allow it this time. The Supreme Court then remanded to Circuit Court for supporting arguments.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the September financial report and asked for a motion to approve. Andrew Klump made the motion, and Camden Shipley seconded. Mr. Klump inquired about Auktoberfest revenue and expenses. Tony Williams asked to clarify FY 18 carry-over revenue. The Mayor explained the total. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor to Chief Minniear for discussion. Chief Minniear presented two candidates for confirmation: Kevin Mumphrey and George Rodman. The Chief gave a brief biography on both. The Mayor asked for a motion for confirm the two gentlemen. Tony Williams made a motion to confirm, and Andrew Klump seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor executed the Oath of Office to both officers. Andrew Klump questioned how much patrol time is spent outside of Audubon Park. There were further remarks about time outside the city.

Forest Board

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. There were no comments on the report, so the Mayor moved on unfinished business.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the October 15, 2018 minutes for approval. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the minutes, and Camden Shipley seconded. The minutes were approved with three in favor (Brittney Gorter, Camden Shipley and Andrew Klump in favor) and one abstaining. (Tony Williams abstained) The Mayor presented the Town Hall meeting minutes for approval. Andrew Klump made a

motion to approve the minutes, and Tony Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brittny Gorter asked if the Parks and Recreation budget has been looked at and approved. The Mayor replied that it has been reviewed and passed back for some adjustments. She also asked about the Bozemens' consolidation of their lots. The Mayor answered that the Code Enforcement Board would be the means to address the situation. He reminded that the City should let the process work.

Mayor Crawford noted an *Ordinance Adopting A Recodified and Updated City Code* is ready for its second reading. The City Clerk executed the second reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Brittny Gorter made a motion. Camden Shipley seconded, and the floor was opened for discussion. There was interest in the City Attorney or another attorney to review changes to the Code. Tony Williams asked about funds appropriated to complete the task of recodification. The Mayor explained the process. Camden Shipley asked the incoming Mayor (Tony Williams) whether he would prefer the document as is, or wants to start the process over again. Tony Williams prefers that an attorney review the document one more time, and hopes all 6 councilors can vote on approval. He suggested that the vote be tabled until the next meeting. There were several comments in reference to enforcing the code. Tony Williams made a motion to table the approval of the recodification of the City ordinances until the December 17, 2018 Council meeting. Andrew Klump seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor updated the sidewalk project. He has a company that has agreed to conduct a survey on the sidewalks in the city and gives us an assessment of how much work needs to be done to repair current sidewalks. Mayor Crawford has been working with another company on legacy signage for the City parks. He also gave updates on the City audit, December newsletter and the Christmas reception. There were questions about the Garden Club not hosting the Christmas reception. The Mayor stated that the Christmas reception should still happen, as it is much like the Dogwood Festival. There was a suggestion that the reception should be held two hours before the regular scheduled December meeting.

Tony Williams asked the status of Audubon Park being a part of Tree City USA. Leah Netherland replied that the Forest Board doesn't have the manpower to complete necessary paperwork. There were remarks about the desirability of being part Tree City USA again when possible.

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty has gotten confirmation that the Garden Club will not be hosting the Christmas reception. The Mayor asked if he could confirm with Garden Club about the reception.

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker asked if the Town Hall meeting discussing the City's legal affairs was still on the table. Mayor Crawford replied the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6.

Leah Netherland, 1141 Dove Rd – Ms. Netherland discussed the Metro Tree Ordinance and the tree canopy in Audubon Park.

Ann Bobigian, 1230 Audubon Pkwy – Ms. Bobigian spoke about the necessity of set benchmarks and keep the residents informed of canopy lost. She is not prepared to resume compiling the Tree City USA application at this time.

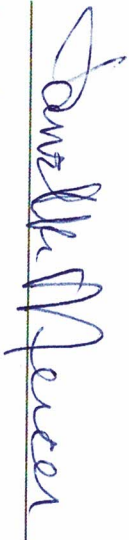
Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty feels that the city is overreaching by setting requirements about trees.

Rose Cantrell, 3128 Sora Ave - Ms. Cantrell asked if it is necessary to have a permit to plant a tree, and was informed this is required only on the public way.

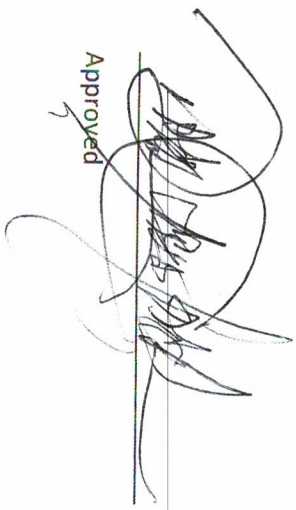
Camden Shipley made a motion to adjourn. Brittny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be December 17, 2018.

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Attested

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Approved