Council Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Tuesday, January 22, at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Tony Williams and Councilors Brittney Gorter, Madeline Bozeman, Austin Schwenker, Jennifer Kleier, Stephanie George and Andrew Klump arriving late. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Minniear, City Attorney Chip Hayward, bookkeeper Susan Gordinier and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Mayor opened the floor for public comments; hearing none, he moved on to Financial Reports.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. The new councilors needed clarification on Motor Vehicle Property taxes, Court Revenue and Misc. Grants and Fees. Susan defined each category for the Councilors. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Brittney Gorter made a motion to approve the report. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor introduced Roy Hoagland. Mr. Hoagland presented the annual city audit. There were conversations about surplus revenue, restricted, committed and assigned funds. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the audit. Brittney Gorter made a motion to approve the audit. Stephanie George seconded. No vote was taken.

Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor to Chief Minniear for discussion. Chief Minniear presented 2 candidates, Robert O'Neil and Tim Snook for confirmation. The Chief gave a brief synopsis on each candidate. The Mayor has for a motion to confirm the candidates. Austin Schwenker made a motion to confirm the candidates. Madeline Bozeman seconded, no vote was taken. The Mayor executed the oath of office to both candidates.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. There were no questions, so the Mayor ask if there were no objections, if he could swear in the Forest Board. The Mayor asked for a motion to confirm the new board members. Jennifer Kleier made a motion to confirm the new members. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor executed the oath of office to the candidates.

Parks and Recreation Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. There were no questions, so the Mayor brought the new board members up to execute the oath of office to these new or returning members. The Mayor executed the oath of office to the candidates.

Ethics Board

The Mayor asked if there were any objections to swear in the new members of the Ethics Board. The Mayor executed the oath of office to the members.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Williams presented the December 17, 2018 meeting minutes for approval and ask for a motion to approve. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The December 31, 2018 minutes were presented for approval. Brittney Gorter made a motion to approve. Stephanie Kleier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Hayward asked to go into 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. The Mayor ask for a motion to go into executive session. Brittney Gorter made a motion to go into executive session. Jennifer Kleier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor call the meeting to order at 8:45. Andrew Klump made a motion to go back to regular session. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The Mayor presented the action item list. Mayor Williams discussed some of items on the list with the councilors to help them get familiar and to receive feedback from the council. There were lengthy conversations about the compliant form.

The Mayor started the conversation about the Speed Humps. Andrew Klump made a motion to remove the speed humps. Brittney Gorter seconded the motion. The Mayor opened the floor for conversation. Sam Hayward suggested that an ordinance be established to use speed humps as a traffic control mechanism. There were comments made that the humps were not effective. The Chief made comment that the speed humps were effective. Brittney Gorter made a motion to table the discussion. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed with 3 in favor (Brittney Gorter, Stephanie George and Jennifer Kleier) 2 opposed (Andrew Klump and Austin Schwenker) 1 abstain (Madeline Bozeman). Brittney Gorter and Stephanie George presented and discussed a draft of a policy for Social Media/Privacy Policy.

The Mayor asked for the first reading of an ordinance amending the city budget for fiscal year 2019. The city clerk executed the first reading.

Andrew Klump asked about the revenue set aside for the sidewalks. Mayor Williams discussed a company that performs a shaving of the sidewalks to make them level and the cost involved in getting them a fixed. He reminded everyone that the ordinances states that the residents are responsible, so by the city stepping in, means that city could be responsible going forward.

The Mayor discussed the need for a part time code enforcement officer. There were length conversations about the when to hire the code enforcement officer.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams discussed the city parks are not currently listed as an asset of the City on the Audit Report. He is working with the PVA and others to rectify this situation. There were discussions on the progress on the recodification of the codes. The Mayor gave the updates on electricity and water in the parks, entrance lighting, and phone system for city hall.

Closing Public Comments

Yvonne Miles, Parkway Village- Ms. Miles express how happy she was about the new council and Mayor for Audubon Park. She also explained that Parkway Village has its own code enforcement officer and how it works in her city. Ms. Miles also discussed her Facebook page and how she handles it versus the City of Parkway Village's Facebook page.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty stated that she feels that is a good idea to hire a code enforcement officer now.

Mitchell Kersting, 3235 Robin Rd - Mr. Kersting expressed that there is a difference between inspections and enforcement. He asked if the city has an engineer or and architect. Mr. Kersting express his feelings on speed humps and speed bumps, and sidewalks. He said he thought that he could help with the city parks and he could get access to deed books.

Darrell Shelton, 919 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Shelton stated he was impressed with the work that has already taken place with the new Mayor and Council. He spoke to the naming of the city parks and would suggest that the signs that are currently there be removed because they are not correct. Mr. Shelton feels that the current contract for Waste Management is a model and feels that there is no need for a survey.

Andrew Klump made a motion to adjourn. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is set for February 19, 2019.

Attested

Approved