

Council Meeting Minutes
Public Hearing/Town Hall Meeting
April 20, 2015

The City Council of Audubon Park held a special meeting provided under KRS 61.823 on Monday, April 20, 2015 at Audubon Traditional Elementary School, 1051 Hess Lane, Louisville, KY 40217, with the following present; Council Members: Joanne Bader, Darrell Shelton, Nancy Zinner, Laura Stevens, Tony Williams and Lindsey Breen. Also present were Mayor Crawford, City Clerk Janette Mercer and Chief of Police Douglas Sweeney.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He explained that most of the regular Council business will be deferred until next week to give the Council time to reflect on the discussion tonight before making any decisions on setting tax rates. He noted that there will be two public comment periods, as usual, in the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Mayor Crawford had a slide set to display the functions of the City and the associated costs. He explained each slide and how each activity impacts the City. A copy of the presentation is included as part of these minutes.

William Klump noted that the City will collect \$20,000 in insurance premium tax increase, an additional \$14,000 in property taxes, and save \$100,000 used to pay off the line of credit last year - so the City should have an additional \$134,000, which represents a high percentage of the budget. Councilor Laura Stevens noted that Mr. Klump was making an assumption that the property taxes were going to be raised the full 4% allowed. Councilor Tony Williams noted that the City has more legal fees. Mr. Klump asked to hear more about the legal fees. Councilor Joanne Bader asked that we stay on track with the taxes, which would lead into the legal fees and other questions.

Mayor Crawford asked the City Clerk for a first reading of An Ordinance Adopting July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 as the Fiscal Year 2016, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for Said Fiscal year and Providing for the Time of Payment and Expenditure of the Proceeds of Said Levies; and An Ordinance Adopting the Waste Management Program Assessment for the City of Audubon Park, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2016 and Providing for the Collection of Same. The Mayor concluded his presentation and opened the floor for public comments.

William Klump, 1155 Dove Rd. – Mr. Klump asked how much are the legal fees at this point and what are the fees being spent on.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty noted that the City is \$3,000 over the attorney's budget and how much will the City continue to go over.

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker asked if the City is receiving any returns on what is being spent.

The Mayor presented the figures from the financial report. The current figure is \$18,500, at this point. Mr. Klump asked for current status of the law suit. Councilor Darrell Shelton suggested reading from the previous meeting minutes when the City Attorney gave his update on legal matters of the city. Councilor

Joanne Bader read the minutes aloud. Joanne Bader noted that most of the legal action in reference to the Reesor/ Lee suit is being handled by the League of Cities' lawyers. Mr. Klump asked if most of the legal fees are being spent on the lawsuit against the LRAA. There were several comments about the money and time being spent on the airport lawsuit. Mr. Klump suggested that the Council think hard about how much more money should be spent on the airport suit.

Amy Shelton, 933 Dove Lawn – Ms. Shelton suggested that the City perform an exhaustive bidding process as well as an exhaustive survey of the residents on the Waste Management contract. She noted that she has far more recycling than garbage and the current program is a waste of her money. Councilor Joanne Bader commented that reducing the waste management bill would not affect the budget because the sanitation fund is totally separate from the general funds and is kept in a different bank and dropping the bill only about \$50 really doesn't have a large affect.

Laura Jones, 3118 Eagle Pass – Ms. Jones stated that if one bill is reduced, it will make the other taxes much more palatable.

Amy Shelton, 933 Dove Lawn - Ms. Shelton agreed with Laura's statement. She also noted that there are several things in the City that we can turn attention to that are not big ticket items that could be taken care of with the monies saved from waste management. The big item in her opinion is the police department. She feels that Chief Sweeney and his department are very important and she thanked him.

Councilor Tony Williams stated the challenge is to receive a good sampling of what the residents want. He noted that there was about 1% of the population attending this meeting.

Jack Grether, 1028 Audubon Parkway – He noted that every resident needs to be presented with the survey and if need be go door to door.

There were lengthy conversations about how to get surveys out, returned and what should be included on the surveys.

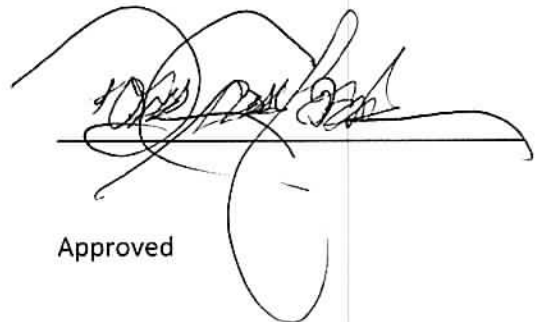
Darrell Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Laura Stevens seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

The next scheduled meeting is April 27, 2015.



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