

City of Auburn

Council Minutes

March 7, 2016

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: Barb Stamer, Chris Warwick, Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. **Absent:** Tom Appelt

Department Heads: Bruce Centko and Kristy Ponsler. **City Attorney:** Raylene Grischow.

Absent: Bill Karhliker

I. Mayor's Comments

- a. Stamer reminded the council of the upcoming TIF Meeting – Tuesday 03/15/16 at 6:00 PM and the Zoning Board Meeting on Wednesday 03/09/16 at 7:00 PM.
- b. The Auburn Activities Committee will be hosting an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on the evening of Saturday 03/12/16

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

- a. Warwick presented the 02/16/16 meeting minutes for the Council's review and approval. A motion was made by Gillock to approve the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Barnhill. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- b. Warwick reminded the council that their Statement of Economic Interest is due to the County Clerk's office by 05/01/16.
- c. Terry White's Family sent a card of thanks to the city. "Thank you for thinking of us in our time of need! Thanks for donating to the Auburn Emergency Squad."

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

- a. Warwick presented the Bills List from 02/13/16 to 03/04/16 for the Council's review and approval. A motion was made by Williams to approve the Bills List from 02/13/16 to 03/04/16, second Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- b. Warwick reported that the city collected \$2,848.93 in the month of December 2015 from video gaming.

IV. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow asked for short executive session regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Fire Department. A motion was made by Johnson at 7:08 PM to enter into executive sessions with the purpose to discuss a contract, second by Madaus. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock,**

Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).

- i. A motion by Madaus was made to exit executive session at 7:16 PM, second by Berola. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- b. Grischow presented for a Second Reading of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Fire Department regarding city employees responding to Fire Department Calls during normal work hours. Grischow presented numbers from Chief Powell regarding the number of calls in 2015. A motion was made by Berola to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Fire Department regarding city employees responding to Fire Department Calls during normal work hours, second by Devos. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: Rod Johnson. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (7-1-0-0).**

V. Visitors

VI. Department Heads

a. Centko

- i. Centko asked for a short executive session regarding a personnel issue.
- ii. Ryan Howard submitted his letter of resignation effective 03/04/16. A motion was made by Gillock to accept Ryan Howard's resignation, second by Johnson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- iii. Corey Anderson submitted his letter of resignation effective immediately (02/17/16). A motion was made by Barnhill to accept Corey Anderson's resignation, second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- iv. Centko noted that per the ordinances he has made offers to 3 officers on an emergency basis to fill the open spots left by Howard and Anderson. The recommended officers for hire are Kaleb Kennedy effective 03/03/16, Chris Croninger 03/07/16, and Daniel Carrigan 04/01/16. Their salaries will be set by the union contract. A motion was made by Williams to hire the officers, second by Madaus. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**

b. Karhliker

- i. Karhliker was not present, but Ponsler reported that there was an update on the pricing from IDOT on the resurfacing of Route 4 and Route 104.
- ii. There will be a bid opening on Thursday 03/10/16 for the sidewalk project around the square.

- c. Ponsler
 - i. Ponsler noted that the credit card machine is not quite ready but should be ready by mid-April.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Administration
 - i. Budget discussions will be starting soon.
- b. Public Works
 - i. Johnson noted that the Public Works committee will have a meeting on Wednesday 03/23/16 at 6:30 PM regarding water meter upgrades.
- c. Public Utilities
 - i. Hemmerle noted that the Public Utilities committee will have a meeting on Wednesday 03/23/16 immediately following the Public Works meeting.
- d. Health & Safety
 - i. No report.
- e. Health & Housing
 - i. No report.
- f. Parks
 - i. Hemmerle reported that the Parks Committee met and they recommended using VMASS as the vendor for using closed circuit camera's in the parks and it would also be able to provide Wi-Fi in Veterans Park. Hemmerle made a motion to accept the bid from VMASS at a cost not to exceed \$10,600; second by Madaus. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
 - ii. Hemmerle also reported that electric panel at East Park/Union Park needs to be upgraded. Lewis Electric submitted a bid in the amount of \$4,989. Hemmerle reported that the committee recommended Lewis Electric. A motion was made by Hemmerle to accept the bid from Lewis Electric at a cost not to exceed \$5,500; second by Gillock.
 - iii. Hemmerle stated the committee is still working on usage of the city's electric sign.
 - iv. Hemmerle noted that the committee is looking at different events or services at the parks to increase usage, like a Movies in the Park.
 - v. Hemmerle reported that the Auburn Community Center is losing money and the fees need to reflect a breakeven point for the city. The recommendation was to start the new rate at the beginning of the fiscal year 2016 and any current bookings after that date would stay the same. The new rate would be \$75 for the rental and \$25 would be returned when the rental is over and the Community Center is clean. A motion was made by Hemmerle to change the pricing of the Community Center rental to \$75 after 05/01/16; second by Barnhill. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed**

Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).

VIII. **Executive Session**

- a. A motion was made by Johnson to enter Executive Session at 7:44 PM regarding a personnel issue, second by Berola. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- b. A motion was made Madaus to exit Executive Session at 7:56 PM, second by Johnson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**

IX. **Adjournment**

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Johnson at 7:58 PM; second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher Warwick

City Clerk