

City of Auburn

Council Minutes

May 4, 2015

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Barb Stamer, Chris Warwick, Tom Appelt, Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber and John Tanner. **Absent:** None.

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

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Lead by Cub Scout Pack 356 Wolf Den – Parker Gillock and Caleb Kendell
- II. Mayor's Comments
 - a. The Auburn Ministerial Alliance will be having a run/walk on 08/27/15 and Mayor Stamer approves the temporary street closures for the event,
- III. City Clerk's Report – Warwick
 - a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 04/20/15. Davidson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**
 - b. Statement of Economic interest was due to the County Clerk's office by 05/01/15.
- IV. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt
 - a. Appelt presented the Bills List from 04/21/15 to 04/30/15 for the council's approval. A motion was made by Kessler to approve the bills list, second by Davidson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**
 - b. Applet Appelt presented the Financial Statement ending 03/31/15. A motion was made by Kessler to approve the Financial Statement ending 03/31/15, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**
- V. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow presented via a second reading the updated Fine and Fee Schedule. Rathgeber made a motion to approve the updated Fine and Fee Schedule, second by Kessler. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**

VI. Visitors

- a. There were no public comments brought forth.

VII. Department Heads

a. Centko

- i. Centko reported that the Natural Hazard and Mitigation meeting will be held the evening of 05/05/15. Centko and Karhliker will be working together to come up with a plan. If grant money is available the plan will be used to apply for a grant.

b. Karhliker

- i. Karhliker reported Dennis Ross from the Otter Lake Water Commission will be publishing a letter in the paper regarding the taste and odor issue with the water.

c. Ponsler

- i. Ponsler reported that she attended a DECO Grant meeting. The grant is for public infrastructure and can be applied in areas of town where 51% of the population is low income. Ponsler will work with Steve Gilbreth from our engineering firm Benton & Associates to put together information and apply when we can. This might be a good fit for the north end and east end of town.
- ii. Ponsler asked the council to consider a change in the vacation days at the end of the year; she proposed being closed Christmas Eve all day and remaining open New Year's Eve. Currently the city is open half days on both.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Administration – Berola

- i. Berola made a motion based on the committee's recommendation to give all non-union employees excluding Bill Karhliker, Bruce Centko and Mike McCarthy a 3% raise effective with the 5/10/15 payroll, second by Rathgeber. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark**

Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).

- ii. Berola noted that that since Karhliker, Centko, and McCarthy are now managing union employees and those employees have longevity clauses for pay, it was the feeling of the committee that Karhliker, Centko and McCarthy's pay be in line with those clauses since each individual had been with the city more than 20 years. Berola made motion to give a pay raise of \$5,500 for Karhliker and Centko and \$4,500 for McCarthy, second by Kessler. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: Rod Johnson. PRESENT: Hemmerle ABSENT: None. (6-1-1-0).**

- 1. Johnson asked where the salaries put those individuals with their peers in other towns. Berola said it would get them closer, but they would still be behind other cities.

- iii. Berola made a motion to give Becky Pisarek a \$200 a month stipend for the extra work she does for the Zoning Board, second by Rathgeber.

- 1. Hemmerle noted at the last meeting the Zoning Board asked the office not to answer any question regarding zoning questions and to let the applicants present the information to the Zoning Board.

- iv. There will be an Administrative Committee meeting on 05/18/15 at 6:30 PM regarding committee assignments.

- v. Berola made a motion to make all pay increases effective on the 05/10/15 payroll date, second by Kessler. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**

- vi. Berola made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget with the recent pay increases, second Rathgeber. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**

- vii. Berola noted that the TIF District Funding was not discussed in Committee but the funding is a line item in the 2016 Budget.

b. Public Works – Johnson

- i. No Report.

c. Public Utilities – Kessler

- i. No Report.

d. Health & Safety – Gillock

- i. Gillock reported the negotiations for the police contract have concluded and the tentative agreement has been reviewed by himself, Grischow and Centko. A motion was made by Gillock to approve the contract between the City of Auburn and the Fraternal Order of Police from 05/01/15 to 04/30/18, second by Kessler. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**

e. Health & Housing – Stamer

- i. No Report.

f. Parks – Tanner

- i. No Report.

g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle

- i. No Report.

IX. Recognition of outgoing Council Members

- a. Stamer thanked Kessler for his 19 years of service as an Alderman for the City of Auburn.
- b. Stamer thanked Rathgeber for his 14 years of service as an Alderman for the City of Auburn.
- c. Stamer thanked Tanner for his 6 years of service as an Alderman for the City of Auburn.

X. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Kessler at 7:34 PM; second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk