

**City of Auburn**

**Council Minutes**

**August 4, 2014**

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

Mayor Stamer asked Pawnee Boy Scout Troop 73 members in attendance to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, John Tanner, Tom Appelt, Barb Stamer and Chris Warwick. **Absent:** Tom Berola and Clay Davidson

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

I. Mayor's Comments

- a. Mayor Stamer reported that she is working with the new webmaster Kyle Freleigh on updates to the city website; she will have more details later.
- b. Mayor Stamer has been asked about allowing golf carts on city streets. Chief Centko noted that an ordinance could be drafted to allow them as they currently are outfitted, but now if a golf cart is on the road it needs to meet the state's slow moving vehicle code and be outfitted with the proper safety and lighting equipment.
- c. Mayor Stamer asked that abandoned vehicles be cleaned up and she will be working with Chief Centko to get a list of the abandoned vehicles in town and will work with the council to get rid of said vehicles.

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

- a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 07/21/14. Kessler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Berola and Davidson. (6-0-2)**
- b. There will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on 08/18/14 at 6:30 PM to review Closed Session Meetings.

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

- a. Appelt presented the Bills List from 07/01/14 to 07/30/14 for the council's approval. A motion was made by Kessler to approve the bills list, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Berola and Davidson. (6-0-2)**

- b. The tax revenue for video gaming was \$1,306.48 for the month of June 2014 and \$1,371.86 for the month of May 2014.

IV. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow presented for the Second Reading Ordinance 1398-14 which establishes a Parks & Recreation section in the City Ordinance Code Book. Tanner made a motion to accept Ordinance 1398-14; second by Hemmerle. **AYE: Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Berola and Davidson. (6-0-2)**
- b. Grischow presented for the Second Reading Ordinance 1399-14 which established hours of operations for the different parks. An adjustment was made to Section 27.5B the dates for Veteran’s Park will now be listed as baseball/softball season. Tanner made a motion to accept Ordinance 1399-14; second by Kessler. **AYE: Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Berola and Davidson. (6-0-2)**
- c. Grischow presented Resolution 60-14 which enters the city into an agreement with the Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission to prepare the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the city. Kessler made a motion to accept Resolution 60-14; second by Hemmerle. **AYE: Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Berola and Davidson. (6-0-2)**
- d. Grischow did not need an Executive Session for pending litigation.

V. Visitors

- a. Jack Bailey was present and presented his plan for his property on the southwest corner of West Adams Street and North 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Jack indicated that he will be putting on a gabled roof and the building will have a whole new look. Mayor Stamer asked if he would consider allowing a sesquicentennial mural to be painted on the property; Jack said he would think about it. Jack’s last comments were, “this will be taken care of.”
  - i. Richard Marx reported that we do not have enough funds to have our own dedicated ESDA group in Auburn; we will participate with the county.

VI. Department Heads

- a. Centko
  - i. No report. Centko noted that new signage would be needed for the new park hours.
- b. Karhliker

- i. The zero gravity swing is installed at Pohlod Park.
- ii. Karhliker is waiting on the money from the railroad before he solicits bids for the sidewalk in front of the Community Center. If he does it now the pricing will change.

c. Ponsler

- i. Ponsler reported that the training for the new general ledger software began today. The process is going slow and steady. The training for the payroll software will begin in 2 weeks.
- ii. IMLRF would not make a ruling on the west exit door on whether it met ADA requirements; their primary duty is to check for hazards. It was discussed by the council and it was acknowledged that there are 2 exits for the library that are handicap accessible.
- iii. Ponsler requested to attend a Grant Writing training in Springfield on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at a cost \$450.00 Warwick asked the council if there were any objections to the request instead of format vote, there were no objections.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Administration – Berola

- i. No report

b. Public Works – Johnson

- i. Johnson updated the council on the Hogan Road project; they are looking at shortening the box culvert to save money on the project. The culvert would be shortened by 3 feet on each side, no decision has been made yet and any decision would be reported back to the council.

c. Public Utilities – Kessler

- i. No report

d. Health & Safety - Gillock

- i. Gillock will be calling a meeting in the near future

e. Health & Housing – Stamer

- i. All issues were covered in the visitors comments

f. Parks – Tanner

- i. The reservation of East Park by Pearl's Pub was discussed, there were no objections to the event, but Pearl's must have approval by the mayor, a noise permit for the live music, and completed Temporary Liquor License for having alcohol on city property.
  - ii. Tanner mentioned that the high school baseball booster offered to paint the dugouts and scorers box on Trojan field. Tanner asked if the city could paint it given past misunderstandings with the baseball boosters. Karhliker indicated they could complete the project but would be a while.
- g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle
- i. No report. Centko asked if the bush on the west exit of the library could be trimmed. It is obstructing the view of people exiting the library. Karhliker indicated his guys would get trimmed.

VIII. Adjournment

- i. A motion was made by Rathgeber to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM, second by Kessler. **Voice Vote: AYE: Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Berola and Davidson. (6-0-2)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick  
City Clerk