

**City of Auburn**

**Council Minutes**

**October 6, 2014**

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

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

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

I. Mayor's Comments

- a. Trick or treat hours will be on Thursday 10/30/14 and Friday 10/31/14 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and trick-or-treaters should only approach homes with outdoor lighting on.
- b. The ACC will have a Trunk or Treat event at East Park on Saturday 10/25/14; see the Auburn paper for more details.
- c. Warwick presented information about the MuniCode that we currently receive. We are printing 15 copies of the code book and the cost is rather large, after speaking to the MuniCode representative we might be better suited to go to 5 copies and make updates online quarterly, currently we are updating them annually.
- d. The Sangamon County Health Forum will be held locally at the Auburn Community Center on 10/06/14 at 6:30 PM.
- e. Mayor Stamer asked for a committee to review the use of golf carts on city streets. Kessler stated that this had been reviewed previously and the committee recommended to leave our ordinances as is which does not allow for golf carts unless they are properly equipped based on the State Vehicle Code.
- f. Berola brought up an issue that occurred at a recent Junior Football League (JFL) game. One of the players had a compound arm fracture; Berola called 911 and asked for the ambulance and emergency squad. Nine minutes later Berola called back and the emergency call was cancelled because this was an "A" call. Chief Centko replied that the dispatcher follows the National Emergency Call process. The dispatcher follows a set of questions based on national standards. Bill Atteberry from the Emergency Squad was present and explained that they do get several calls about bad sunburn or a smashed finger and they were being called out for minor incidents at all hours for something that could be taken care of at a doctor's office. This is a volunteer organization. Centko reiterated that the dispatcher follows the national standards. Centko will check with Joe Powell and will report back to the council.

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

- a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 09/15/14. Kessler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock and Rod Johnson. (6-0-2).**

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

- a. Warwick presented the Bills List from 09/15/14 to 09/30/14 for the council's approval. A motion was made by Kessler to approve the bills list, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock and Rod Johnson. (6-0-2).**
- b. Warwick presented the Bank Cash Report through 10/01/14 for the council's review, no action was needed.

IV. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow has been looking over the liquor ordinances, she did not have anything to present at this time.
- b. Grischow requested an Executive Session at end of the meeting regarding litigation.

V. Visitors

- a. Hubert Kendall of 414 East Washington Street was present to discuss falling tree branches on his property. There are two trees on his property that he believes are on the city right of way. The trees were there when he moved in 38 years ago. The squirrels chew on the bark and it destroys the limbs and then they fall. Tanner and Gillock will look at the situation and report back to the council.

VI. Department Heads

a. Centko

- i. Centko will have all of his officers attending a customer relations class offered by the county on 10/07/14; it is a two hour class.
- ii. The new vehicle is here, but not striped because they discovered that the vehicle had two types of trim on the side of the vehicles.
- iii. Caleb Hollingsworth did go to court and he had updated all of his work by the time he went to court. He was not legal at the time of the stop. Mr. Hollingsworth has requested a refund. Davidson made a motion to refund Caleb

Hollingsworth his tow fee. After a few minutes Warwick called for a second and there was none so the motion died.

b. Karhliker

- i. The drawings are in for Hogan Road.
- ii. The pedestrian railroad crossing at Jefferson Street has been removed since 09/30/14; we have also received the money from railroad.

c. Ponsler

- i. We have received \$5,430 for video gaming.
- ii. Ponsler had looked in to several health insurance plans including the State of Illinois CMS Local Plan. Ponsler compared both plans and the Illinois Blue Cross Blue Shield plan would be most cost effective for the city and the employees.
- iii. Utility billing training will be held on 10/14/14.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Administration – Berola

- i. No report.

b. Public Works – Johnson

- i. No report.

c. Public Utilities – Kessler

- i. No report, but information will need to be covered during Executive Session but no action will need to be taken.

d. Health & Safety – Gillock

- i. Rathgeber presented an update on the 09/24/14 committee meeting in which it was discussed about having seven police officers ongoing to make sure we can minimize overtime expenses. The committee meeting was just to get the process started. Kessler questioned whether a seventh officer was needed and can the budget afford that many officers. The original meeting minutes indicated that seven officers would be the number officers before we were going to potentially lose two officers. It was suggested that we stay at six officers for six months and see how it works out. It was determined that a joint Health & Safety/Administrative committee will be held and this would be discussed at the next council meeting.

e. Health & Housing – Stamer

- i. Mayor Stamer gave an update on various properties but no council action was needed at this time.

f. Parks – Tanner

- i. Tanner received a quote for additional dirt to raise Trojan baseball field by 3 inches which will help with drainage. Tanner made a motion to order 400 tons of dirt at a cost not to exceed \$10,000; second by Davidson. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock and Rod Johnson. (6-0-2).**

g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle

- i. No Report.

VIII. Executive Session

- a. Hemmerle made a motion to enter into executive session, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock and Rod Johnson. (6-0-2).**
- b. Rathgeber made a motion to exit executive session, second by Kessler. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock and Rod Johnson. (6-0-2).**

IX. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made by Kessler to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock and Rod Johnson. (6-0-2).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk