

City of Auburn

Council Minutes

December 1, 2014

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, John Tanner (7:30 PM). **Absent:** None.

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

I. Mayor's Comments

- a. The Mayor is still concerned with the condition of the residence at 415 West North Street owned by Terry & April Painter. The mayor will cover the issue during the Heath & Housing Report.

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

- a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 11/20/14. Kessler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Davidson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, And Wayde Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: John Tanner. (7-0-1).**
- b. Warwick reminded the council that candidate petition filing dates are 12/15/14 through 12/22/14.

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

- a. Appelt presented the Bills List from 11/18/14 to 11/30/14 for the council's approval. A motion was made by Davidson to approve the bills list, second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, And Wayde Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: John Tanner. (7-0-1).**
- b. Appelt presented the Financial Statement as of 10/31/14 for the council's approval. A motion was made by Kessler to approve the Financial Statement, second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, And Wayde Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: John Tanner. (7-0-1).**
- c. Appelt presented the Financial Audit Variance Letter which explains differences in accounts, Appelt noted that revenues were down in some accounts which cause some of the differences, but all updates and information has been accounted for. Grischow noted that contrary to paragraph 26 of the document, we are currently engaged in an

ongoing lawsuit. Grischow recommended removing paragraph 17 regarding pending lawsuits or needs to amended to add the lawsuits. The letter needs to be updated before the final letter can be signed off by the mayor and council. Karhliker has concerns about the low revenues in the Gas fund because after a harsh winter those revenues should be higher; he noted this should be reviewed at the next budget time.

IV. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow presented Ordinance 1401-14 and ordinance for Liquor License Restrictions and Special Regulations. A motion was made by Kessler to accept Ordinance 1401-14, second by Gillock.
- b. Grischow noted that she will not be at the next council meeting.

V. Visitors

- a. Seth Williams of 13955 Route 4 was present because of an issue he was having with the sewer line that feeds his home. Seth indicated that the sewer has flowed back in to his basement on several occasions in the past and just recently. Karhliker noted that when his home was built the home to the south and north tied into the same sewer service line. This was done by the homeowner back in the 1960's. A backflow preventer could help to alleviate the issue. Karhliker can look into this further to find out the fall between the manhole on his property versus the manhole on North Street. One of the issues is that the line from Seth's home to the North Street manhole is a service line. A backflow preventer on his line would take care of the problem in the interim.

VI. Department Heads

- a. Centko
 - i. The new furnace has been installed in the police department
- b. Karhliker
 - i. The Hogan Road project will start Wednesday 12/3/14.
 - ii. A rough estimate to get a water line to Springfield Plastics would be \$400,000 to \$500,000; we can look to see if we could get SRF funding or grants.
- c. Ponsler
 - i. The last month's revenue was \$950 for video gaming.
 - ii. Ponsler is working with the Billing Vendor to develop e-bills for the utility bills; this should be ready after the first of 2015.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Administration – Berola

- i. Berola stated that we should continue with the city tradition of providing a Christmas Bonus. Berola made a motion to bestow on the full time employees a \$150 gift card and a \$75 gift card for part time employees, second by Rathgeber. **AYE: Tom Berola, Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and John Tanner. NAY: Rod Johnson. ABSENT: None. (7-1-0).**

b. Public Works – Johnson

- i. Johnson stated that we had one bid for the sidewalk project on the west side of the square. It was from GCS Services of Chatham, Illinois for \$19,280.00. Johnson made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$19,280.00; second by Davidson. **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).**

c. Public Utilities – Kessler

- i. The information regarding a waterline to Springfield Plastics was already covered earlier in the meeting.

d. Health & Safety – Gillock

- i. No report.

e. Health & Housing – Stamer

- i. Stamer reported that there is still debris on the porch at 415 West North Street, the home of Terry Painter, Sr. Berola made a motion to declare the property a nuisance under Section 13-87 and to begin fining the property owners at \$50.00 per day; second by Rathgeber. A letter should be served to both the occupant of the home and the owner. **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).**

f. Parks – Tanner

- i. There is a resident on Rose Lane would like to donate trees for Pohlod Park to replace the diseased trees that were cut down a few years ago. The trees would be White Oak and Pin Oak. Tanner made a motion to allow the trees to be planted at Pohlod Park, second by Davidson. **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).**

g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle

i. No report.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Rathgeber at 8:19 PM; second by Gillock. **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