City of Auburn

Council Minutes

June 6, 2016

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

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

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

I. Mayor's Comments
   a. Stamer announced that Sugar Creek Wine and Cheese Deli will need a temporary liquor permit for their upcoming street party.
   b. Stamer brought up the needed demolition for the Barton Estate at1027 West Adams Street. Stamer asked Karhliker what he found out about a demolition contractor, Karhliker said he found a contractor that might be able to demolish the structure for under $10,000. The council's concern is that if the structure is knocked down the city would place a lien on the property but the liens would be more than the fair market value of the vacant lot. After a lengthy discussion, the council asked Grischow to look into the issue further.
   c. Stamer noted that Dennis Ross from the Otter Lake Water Commission has offered tours of the water plant to the city council members. Warwick reminded the council that no more than two council members may attend at one time because of the Open Meeting Act.
   d. Stamer recommended Diana Coffman and Dave Hallerberg for re-appointment and Jeffrey Davis for appointment to the Library Board. Devos made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations, second by Madaus. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, , Vic Devos, Jr., Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola (7-0-0-1).**

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick
   a. Warwick presented the 05/16/16 meeting minutes for the Council's review and approval. A motion was made by Devos to approve the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Williams. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, , Vic Devos, Jr., Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola (7-0-0-1).**

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt
   a. Warwick presented the Bills List from 05/16/16 to 06/06/16 for the Council's review and approval. A motion was made by Gillock to approve the Bills List, second Williams. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, , Vic Devos, Jr., Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed**

Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola (7-0-0-1).

IV. Attorney – Grischow

a. Grischow presented for First Reading Resolution 63-16, a resolution to put on the November ballot to become a Home Rule unit.

b. Grischow presented for First Reading Ordinance 1417-16, an amendment to Utilities, water rate increase. The increase will have a July 1st, 2016 date.

c. Grischow presented for First Reading Ordinance 1418-16, an ordinance for the yearly appropriations.

d. Grischow presented for First Reading Ordinance 1419-16, an ordinance for prevailing wage.

e. Grischow presented for First Reading Ordinance 1420-16, an ordinance authorizing the execution of a jurisdictional transfer agreement between the City of Auburn and the State of Illinois for a parcel located in the Northeast quadrant of the intersection of Madison Street and Kennedy Street for improvements associated with high speed rail project.

f. Grischow presented the annual contract from Sangamon County Animal Control for services at the rate of $1,030.07. Johnson made a motion to approve the annual contract with Sangamon County Animal Control at a rate of $1,030.07; second by Madaus. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, , Vic Devos, Jr., Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola (7-0-0-1).**

g. Barnhill asked about the Painter property on West North Street. Stamer replied that the porch has been cleaned and the weeds have been cut down.

h. Barnhill also asked about 403 East Jefferson Street because of high weeds and grass. Ponsler will send a letter to ask the owner to come to the next council meeting.

V. Visitors

a. Calla from the Library was present and she is asking for the lighting to be replaced at the Library, the current lighting is very dark. The cost of the replacements would be $11.04 per fixture and there are 74 fixtures that need to be replaced. Calla said the Library would be willing to pay half.

b. Jason Garrett asked to address the Council. Garrett asked about destruction of the audio copy of the meeting minutes. Warwick replied that the written copy is now the official version of the meeting minutes, the Council is only required to have a written copy. Garrett asked about the contract expired contract with Otter Lake Water Commission, Grischow said she would look into it further. Garrett asked about the date of the water rate increase, the rate increase will be effective July 1st. The increase will be $0.25 per year over the next 3 years. Garrett asked about the 41 acres of land on Kennedy Road, Garrett asked about selling it to pay other bills or for other projects. The 41 acres is slated to be a park once money is available. Garrett asked what is being done with the old Heritage Chevrolet building, Garrett feels that the property looks just as bad as it did before.

VI. Department Heads

a. Centko

i. Centko was not in attendance, no report.

b. Karhliker

i. Karhliker reported that sidewalk project on the square has started.

ii. Karhliker, the School District, and IDOT officials about the pedestrian crossing by the football field. IDOT will match up the crossing with Lincoln Street. The work would be completed 2017 – 2018.

iii. Karhliker is working on getting bids for the City Garage; the original building was built in the 1960's.

c. Ponsler

i. Ponsler is working on getting new software for the website, more details to follow.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Administration

i. Berola was not in attendance, no report.

b. Public Works

i. Johnson reported that the lowest bid administered by IDOT for the MFT oil and chip work is from Illinois Road Construction at $47,872.50. Johnson made a motion to accept the bid, second by Barnhill. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, , Vic Devos, Jr., Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola (7-0-0-1).**

ii. Johnson reported that the lowest bid administered by IDOT for the MFT rock chip, CA6, CA14and CA16 materials is from Crown Trucking at $12,775.00. Johnson made a motion to accept the bid, second by Barnhill. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, , Vic Devos, Jr., Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola (7-0-0-1).**

c. Public Utilities

i. No Report

d. Health & Safety

i. Gillock provided an update on the ESDA Coordinator, the committee is looking to provide stipend John Edie as the ESDA Coordinator.

e. Health & Housing

i. Items were covered during the Attorney's Report.

f. Parks

i. Hemmerle announced there will be a move in the park on Saturday 07/09/16. More details to follow.

g. Library Liaison

i. Barnhill will work with Berola to schedule an Administration Meeting to cover the replacement of the light fixtures.

VIII. Adjournment

a. A motion to adjourn was made by Madaus at 8:15 PM; second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, , Vic Devos, Jr., Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: None. PRESENT: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola (7-0-0-1).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk