

City of Auburn
Council Minutes
September 8, 2015

Clerk Warwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

- I. Mayor's Comments
 - a. Pursuant to Section 2-22.1 of the Auburn Ordinance Code, Madaus made a motion to appoint Berola as Mayor Pro Tem, second by Devos. **Voice Vote - AYE: Julie Barnhill, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (6-0-1). Berola did not vote.**
- II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick
 - a. Warwick presented the 08/17/15 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, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**
- III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt
 - a. Appelt presented the Bills List from 08/15/15 to 09/02/15 for the councils review and approval. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the Bills List from 08/15/15 to 09/02/15, second Hemmerle. **Voice Vote - AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**
- IV. Attorney – Grischow
 - a. Grischow presented Resolution 62-15 for the Adopt a Park program for second reading and review. A motion was made by Berola to approve Resolution 62-15, second by Hemmerle. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**
 - b. Grischow presented the First Reading of Ordinance 1406-15 regarding the use of Golf Carts in city limits. Some items that were discussed are the need for a visible permit on the golf cart, the amount of the permit and the amount of the fine for an infraction.

- c. Grischow reported that the US Bank and Midwest Meter agreements are OK and can be approved by the city.

V. Visitors

- a. Larry McClelland was present regarding the Old Heritage Chevrolet building in the 400 block of west Jackson Street. Larry is looking to purchase the building and surrounding land but there is an old easement for an alley that runs through the middle of the property. Grischow noted that title commitment is needed from a licensed title company before the council can act on the request. Karhliker noted that there are no current utilities servicing the building. There were no issue from the council at this time and the issue will be discussed further at the 09/21/15 council meeting.
- b. A representative from Prairieland FS was present to ask about the annexation of part of their property into the city. Grischow asked the representative to contact her and she will assist them with the process.
- c. DeAnna Gasen was present from the Auburn Activities Committee (ACC) asking for the council's permission for a "Paint the Street" fundraiser before homecoming. The paint used will dissolve within 3 weeks and the ACC will pay for street cleaning if there is still residue left.

VI. Department Heads

a. Centko

- i. No Report.

b. Karhliker

- i. No Report

c. Ponsler

- i. Ponsler reported that the City will be holding a "how to" of setting up your city utility account online and accessing all details associated with that account at any time as well as understanding how to pay online if interested to residents on 09/16/15 and 09/21/15 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Auburn Public Library.
- ii. The Voicemail system is now set up for the council members and they will have their own extension in which residents can leave them a voicemail.
- iii. The office is continuing to encourage residents to sign up on line to view and pay their utility bills.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Administration
 - i. No Report.
- b. Public Works
 - i. Johnson presented a proposal for side walk repair from Benton & Associates. Benton's was asked to look at the current condition of sidewalks and make a recommendation to the council. The area recommended was at the southwest corner of Madison Street and 5th Street. The funding would come from the remaining money from the previous USDA grant.
 - ii. Johnson made a recommendation to approve the spending of \$44,000.00 for the Hogan Road Project (IDOT Section 13-00015-00-DR) from the city's MFT funds, second by Hemmerle. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**
- c. Public Utilities
 - i. Hemmerle made a motion to allow a one month reprieve for Ray Landers at 5000 Dickey John Road for sewer charges, there was an issue that Landers needs to correct and Landers had asked for a larger credit; second by Williams. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**
- d. Health & Safety
 - i. The Animal Control position will be re-advertised.
 - ii. A motion was made by Berola to give Jack Crissey a \$1.50 per hour increase as he temporarily fills the Sargent position during Centko's absence and recovery; second by Williams. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**
- e. Health & Housing
 - i. Terry Painter Sr. and Jr. were present at the council meeting to discuss the unsightly debris at their property at 415 West North Street. Terry Jr. noted that he has cleared out 2 trailers worth of items. The council noted that 1 or 2 trailers will get cleared out but then more will come back again. Terry Jr. had injured his ankle and is having issue doing some of the work himself. Since this a reoccurring issue Berola made a motion that the property needs to be cleaned up by the next council meeting (09/21/15) or fine of \$50.00 per day will be

levied, second by Johnson. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**

- ii. The property at 402 West North Street was brought up; it has no utilities and has not been lived in for a while. The property should be looked at for demolition.

f. Parks

- i. Hemmerle made a motion cover the difference between the insurance reimbursement and the final price of the sign \$13,923.00; second by Barnhill. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**

VIII. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Hemmerle at 8:29 PM; second by Madaus. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Matt Gillock. (7-0-1).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk