City of Auburn

Council Minutes

July 20, 2015

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

Present: Barb Stamer, Chris Warwick (7:15 PM), Tom Appelt, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. **Absent**: Julie Barnhill.

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

I. Mayor's Comments

a. Mayor Stamer appointed Berola as the Health Officer. Williams made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, second by Hemmerle. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

b. Mayor Stamer appointed Madaus to the following committees Public Works, Public Utilities, and Building Permits. Gillock made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, second by Berola. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

a. Ponsler presented the 07/06/15 meeting minutes for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Berola to approve the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

b. Ponsler reported that an application was submitted and accepted for 3 video gaming machines at the 104 Store.

c. Ponsler reported that the Library Board had submitted their budget and was available for the council's review.

d. Warwick covered that there is an open spot for the Illinois Municipal League conference and he encouraged members of the council to attend.

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

a. Appelt presented the Bills List from 07/07/15 to 07/17/15 for the councils review and approval. A motion was made by Gillock to approve the bills list, second by Williams. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

b. Appelt presented the Financial Statement for June 2015 for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Gillock to accept the Financial Statement, second by Madaus. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

IV. Attorney – Grischow

a. Grischow presented for First Reading Ordinance 1405-15, an Ordinance regarding Sidewalk Cafés. Based on the committee meetings, the percentage of alcohol sales has to be less than 50% to qualify as a restaurant or retail establishment. The hours of operation of the outdoor café must be no later than 10 PM. A permit application was also added to drop box. It was asked about playing of loud music, the owner would need to follow the procedures as outlined in the application. The items would need council approval before approving.

b. Grischow asked for an Executive Session regarding Personnel.

V. Visitors

a. Zoning Board Report – There was no meeting in July.

b. Greg Harrison spoke regarding a ditch near North Lilly and Wineman Street. Greg stated that the city crew has been great to work with. The ditch has taken on water since early spring and about 14 inches of water is still standing, he is concerned that a child might go in there and be injured. The city did reshape the ditch two years ago but because of standing water there has been erosion as well. Putting a new culvert and placing rock in the ditch would help with draining and erosion. Karhliker noted that all of the Meadowbrook Subdivision empties past these properties. Once it all drains, there is a high spot on the township side which they would need to care for as well. Karhliker thinks the culvert at Lily is the issue. To care for the erosion, the city could try and use RR3 rip rap. Karhliker will look into the issue and report back at the next meeting.

c. Brandy Brown reported that plans are ready for the Summer Carnival. They have the temporary power issue planned for and the trash removal established. Brandy requested having picnic tables moved for the event which will run August 13th through August 15th. Karhliker mentioned that if someone is renting the park during the carnival they will not be able to move over as many picnic tables because of the rental.

d. Heather Murdock reported that the Labor Day Picnic will be held at East Park this year. For the Labor Day Parade they will be changing the parade route that is normally used. Heather asked if East Park can be open until 11 PM on Saturday 09/05/15. They will be applying for a Temporary Liquor permit so alcohol can be served at the park; Rocki's will be applying for the permits. The committee will be having a mud volleyball tournament as well. Hemmerle asked that Heather work with Karhliker on the placement of the mud volleyball pit. The committee also needs to have the city named as an additional insured party.

VI. Executive Session

a. Gillock made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:38 PM for personnel issues, second by Hemmerle. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

b. Hemmerle made a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter into Open Session at 8:15 PM, second by Madaus. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

c. There was no action to be taken based on the Executive Session.

VII. Department Heads

a. Centko

i. Officer Howard had no report for Centko due to his absence.

ii. Grischow reported that the bill from Sangamon County Animal Control was OK and it is actually less than last year's bill. It has been given to Ponsler for payment.

b. Karhliker

i. The Madison Street railroad crossing will be reopened by 07/31/15; the pedestrian crossing at Washington Street is a work in progress.

ii. Karhliker noted that the oil and chip road work has been completed.

c. Ponsler

i. Ponsler reported that the water fountain at the library fountain is broken. They have 2 bids; E.L. Pruitt for $3,000 and $1,100 Henson-Robinson. Berola noted that E.L. Pruitt is for 2 water fountains. Williams asked for the Library to get a more detailed bid and information.

ii. Ponsler reported that the refrigerator at the Auburn Community Center is going bad and should be replaced. The council felt that Ponsler could shop for a new one at an amount not to exceed $600. Berola made a motion to approve a refrigerator expenditure note to exceed $600, second by Williams. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Administration

i. No report.

b. Public Works

i. No report.

c. Public Utilities

i. No Report.

d. Health & Safety

i. We have a personnel issue and we need the union to bring the issue to the city/city attorney.

e. Health & Housing

i. Shane Olsson's property has been remedied.

f. Parks

i. No report.

IX. Adjournment

a. A motion to adjourn was made by Gillock at 8:33 PM; second by Devos. **Voice Vote: AYE: Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Matt Gillock, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: Julie Barnhill. (7-0-1).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk