

City of Auburn

Council Minutes

November 17, 2014

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

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

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

I. Mayor's Comments

- a. Sixty-two banners have been sold so far for the Sesquicentennial.
- b. Kessler noticed that when he went to purchase liquor early on a Sunday and the business was not aware of the ordinance change and stated that their corporate offices would need to be notified. It was agreed by the council that when a major change is made that the city would send out a notice to the affected businesses.
- c. Centko spoke with IDOT and the city cannot lower the speed limit next to the football field on Route 4. Centko stated that IDOT will do another traffic study in the spring to review the traffic flow, number of cars and speeds. This study would help IDOT make a recommendation on the speed through the area. Centko noted that an IDOT representative will be in town tomorrow 11/18/14. The lighted signs would cost between \$4,000 and \$8,000 plus concrete for the signs. There would need to be a side walk for IDOT to allow the City to install the lighted signs.

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

- a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 11/03/14. Kessler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Hemmerle. **Voice Vote: AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

- a. Warwick presented the Bills List from 11/01/14 to 11/17/14 for the council's approval. A motion was made by Kessler to approve the bills list, second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**

- b. Ponsler stated that a draft copy of the final audit is in the drop box. Ponsler and Applet have reviewed the variances that were raised by the auditor. The Final Audit will be on the next meeting on 12/01/14.

IV. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow presented the First Reading for Ordinance 1401-14 regarding Liquor License Restrictions and Special Regulations. It was discussed that paragraphs A & B need to be updated to address a strip mall because of the distance from the actual store to the closet church, school, etc. Kessler made motion to table the Ordinance until the next meeting so updates could be made and correct verbiage used, second by Rathgeber. **Voice Vote: AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**
- b. Grischow presented the Second Reading for Ordinance 1402-14 regarding an ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the City of Auburn, Illinois for the year ending December 13, 2014 (payable in 2015). A motion was made by Kessler to approve Ordinance 1402-14 with a correction to a typo in paragraph 3, second by Rathgeber. **AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**
- c. Grischow did not need an Executive Session at end of the meeting.

V. Visitors

- a. Hubert Kendal was present to find out what will be done about the tree that is losing limbs that is on his property but in the city right of way. The council has an issue with cutting down a live tree. The council was not comfortable with providing tree trimming services as well because of the time and expense involved, once the city starts trimming trees then we would have to trim all of the trees.

VI. Department Heads

- a. Centko
 - i. Centko received two bids for shredding services from Affordable Shred and Cintas. Affordable Shred was the lower bid. Gillock made a recommendation to award a bid to Affordable Shred at a cost of \$29 per month for a 96 gallon tote, second by Kessler. **AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**
 - ii. Centko reported that the furnace had gone out on the police side of the building and it was repaired, the replace parts for a permanent fix would be a cost of

\$500. Centko would like to replace the furnace since it is the original furnace to the building, early 1980's.

1. Gillock made a motion to waive the first and second reading to allow Centko to replace the furnace due to the health and safety of the city personnel because of the lower outside temperatures - below freezing, second by Kessler. **AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**
2. Gillock made a motion to approve Centko seek bids and to go with the lowest quote to have the furnace replaced at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, second by Rathgeber. **AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**

b. Karhliker

- i. No Report - Absent.

c. Ponsler

- i. Ponsler reported there is rebate program from Ameren that we can look at for the street lights owned by the city around the square. The program would lower the cost to the city. Ponsler and TJ Henson will look into the details further and report back to the council.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Administration – Berola

- i. No report – Berola Absent

b. Public Works – Johnson

- i. There was a request for a stop sign on Park Street to West Maple Avenue, this is a T intersection and the person entering the T is required to stop. No action taken by the council.
- ii. There was a bid received for the sidewalk on the west side of the square, but the meeting minutes and the council wanted the bids to be out for 30 days. The council wants to have all bids need to be turned in no later than 12/01/14 at 3 PM.

c. Public Utilities – Kessler

- i. There was meeting earlier in the evening regarding a contested fine and turn-on charge for utilities, the person that made the request was not at the meeting but sent a letter. The letter was reviewed and the policy was reviewed, the person had requested a \$100.00 refund and it was the committee's recommendation to grant the refund and that motion failed in committee, no action was needed by the council.
 - ii. There will be a Public Utilities committee meeting on 11/25/14 at 7:30 PM regarding the extension or replacement of water mains.
 - d. Health & Safety – Gillock
 - i. No report.
 - e. Health & Housing – Stamer
 - i. Beth Sheff did clean up her property and the fine currently sits at \$800. Beth Sheff claims that she has been up in Springfield and has not received her mail. The property has been cleaned; Mayor Stamer asked that the \$800 fine be removed. Kessler made motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation to abate the fine at 505 N 11th Street for Beth Sheff, second by Rathgeber. **AYE: Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Barb Stamer. NAY: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, and Larry Hemmerle. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (4-3-2).**
 - f. Parks – Tanner
 - i. There was an anonymous request to plant trees at Pohlod Park. The Parks Committee will look at the issue.
 - g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle
 - i. No report.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM, second by Johnson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Clay Davidson, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, and Rod Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tom Berola and John Tanner. (6-0-2).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

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