

City of Auburn

Council Minutes

December 21, 2015

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

Present: Barb Stamer, Tom Appelt, Chris Warwick, Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. **Absent:** None.

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

I. Mayor's Comments

- a. Stamer reported that the outdoor book drop for the Library is not working. The Library is using a mailbox for an alternative to the book drop. Stamer asked for a committee to look into the issue. The Library is asking for the council to look into getting the book drop fixed so it will function properly. Barnhill asked if the Library has a budget to get it fixed. The Library does have a yearly budget.

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

- a. Warwick presented the 12/07/15 meeting minutes for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- b. Warwick presented for a Second Reading, Ordinance 1411-15 Vacating Certain Alley/Territory for the properties owned by Todd Bailey at 915 West Adams Street and 1003 West Adams Street. A motion was made by Johnson to approve Ordinance 1411-15, second by Williams. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- c. Hemmerle presented to the council on whether the City should move forward with pursuing a TIF District in the City of Auburn. It was noted that the School Board seems to be more open to the idea of a TIF District. A short discussion followed. Madaus made a motion to move forward with the TIF District, second by Johnson. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, and Seth Williams. NAY: Vic Devos, Jr. ABSENT: None. (7-1-0-0).**

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

- a. Appelt presented the Bills List from 12/05/15 to 12/18/15 for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Williams to approve the Bills List from 12/05/15 to 12/18/15, second Madaus. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- b. Appelt presented the Cash Balance Report ending 11/30/15 for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Gillock to approve the Cash Balance Report ending 11/30/15, second by Williams. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**

IV. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow asked for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting regarding a personnel matter.
- b. Grischow said she had not heard back from the Fire District's attorney. Berola noted that they are working on the issue from their end.

V. Visitors

- a. Brandy Brown from the Auburn Carnival Committee was present and asked for approval to have the carnival May 19th through May 21st 2016. A motion was made by Williams giving the Committee approval to hold the carnival, second by Madaus. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- b. Casey Markley from Boy Scout Troop 210 was present; Casey is working on his Eagle Scout Badge.

VI. Department Heads

- a. Centko
 - i. No Report.
- b. Karhliker
 - i. Karhliker reported that the holes for the new community electronic sign were dug today.
- c. Ponsler
 - i. Ponsler reported that she had quotes from Snell Plumbing & Heating and Rettberg's to repair and or replace the furnace at the Community Center and the air conditioning unit at the police station. There was a short discussion

regarding replacement versus repair on the units. A motion was made by Williams to accept the bid from Snell Plumbing & Heating to repair the furnace at the Community Center in the amount of \$260.00, second by Devos. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**

- ii. Ponsler reported that the State Treasurer's office is changing the way they are investing Illinois Funds, it was recommended that we move the funds to a local bank so a payment could be disbursed on a regular basis. Ponsler suggested Illini Bank in Auburn because we already have funds at United Community Bank in Auburn. Johnson made a motion to approve the movement of funds from Illinois Fund to Illini Bank in Auburn, second by Barnhill. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**

VII. Committee Reports

a. Administration

- i. No Report.

b. Public Works

- i. Johnson presented construction estimates for sidewalk areas 2 and 7 in the downtown area. Johnson made a motion to approve the construction estimates of cost of \$73,320; second by Madaus. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**
- ii. Johnson made a motion to appropriate \$40,000 of MFT funds for the sidewalk project in areas 2 and 7, this will fully fund the project along with the USDA grant; second by Williams. **AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0-0).**

c. Public Utilities

- i. No Report.

d. Health & Safety

- i. Gillock reported that there will be a Committee meeting regarding Leaf Burning on Wednesday 01/06/16 at 7:00 PM.

e. Health & Housing

- i. Berola reported that the Old Cinderella Beauty Salon at 106 East Madison Street has a window missing and the front door is still not secured. Berola asked that a letter be sent to the owner to appear at the next council meeting.
- ii. The property at 413 North 1st Street is also unsecured and a nuisance. A letter will be sent to the owner to appear at the next council meeting.

f. Parks

- i. No Report.

VIII. Executive Session

- a. A motion was made by Johnson to enter into executive session regarding personnel issues at 7:57 PM, second by Gillock. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Ed Madaus, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**
- b. A motion was made by Johnson to exit executive session at 8:46 PM, second by Barnhill. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Ed Madaus, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**
- c. Berola asked that the Insurance Change and formation of an Insurance Committee be added to the next agenda.

IX. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Berola at 8:48 PM; second by Williams. **Voice Vote: AYE: Julie Barnhill, Tom Berola, Matt Gillock, Larry Hemmerle, Ed Madaus, Rod Johnson, Seth Williams, and Vic Devos, Jr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. (8-0-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk