City of Auburn

Council Minutes

June 16, 2014

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

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

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

I. Mayor's Comments

a. Stamer asked that the rental fee for Auburn Committee Center for the Fourth of July Ice Cream Social which will honor seniors and veterans. A motion was made by Rathgeber to waive the fee on July Fourth, second by Davidson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

b. Stamer asked about signage for the development of Clover Lane. The developer is asking for an exemption. The council directed Stamer to have the developer request a variance from the Zoning Board which is the standard procedure.

c. The murals for the Sesquicentennial will be discussed at the next meeting.

d. Stamer recommended that Kyle Freligh replace Chris Bridges as the new webmaster since Chris is leaving is position with the city. Hemmerle made a recommendation that Kyle Freligh be appointed as the new webmaster with a pay raise of $0.30 per hour for the webmaster work, second by Rathgeber. **AYE: Berola, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: Davidson. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (5-1-2)**

i. Davidson though the per hour rate for webmaster work should be more.

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 06/02/14. Rathgeber made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Hemmerle. **AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

a. Warwick presented the Bills List from 06/05/14 to 06/16/14 for the council's approval. A motion was made by Rathgeber to approve the bills list, second by Davidson. **Voice**

Vote: AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)

IV. Attorney – Grischow

i. Grischow presented the Second Reading, Ordinance 1395-14 – The Appropriations Budget for 2014-2015. Rathgeber made a motion to approve Ordinance 1395-14, second by Davidson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

ii. Grischow asked for an Executive Session for pending litigation.

iii. Grischow presented Ordinance 1397-14 a request that the city received from Environmental Management Inc. to approve an ordinance regarding ground water as a potable water source. This is related to Clouser Shell. Grischow will reach out to Environmental Management Inc. to get more information. No motion was made so the Ordinance was cancelled.

iv. Grischow presented for First Reading Ordinance 1397-14, reusing the failed ordinance number, regarding the establishment and annual administration of Auburn TIF District 1.

1. Rathgeber gave an update from the Committee as a Whole meeting in which the TIF District was discussed with the city council, Darren Root the Auburn School District Superintendent and Mike Heren from the School Board. The fee to set up the TIF district is $30,000 to set up to 150 tax parcels. Grischow asked if the TIF attorneys had specified their extra fees for mileage, postage, copy fees, etc. Rathgeber noted that if there is no growth in the district in 7 years, the TIF District will dissolve. All monies spent on the TIF District can be reimbursed back to the city.

V. Visitors

a. Rita Hollingsworth has just moved to town and attended council meetings in the previous town she lived in. She had concern about shut off notices not going out when a utility bill is unpaid.

VI. Department Heads

a. Centko

i. Centko had a concern that DeHeve's Tavern has lost their State Liquor License and how does that impact their Local Liquor License.

b. Karhliker

i. Karhliker recommended that Derrick Lomelino take over for Chris Bridges as the Waste Water Operator. Davidson made a motion to appoint Derrick Lomelino as the Waste Water Operator, removing $0.63 per hour as his Building Inspector pay, but giving him a $2.50 per hour raise as the Waste Water Operator, second by Johnson. **AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

ii. Karhliker recommended that John Edie take over for Derrick Lomelino as the Building Inspector. Davidson made a motion to appoint John Edie as the Building Inspector with a pay raise of $0.63 per hour raise. **AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

iii. Karhliker reported that at the 06/10/14 Gas Utility Alliance meeting the per meter fee from $3.00 to $3.25 and we are currently the 14th largest member.

iv. Karhliker reported that we have the easements for Hogan Road.

c. Ponsler

i. No report.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Administration – Berola

i. No Report

b. Public Works – Johnson

i. Johnson made a motion that we accept the IDOT bid for the 2014 MFT work from IRC Inc. in the amount of $74, 323.00, second by Davidson. **AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

ii. Johnson made a motion that we accept the IDOT bid for the 2014 MFT rock CA 6 and CA16 from Central Stone Co. in the amount of $22,738.50, second by Davidson. **AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

c. Public Utilities – Davidson

i. It was reported that 35 residents were shut off last month due to non-payment. The city saved $400 in postage and printed materials by not sending out the notices.

d. Health & Safety - Gillock

i. No Report

e. Health & Housing – Stamer

i. No report

f. Parks – Tanner

i. Hemmerle presented the bid for a Zero G Chair Swing for Pohlod Park in the amount of $586.99 and Hemmerle made a motion to accept the bid from Cunningham Recreation, second by Davidson. **AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

ii. Hemmerle presented that Teresa Mazzini from Sangamon County Public Health contacted the city to see if we would be interested becoming partners with the health department for a "Kid-Friendly Zone" (Smoke Free Parks). They will provide up to three signs for us to post at our parks. Hemmerle asked that Grischow review the draft ordinance that we received and create an updated ordinance.

iii. There is a quote from AMCO Fence for Merritt Field for the councils review.

g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle

i. Hemmerle noted that west exit at the library is not up to code because there is a step at the exit and is not handicap accessible. He will follow up with Amy Steele on bids.

VIII. Executive Session

a. A motion was made by Rathgeber to enter into executive session regarding pending litigation, second by Davidson. **Voice Vote: AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

b. A motion was made by Rathgeber to exit executive session and come back into open session, second by Hemmerle. **Voice Vote: AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

IX. Adjournment

i. A motion was made by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM, second by Hemmerle. **Voice Vote: AYE: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, and Rathgeber. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kessler and Tanner. (6-0-2)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk