

**City of Auburn
Council Minutes
November 16, 2009**

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 7:00 p. m.

PRESENT: Gillock, J. Powell, Rathgeber, Thornton, Svetlik, Warwick, Tanner, Berola, Johnson and Appelt.

ABSENT: M. Kessler

I. City Clerk's Report- Thornton

- Minutes of the November 2, 2009 were presented for approval. Warwick made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Rathgeber seconds. Minutes approved by voice vote.
- The Cornerstone Community Church presented cookies by the way of Rod Johnson for the Council Members along with a card thanking the members for all they do.

II. Treasurer's Report- Appelt

- Appelt presented the bills list for November 1, 2009 thru November 16, 2009. Svetlik made the motion to approve the bill list, Gillock seconds. 7-0-1

AYES: Gillock, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Warwick, Tanner, Berola, Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kessler

- Appelt presented the financial statement for approval, Rathgeber made the motion to accept the report with a second by Svetlik. 7-0-1

AYES: Gillock, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Warwick, Tanner, Berola, Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kessler

III. Attorney's Report- Grischow

- Raylene informed the Council that Rubrich/Rabe easement, connected to Willemore Estates, they wished to vacate the easement. Warwick will inform them that Raylene advised the council that they will have to file a lawsuit to vacate and list the city as a defendant. The City will not contest the vacating of the easement.
- On the letters sent to Georgia Moore, Dean Main and Eric Hergenrother for ordinance violations to attend the meeting, the only person to show up was Georgia Moore. Ms. Moore has cleaned up her property and the cars are all in compliance. The Mayor thanked her for coming to the meeting and working to clean up her property. Centko stated that he knew Mr. Main had been visited by the Secretary of State Police about the cars he has had to be junked. The other two will be rechecked to see if they have complied with the letters.

IV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- The Mayor made a recommendation that Penny Williams be appointed to serve as the replacement on the Zoning Board. She was the only person that submitted a letter of interest. Gillock made the motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation of Penny Williams to the Zoning Board, Johnson seconds. 7-0-1

AYES: Gillock, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Warwick, Tanner, Berola, Johnson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kessler

- The Mayor received a letter from Wayne Moose, of Rutkoski Brothers, Incorporated as a formal request to use the road that formerly ran in front of the Lost Caboose Estates. Raylene is working on some sort of agreement.
- There will be a meeting of Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 900 South Ninth Street at 5:15 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. in conference Room 212. Anyone that wishes to attend may. In regards to the Regional Planning Commission, last meeting Mitch Wernsing was at the meeting to protest the rezoning of the five acres next to him that was in the City future compressive plan. The Mayor informed the Council that the re-zoning failed and the property will remain agricultural; the vote was 28-0. He stated that the Regional Planning Commission will help the City revise our comprehensive plan to address such situations.
- Birthdays acknowledged:
 - T.J. Henson November 16 8 years 8 months
 - Andy Carrigan 3 ½ summers

V. DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. KARHLIKER

- Karhliker reported that he and an engineer from Martin's had walked Kennedy Road and core samples were taken. The process has started on this road.

B. CENTKO

- Centko asked for a short Executive session on personnel. Svetlik made a motion to go into Executive session at 7:20 Gillock seconds, motion passed by voice vote.
- The Council returned into regular session at 7:30, Rathgeber made a motion to go back into regular session, Warwick seconds, Motion passed by voice vote.
- Centko reported that he had a police car; one of the better ones, that was totaled. The insurance check was for close to \$13,000.00. He found a couple of vehicles, a 2009 Chevrolet Impala for \$19,600.00 and a 2007 Chevy Tahoe at \$25,000.00. Both of these vehicles are available under state bid. There was discussion on the difference between the two. A motion by Gillock was to purchase the 2009 Impala from Miles Chevrolet in Decatur, Berola seconds the motion. 7-0-1

AYES: Berola, Johnson, Warwick, Gillock, Svetlik, Tanner, Rathgeber
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kessler

- Centko informed the Council that the transmission is out of the 2002 Chevrolet Impala and it needed to go out for bid, the mileage on the vehicle is around 80,000. Rathgeber made a motion to put the vehicle out for bid, Gillock seconds. 7-0-1

AYES: Berola, Johnson, Warwick, Gillock, Svetlik, Tanner, Rathgeber
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kessler

- There was discussion on rebuilding the transmission on the 2006 police car; there should be enough money in the budget for that.
- The Mayor did inform the Council that the State is about caught up in the disbursement of money.
- Centko then told the Council he received a grant for \$5,000.00 for a camera in the police car, the City's matching amount is \$1,000.00. Gillock made a motion to accept the grant second by Berola. 7-0-1

AYES: Berola, Johnson, Warwick, Gillock, Svetlik, Tanner, Rathgeber
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kessler

- Centko reminded the Council that the applications for a police officer and part-time dispatcher are due November 20th. He stated that there is a place reserved in the January 4, 2010 Police Training. He said there was only one application with PTI. He has just as many part-time dispatchers and won't mind hiring two if the applications are good.
- Centko also stated that they have had to call out Sangamon County Animal Control and was wondering if somehow this cost could be passed on to the animal owners. The two calls were for vicious dogs. Raylene is going to check the ordinances to see how they read now and will report back at the next meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS – JOHNSON

- Johnson had a proposal from Martin Engineering on Kennedy Road and called a Public Works meeting for Tuesday, November 24, 2009 to discuss the proposal.
- Johnson stated that Ameren CIPS was working at Phase 5 in Timberook and there is no guard rail on the bridge yet.

B. PUBLIC UTILITIES – WARWICK

- There were some questions on the Kruse proposal; Warwick called a meeting for November 30 to review all the questions. He will have a notice sent out.
- He stated that there were some New Wave problems but he thought they had been handled.

C. HEALTH OFFICER – BEROLA

- Berola had a question about 1045 West Adams, believed to be owned by Larry McClelland. A neighbor has complained of health concerns. Berola said he will check out the problems.
- He also commented on how well the Chief handled the grease spill. He also stated some of the city cost will be reimbursed.

D. PARKS - SVETLIK

- Svetlik reported the new dugouts were started on Saturday, November 14, 2009.

E. LIBRARY/ TECHNOLOGY – WARWICK

- The Library Board unapproved minutes were handed out to the Council, Warwick stated he believed there weren't any changes. Also he will present the proposed change in the Library hours at the next meeting.
- Technology, the only item he had was the digital voice recorder that the Clerk had been using. Warwick made a motion to purchase the recorder and accessories not to exceed \$300.00. Tanner seconds the motion and motion passed by voice vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- Raylene stated she had heard from Larry McClelland's attorney and he requested pictures of the problems at 927 W Jackson Street. Centko told Raylene he would take pictures and email them to her.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Rathgeber made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., Svetlik seconds the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary E. Thornton
City Clerk