

**City of Auburn
Council Minutes
September 7, 2010**

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 7:10 p. m.

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

I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT- Thornton

- Minutes of the August 16, 2010 were presented for approval. Rathgeber made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and to destroy the recorded copy. Kessler seconds. Minutes approved by voice vote.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

- The bills list for August 17th to September 6, 2010. Rathgeber made the motion to approve the bill list, Kessler seconds.

AYES: RATHGEBER, TANNER, KESSLER, SVETLIK

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BEROLA, WARWICK, JOHNSON, GILLOCK

Warwick arrived at 7:15 p.m.

III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Grischow

- Cable franchise ordinance, Raylene it has not gone to the company yet, but made a suggestion that we make sure Timberbrooke and Auburn Hills cable is in.
- Presented the first reading of 1310-10 pertaining to hiring standards p/t police ordinance.
- First reading 1311-10 Rural Electric Ordinance.
- The following properties had liens placed on them

449 South Sixth Street	Karen Walden Sherell
919 West Madison Street	Chandler Hailstone
507 Red Bud Lane	Bob Ihlenfeldt
1027 West Adams	Brad Barton Estate

IV. VISITORS

- Beth Sheff – 505 North 11th Street. Ms. Sheff was invited to the council meeting to discuss her property that is in need of repair. She explained that the contractor had taken the building supplies off her property to store as the City had asked to have the yard cleaned up. She has tried to get him to return them, but he is not taking any of her calls. She doesn't have the money to buy more supplies and the insurance will not advance any more money. She has tried several avenues to get money and is now waiting on a rural loan program. Ms. Sheff was told that she should file a report with the Attorney Generals Office. Kessler asked that she report back to the council by September 20, 2010 on the status of the loan.
- Dellann Stutsman representative for the Auburn Haunted Theater was asking that the City allow them to close Fifth Street at Monroe and Madison. They also requested a noise permits from 6 until 12. They will run the Haunted House every weekend in October. Warwick made a motion to allow the Auburn Haunted Theater to close off Fifth Street at

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Monroe and Madison and to grant them a noise permit from 6pm until 11:00pm.
Rathgeber second the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• The Mayor asked Kessler to give the report on the Community Center. Kessler stated that he and the Mayor had met with Randy Bourne, the contractor with the lowest bid. Mr. Bourne had three different options to do the project. The third bid from Mr. Bourne was accepted, they felt the blown in insulation was the preferable way to go on this project. Bourne stated that he can start right away and will work evenings to try to get the project done right away. Kessler made a motion to accept Bourne's third option and not exceed the amount of \$2,450.00. Warwick seconds the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK

• The Council also talked about having the city workers to do some dirt fill-in at the side of the building.

• The Mayor informed the Council that he was again approached by the School District to participate in the program that allows a student to work at least 2 hours a day. Mayor recommended Travis Cumming for student help. Kessler made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation for the city to participate in the school program again. Rathgeber seconds.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK

• Birthdays for September

Mike McCarthy	September 4	18 years 5 months
Jack Crissey	September 7	2 years

VI. DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Karhliker reported that they have changed over 75 gas meters and are hoping to complete more, they are ahead on installation.

- Commented on the low water pressure south of town due to a break in the water commission's line.
- During the last rain, Mike McCarthy saw the State Engineer and talked to him about the Jefferson Street drainage.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS – JOHNSON

• Johnson was not in attendance, but the Mayor stated that he and Mike McCarthy attended a meeting on the high speed rail. Road-Safe is scheduling the work through the Cities. Powell & McCarthy learned that the crossing will only be closed temporarily. The Mayor stated the Vice President of the Railroad heard them talking about the drainage ditch that goes under the tracks by the city pond

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and ball parks which is going to need some additional work. He gave the Mayor his card so they could discuss this further. The Work starts in Brighton and is coming this way.

- Raylene also stated that a lot of the problems with the easements have been caused by the Title Company, no one had heard of the title company which was recommended by Martin.

B. PUBLIC UTILITIES – WARWICK

- Warwick gave the report from the Utilities Committee of August 25, 2010. Warwick made a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to have Raylene draw up Ordinance # 1312-10 that the water rate be \$6.50 for the first thousand gallons and sixty-five cents for each hundred gallons following the first thousand. Second by Kessler.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK

- Utility committee also discussed the water line replacement along Route 104 and the new water line on Jodi road. The estimate on these two projects would be around \$13,000.00. The City is going to need an engineer on this project and after a discussion on engineers, the Committee made a recommendation to the Council to use Benton and Associates for these two projects. Warwick made a motion to the Council to accept the committees' recommendation to hire Benton and Associates of Jacksonville, IL as the Engineer on these two projects. Second by Kessler.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK

Rathgeber voted aye with reservation.

- Warwick again stated that we should make sure that Timberbrooke and Auburn Hills are included to have Cable service.

C. PARKS - SVETLIK

- Svetlik reported that one of the first things to be done at the ball fields is to have Lewis Electric move the electrical box.
- Stated that the AYBSA is going to go back to their committee to seek partial payment from them for the field maintenance.
- Mayor is going to check with Tom Myers and Dave Bates how the issue of the dugouts is going to be worked out. Svetlik had asked them to come to the meeting with plans.

D. LIBRARY/ TECHNOLOGY – WARWICK

- Warwick notified the Council that the Library Board is going to have a Trivia night on September 18, 2010 to raise funds for Molly Appelt and Ryken Bailey.

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- Warwick was informed Cyd Walters is resigning from the Library Board and the Board would like to recommend Diana Coffman back on the Board. There has been no official paper work received on this.
- The Library had some problems with the fire alarm and the company that installed it was called.
- The Board is very concerned over who owns the library building. Warwick stated that the Board was going to call Will Weitfielt as to the ownership. The Mayor stated the City of Auburn owns the building and why would they be calling Weitfielt?
- There was a short explanation on a library district.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Svetlik made a motion to adjourn, Rathgeber seconds the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary E. Thornton
City Clerk