

**CITY OF AUBURN
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2010**

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

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

ABSENT: Berola and Johnson

I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT- THORNTON

Minutes of the September 7, 2010 were presented for approval. Kessler made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction that he was present last meeting and to destroy the recorded copy. Rathgeber seconds and motion passed by voice vote.

The Clerk read a thank you from the family of Dewaine Hoagland for the plant the city sent to his mother's visitation.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT- APPELT

The bills list for September 7 to September 20, 2010 was presented by Appelt. Kessler made the motion to approve the bills list, Rathgeber seconds.

**AYES: RATHGEBER, TANNER, KESSLER, SVETLIK, WARWICK,
GILLOCK**

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: BEROLA, JOHNSON

The Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2010 was presented for approval. Rathgeber made a motion to accept the report as presented and Kessler seconds the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, GILLOCK, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: BEROLA, JOHNSON

Berola arrives at 7:30 p.m

Johnson arrives at 7:35 p.m.

III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT- GRISCHOW

Raylene had several ordinances to present for first and second readings.

A. Ordinance # 1310-10, second reading, Hiring standards P/T Police Ordinance. Gillock made a motion that the council pass Ordinance 1310-10, Kessler seconds the motion.

**AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, GILLOCK, WARWICK,
RATHGEBER, KESSLER, BEROLA AND JOHNSON.**

NAYES: NONE

B. Ordinance #1311-10, second reading for RECC Agreement. There was discussion on a problem with the date on page 3 paragraphs 2, which

should read 2005 instead of 2010. The Council decided to go ahead and pass this Ordinance with the notation of the dates. Kessler made the motion to pass Ordinance #1311-10 and Warwick seconds the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, GILLOCK, WARWICK, KESSLER, RATHGEBER, BEROLA AND JOHNSON.

NAYES: NONE

- C. Ordinance # 1312-10, Water rate ordinance, Raylene wrote up two ordinances on this for the second reading. One listed the actual raise and the other has no figure but only states the Council is authorized to make rate changes. The one with the actual raise in it will have to be redone every time there is an increase. The other is one that can stay on the books and the Council will only have to vote on the increase. It was decided to go with the one without the rates, Warwick made a motion to adopted Ordinance 1312-10 and Kessler seconds the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER.

NAYES: NONE

The rate increase on the water raise will have to be voted on at the first meeting in October.

- D & E. Raylene presented Ordinance 1313-10, Definition of Livestock and Ordinance 1314-10 Keeping Regulations of Livestock, for the first reading. Both of these ordinances will be voted on after the second reading.

- F. Narmont tenant-207 South Kennedy, Narmont was sent a letter to vacate the property and bring it into compliance. Berola stated that Narmont is on the Zoning Board Agenda for October 13, 2010 to discuss re-zoning for this property from B-2 to R-3.

IV. VISITORS

- A. Jason Garret came before the council to ask to turn 4 lots at 10th and North Street into 2 lots to build two new homes. Kessler said that is a good idea and the City will send a letter to the County to get the process going.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- A. The Mayor informed the Council that they needed to pass Resolution #50-10 pertaining to Scheduling of the BINA Public Hearing for refinancing of the bonds for Seventh Street. Kessler made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation to accept and pass Resolution #50-10. Rathgeber seconds the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER, JOHNSON, BEROLA

NAYES: NONE

- B. The Mayor stated that he has a request from the Masonic Lodge to close 5th Street from Jefferson to Adams Street for their Annual Haunted House at the Lodge. Their dates are the same as the Auburn Theater Haunted House every weekend in October. Kessler made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation to allow 5th Street from Jefferson Street to Adams Street to be closed for the Haunted House. Berola seconds the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER, JOHNSON, BEROLA

NAYES: NONE

- C. The Mayor stated that IDOT is working with the City to keep one of the Railroad crossings open during the replacement of the new tracks.
- D. The Mayor stated there were no birthdays, but Warwick stated that was wrong, Joe Powell's Birthday is September 14, 2010. Joe hasn't been employed by the City, but has served the City as Fireman, Emergency Squad member, Alderman and Mayor for over 30 years.

VI. DEPARTMENT HEADS

Centko said there was some health and safety issues on 118 West Sangamon, the discussion was the property is possibly in foreclosure. The Public Health Officer will look into it.

Karhliker stated that the inspection of the water tower had no problems and they should have the reports back shortly.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS – JOHNSON

Johnson reported that for the report from the Water Commission's Engineer, it would cost the City approximately \$419,000.00 to replace the water line and another \$130,000.00 for two water meter pits. There is still is a problem with easements. Johnson stated that this project is not going to get off the ground this year. The discussion focused on rather to go ahead and cover the old water line with new road, which would require a reevaluation of the plans which would possibly eliminate some easements. Reggie Benton of Benton Engineering was in the audience and he stated the best time to put out bids for asphalt is in the winter. The Council decided it was best to table this project until spring and have Phil Martin come and meet with the Council and specifically press for an early meeting to discuss plans without the water line.

The office manager asked about a bill from the Water Commission for \$8,750.00, for the first installment of the Engineering Fees for the Kennedy Road water line relocation. The council asked that she get an itemized statement from the water commission before the bill is paid.

B. PUBLIC UTILITIES – WARWICK

Warwick stated he has an engineering contract between the City and Benton Engineering to do the engineering on the 104 and Jodi Road projects. Warwick asked Benton if they could itemize the two projects separately; Benton stated there would be no problem with that. There was also discussion on installing two locations for Eastland to receive water. Kessler moved to enter into a contract with Benton Engineering to do the engineering on the Jodi Road and 104 water projects, not to exceed \$9,400.00 without authorization from a designated representative of the City. Warwick seconds the motion.

AYES: SVETLIK, TANNER, WARWICK, RATHGEBER, KESSLER, JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK

NAYES: NONE

The project will get started once all the permits and paper work is completed.

Warwick stated that the Cable Company is working in the Timberbrook Subdivision.

Svetlik left the meeting at 8:00.

C. HEALTH AND SAFETY – GILLOCK

Gillock requested an executive session on negotiations.

Kessler spoke up at the same time that he would like to include a personnel issue at the same time.

D. HEALTH OFFICER – BEROLA

Berola stated that the trailer across from the 104 Store on Jackson Street is in a worse state of repair than it was when the subject came up a year ago. It seems nothing has been done about the trailer itself. The Mayor said he would talk to Don Kern who owns the property and would inform him that the City is considering having the property condemned; he would also send a letter.

The old Mobile Station on the corner of Jackson and Fifth is continually falling in. Raylene will email Todd Wise of the United Community Bank to inform him something needs to be done with the building. The utilities have been moved so it can be torn down at any time.

E. LIBRARY/ TECHNOLOGY – WARWICK

Warwick stated the Trivia night held by the Library Board was a success. Warwick called attention to the letter of resignation from Cyd Walter from the Library Board. A notice has been posted at the Library asking for applications. The Library Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00.

Rathgeber made a motion to go into Executive session at 8:30 and Kessler seconds the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Gillock made a motion to go back into regular session at 9:00, Rathgeber seconds the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Gillock made a motion to allow the Chief to look into hiring two part-time officers for his department. Kessler seconds the motion.

AYES: TANNER, JOHNSON, BEROLA, GILLOCK, WARWICK, KESSLER, RATHGEBER

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: SVETLIK

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Gillock made a motion to adjourn at 9:05, Rathgeber seconds the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Thornton
City Clerk