

**CITY OF AUBURN  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 17, 2010**

Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. Present were Svetlik, Tanner, Johnson, Berola, J. Powell, Rathgeber, Thornton, Appelt, Grischow.

**I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – Thornton**

- Svetlik stated she voted “no” on the hiring of Jan Harden at the Council Meeting on May 3, 2010.
- The minutes of the May 3, 2010 were presented, Warwick made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction and to destroy the recorded minutes, Rathgeber second the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Raylene reported that the minutes of March 1, 2010, with Rob McWhinnie, had been transcribed and now could be destroyed. Rathgeber made a motion to destroy the recording of March 1, 2010, Kessler seconds. Motion passed by voice vote.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT – Appelt**

- Appelt presented the bills list from May 1, 2010 to May 18, 2010 for approval. Kessler made the motion to approve and pay the bills second by Rathgeber.

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

- Appelt presented the financial report, and stated that the State Income tax and the sales tax are still behind for this fiscal year. Gillock made a motion to accept the financial report, Svetlik seconds.

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

**III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Grischow**

- Grischow announced she will be at the June 7, 2010 meeting but due to a c-section she will not be here June 21, 2010. She is working to get everything set up so her staff will be ready to help the City. She will meet tomorrow with her partner, Martin Engineering, Brett and Lesko to work on the 26 right-of-ways on Kennedy Road.

**IV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- The Carnival is in town and any concerns may be discussed with Chief Centko. The Department will staff the City Square as that is where the beer tent will be. He stated that if there is any trouble in the beer tent it will be closed down, as well as the bar, since the same people are running both places. They will have to be responsible for checking ID's of people going into the beer tent.

- Birthdays for this month, Todd Agans, May 17, 5 years and 1 month.

**V. DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

**A. CENTKO**

- Stated that there has been drag racing on Jefferson Street, some one has painted a start line on 11<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson. There was discussion on how to solve the problem. It was suggested maybe the City could borrow a van from the State that they use to catch speeders in Work areas.

- The car let out for bids was picked up and the check was in.

**B. C POWELL**

- Jan Harden has started work and it will take her longer the first time due to the fact the buildings had not been cleaned.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. ADMINISTRATION - Berola**

- There will be an Administrative Meeting on Tuesday May 18, 2010 with Niemann Foods/Harmon's Plaza and also to discuss gas and water fee taps.

**B. PUBLIC WORKS – Johnson**

- The City needs a resolution to allow spending of MFT monies for road work for this year. The cost of the maintenance will be \$46,322.50 for sealing work. Johnson made a motion to pass Resolution 49-10 to appropriate \$47,000.00 from MFT to do road work for 2010. Berola seconds the motion.

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

**NAYS: NONE**

- The Mayor stated that right of ways will now be assigned a tax number and tax bills will be sent. The City will have to file for an exemption. Also, the subdivision ordinances will need to address this new devolvement.

**C. PUBLIC UTILITIES – Warwick**

- Warwick stated that in the franchise agreement with New Wave the 30 homes per mile should be looked into and to make sure that any new subdivision will be provided with cable coverage within a year of opening. Raylene stated that nothing has been sent to New Wave yet, the franchise she submitted for New Wave was for ideas and anything else the Council would like added.

**D. HEALTH AND SAFETY – GILLOCK**

- Gillock had a receipt from Chief Centko for continuing education that he attended in Peoria for two days. Gillock moved that the City reimburse him for \$78.40 for the overnight stay, Rathgeber seconds.

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**E. HEALTH OFFICER – Berola**

- At the last meeting the Ihlenfeldt Estate, 507 Red Bud Lane, had been declared a nuisance. The Estate has been settled and is now handled by a Bank. Berola made a motion to charge \$100.00 for mowing and \$100.00 fine, as the City had to mow the yard. Also in his motion he instructed Raylene to notify the Bank that any additional mowing done by the City will be \$100.00 for mowing and \$100.00 fine for each mowing. Also she is to file a lien against the property. Kessler seconds.

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**NAYS: NONE**

- Warwick asked Berola about some brush piles he has seen and also about Landers burning brush on the vacant lot next to his building at 1222 W Jackson Street.
- Another issue is the property at 1027 West Adams; this property has been on the agenda before. This is the Brad Barton Estate and Joe Demma has been the person the City has contact with. The City has sent a letter concerning the grass and the water in the pool. After much discussion a motion by Kessler that if the letter telling them to clean up by June 7, 2010 was not complied with, the City will declare the property a nuisance and the City will start fining the owners \$100.00 to \$500.00 a day. Also Raylene was instructed to do a search to see who owns the property, and a lien will be filed against the estate. Berola seconds.

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WARWICK, GILLOCK**

**NAYS: NONE**

**F. LIBRARY – Warwick**

- The Library Board will have a meeting on May 18, 2010. There is a posting of openings on the Library Board and letters must be in by June 1, 2010.
- Larry McClelland has erected a port-a-potty in the door way on 927 W Jackson Street. After discussion it was decided that it has an illegal sign and a non-conforming structure. Raylene was directed to send a letter to Mr. McClelland and have the Chief Centko deliver the letter. He will have three days after receipt of the letter to remove the port-a-potty or he will be fined \$50.00 a day until it is removed. Berola made the motion to send the letter, Rathgeber seconds, passed by voice vote.
- Kessler requested an executive session on pending litigation, He made a motion to go in to executive session at 8:00, Rathgeber second, motion passed by voice vote.
- Kessler made a motion to go back into regular session at 8:25, Rathgeber seconds the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Gillock made a motion to adjourn and Berola seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:25. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Mary E. Thornton,  
City Clerk