

**CITY OF AUBURN**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
February 22, 2011

Mayor Joe Powell called the Council meeting to order at 7:00, in attendance at the meeting were Svetlik, Tanner, Johnson, Powell, Warwick, Rathgeber, Thornton, Kessler and Appelt. Absent from the meeting were Berola and Gillock.

The Mayor stated that Kessler can participate in the meeting by conference call because he had followed the requirements to do so.

**I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT** – Thornton presented the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting for approval. Svetlik made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and to destroy the recorded copy, Tanner second the motion. Passed by voice vote.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Appelt presented the bills list from February 8, 2011 to February 22, 2011. As there were no questions, Tanner made a motion to accept the bills list, Rathgeber second the motion. 6-0-2

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

• Appelt presented the Financial Statement for the past nine month period. Rathgeber made a motion to accept the financial report, Johnson second the motion. 6-0-2

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

**III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT, GRISCHOW** -Raylene presented an Ordinance she had drafted in regards to the snow removal. After a short discussion on possible problems, it was decided to table the ordinance until all had a chance to review. Raylene stated she would report on the Kennedy Road project during Public Works committee report.

**IV. VISITORS:**

• Rathgeber gave the report for the Zoning Committee. Jonathan Purviance had filed a zoning variance for the house at 219 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Rathgeber stated that there was not a quorum for the meeting but the members present talked it over and saw no reason not to allow him to replace the porch. Rathgeber stated he felt that the Council should allow the variance, in order for Mr. Purviance to complete the porch as it will be another month until they meet again. He made a motion to that effect, Svetlik second the motion. 6-0-2

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

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- Rathgeber informed the Council that they talked about the carpools and the committee is not ready to make a recommendation. They did not find ordinances from other towns. It is possible the present ordinance will cover the problem.
- Mike Henn was present to discuss dates for the Carnival; the dates are May 19, 20, 21. Everything went well last year and he felt there would be no changes. He did ask about trimming some tree limbs. He and Karhliker will get together later.

**V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS.** The Mayor stated that the Attorney needs to go ahead and work on a Peddlers ordinance. It is felt peddlers needs to register and pay a fee to obtain a license. There were some problems over the weekend.

- Employee's birthday for the month:  
Terry White February 29 Employed 18 years and 7 months

**VI. DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- A. CENTKO** stated that the department is in compliance with the NIMS.
- B. KARHLIKER** stated that the repairs for the backhoe would run less than \$2,000.00 and it could possibly last a couple more years.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS – JOHNSON**

- Johnson reported that there is now a clear title on the Water Commission property.
- The Stratton's, who formerly owned the Upton-Dill property, stated that they gave her a clean title. She has refinanced and Zelle Title had no problems with the property. Compass Title stated they will not give a clean title for this property. It was determined to have Zelle Title to do the Title work. It will be an additional expense but then Raylene can go ahead and do the addendum to the easement. The addendum to the easements are complete and the Mayor and Johnson are going to get the signatures hopefully by the end of the week. The need of the addendum is for the City to maintain the road. Once the easements are obtained, the final plans will go to IDOT.
- Also the Jodi Road project needs to have the final papers for the engineer; legal work had to be redone because of the move to the opposite side of the road.

**B. PUBLIC UTILITIES- WARWICK**

- Warwick stated that he was looking at the gas rates, the rates for January increased .50 cents. Actually rate for December was \$8.65, for January, \$8.55.
- There was a letter from New Wave the cable provider stating they were going to raise the basic rates. Warwick stated that sometimes Disney and Fox channels force the Cable companies to take channels which sometimes cause increases.
- Ameren has informed the IL Commerce Commission that they will file to raise their rates.

**C. PARKS – SVETLIK**

- Svetlik reported that the date for installing the playground equipment has been moved to April 2, 2011.

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- Svetlik asked about the property at 115 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, the junk haulers residence, and how many complaints have been made.
- Asked when the meeting to talk about the parking situation was to be held, Johnson stated that he will set the meeting in the near future.

**D. LIBRARY – WARWICK**

- There will be a Library Board meeting on Tuesday February 15, 2011 at the Library. The Board is holding a garage sale at the VFW on March 12, 2011 to raise funds for the library.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Svetlik made a motion to adjourn at 7:45, Johnson seconds. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thornton  
City Clerk