

CITY OF AUBURN
Council Minutes
March 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Powell. In attendance were Svetlik, Tanner, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Warwick, Rathgeber, Thornton and Appelt along with the City Attorney Grischow, Chief Centko, Office Manager Connie Powell and Superintendent Karhliker.

I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – Thornton

- The Clerk presented the Council with minutes of the last meeting held February 22, 2011 for approval. Svetlik made a motion to approve the minutes and to destroy the recorded minutes, Tanner second the motion. Motion was passed by voice vote.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT- Appelt

- Appelt presented the bills list from February 23, 2011 to March 7, 2011 for approval. There was discussion on a bill that was a purchase for the high school football field, they needed a part for repairs and it was cheaper for the City to purchase it for them, they are going to be billed by the City. Rathgeber made a motion to approve the bills list and Warwick seconds.

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

III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Grischow

- Raylene asked if there were any discussion on the snow removal ordinance, if it is for streets only or uptown sidewalks. Warwick stated he felt the ordinance should be tabled until a later date.
- The next item Raylene had worked on was the Peddler's Ordinance and just what should be included. The discussion included the idea to have the peddler's purchase a license, register and pay a fee for the license. The Council does not wish to discourage local groups from selling for their organizations. Another item was selling vegetables in right-of-ways. Berola asked about sales tax from the ice cream truck and Schwann's.
- Jodi road easements are with the engineers; if there are no changes, it will be ready to go. Raylene stated the Mayor had to sign an exemption for taxes.

IV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Birthdays for the month of March
March 16, 2011 Bruce Centko 21 years and 7 months

V. DEPARTMENT HEADS

- A. CENTKO** - The grant check for the computers is being written and should be received shortly.
- B. C. POWELL** – Reported that Tammy Boesdorfer from the Junior Women's Club had given the City a check for \$500.00. The City had given them a check for that amount and as they are disbanding the group felt they wanted to give the money back. The money was used to buy a large Christmas tree for the square.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. ADMINISTRATION – Berola** called for a budget meeting to be held March 15, 2011 at 7:00. Berola would like all department heads and committee chairmen to have figures for any big projects.
- B. PUBLIC WORKS- Johnson** The easements are ready for signatures and ask C. Powell to see if she could call the people to come in on Tuesday or Thursday night to sign them. He stated that there will be a map to show where the easement is and where the road is going. There is a problem with one property not having an easement for the sewer and another the legal description was a problem. The Mayor also mentioned that the City was in need of an engineer for the MFT work to be done this summer. He stated he felt we should look to the west for an engineer, meaning Benton. Johnson stated that Martin was going to work with the City not to go over the budget amount on the Kennedy Road and he felt that the City should go with Martin. Mayor Powell stated that when the City first hired Martin, they stated they did not have the license to work on sewer and water lines, but they were willing to obtain whatever was needed. The Mayor stated it has been two years and they have not attempted to obtain these licenses. Karhliker then stated he felt it was not right for any council or citizens to criticize the engineers when they were not present to defend themselves. Johnson stated that the City should have two or three engineers come in and be interviewed and their charges looked over. The Mayor then stated that it will take at least a month or more to get the approval to get ready for the road work in town this summer. Johnson felt that Martin should be the engineer and made a motion to hire Martin do the engineering work on the MFT road work, Svetlik seconds the motion. The Mayor then stated that as this was not on the agenda that it really could not be voted on. Johnson rescinded his motion and Svetlik rescinded her second. Johnson also stated he would like a Public Works meeting to discuss the parking situation on March 15, 2011 before the Administration meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- C. HEALTH AND SAFETY – Gillock** stated that March 23, 2011 was the date to begin negotiations with the FOP.
- D. HEALTH OFFICER – Berola** asked how many tires were allowed on a property. It was suggested to call the EPA or the Public Health Department for the information. It seems that the junk man on 7th Street has several tires. He also stated that he was talking to Don Kern of the 104 Store about the trailer.
- E. LIBRARY – Warwick** stated there will be a Library Board meeting on March 22, 2011 and also not to forget the Garage Sale that the Board is having on March 12, 2011.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Warwick made a motion at 7:55 to adjourn and Rathgeber made the second. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Thornton
City Clerk