

**CITY OF AUBURN
COUNCIL MINUTES
July 18, 2011**

Mayor Powell called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: J. Powell, Hemmerle, Tanner, Applet, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Kessler, Warwick, Thornton, Grischow, Karhliker, Centko, and C. Powell. Absent: Rathgeber.

I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – THORNTON

- Kessler made a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2011 and destroy the recorded copy. Second by Warwick. 7-0-1

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

II. TREASURER'S REPORT – Appelt

- Appelt presented the bills list from July 1, 2011 to July 18, 2011. Kessler made a motion to approve the bills list, second by Warwick. 7-0-1

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

III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Grischow

- Raylene presented Ordinance 1328-11, the withdrawal of the City of Livermore from the Interstate Municipal Gas Agency. Ordinance 1329-11, zoning ordinance to read that a variance request may only be made by the owner of record of the property. They are both first readings.
- The bills on the property at 919 W. Madison have been paid, so the lien was released.
- She is still working on the peddler's ordinance and the fines.

IV: VISITORS

- Steve Hergenrother of 707 North 5th Street and Eric Hergenrother of 115 North 7th Street were both present about cleaning their property. The properties were checked and everything is fine. They have been working from a commercial property. Eric stated that he was going to be moving in a couple of months. Berola made a motion to abate the fines from the last letters sent. Kessler seconds. 7-0-1

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCormick of 306 Red Bud Lane came before the Council in regards to the rejected building permit for their fence. Their house is on a corner lot and there were some problems with putting a 6 foot fence up. There was much discussion to find the best way to do the fence. Kessler and Berola both suggested that they ask for a variance. The Building Inspector will re-inspect the property if changes are made on the application.
- Shores, 1013 W Jackson St, have not had the piece of fence removed yet.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- There was a Liquor Commission meeting on July 13, 2011. Rocki's, Casey's and the 104 Store were in attendance. Discussion was on beer gardens and the dates these were opened and closed. Entrances for beer gardens were discussed. Payments for licenses is paid quarterly, but the owners like the idea of one payment a year. The golf course was discussed regarding having beer on the golf course. The Club enforces no drinking in the parking lot. The fee schedule on liquor licenses' need to be compared to other communities.
- There was also a mention on licensing fees for roofing and siding.
- The Mayor stated that Tim Hemberger purchased land on Iris zoned B2. He would like to have dual zoning on this, B2 and Ag. He has built some storage buildings and would like to have part of it used to grow alfalfa. He would have to go before the zoning board to have the zoning changed.

- Birthday's for the month:
Becky Brummett City Office July 22, 2011 16 years 4 months

VI: DEPARTMENTS HEADS

- A. **Centko**- reported he would like a Police meeting
Also reported that Jeremy Angelo had resigned as part time police officer.
- B. **Karhliker** reported that they are working on the Bandstand.
- C. **C. Powell** - said some calls were made to the County and the State about 1027 W. Adams, Brad Barton property. State informed us that we could now tear down the house. A notice was mailed to Barton's daughter and the notice was published in the paper. Either the City or the County can tear it down. It has been suggested that the City check with Allen White about tearing down the house. There was talk about passing a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement to have the house torn down. After some discussion it was decided to have Raylene check into liens and any other problems that might arise from tearing down the house. The house removal will be put on the August 1, 2011 agenda.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **ADMINISTRATION – Berola** stated that there were some door to door people in the neighborhood of Warwick; Raylene is working on the Peddler's Ordinance.
- B. **PUBLIC WORKS – Johnson** reported the Kennedy Road plans have been delivered to IDOT for approval. Karhliker and Martin have been working on drainage for the road.
- C. **HEALTH AND SAFETY – Gillock** made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeremy Angelo as part-time police office second by Kessler. 7-0-1

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

- Gillock stated that there will be a Health and Safety meeting first part of August.
- D. **HEALTH OFFICER – Berola** stated that Barb Woods of 917 W Maple Street had presented the plat for dividing her property into two lots. Berola made a motion to change the lot as reflected by the plat and send a letter to Sangamon County that the City will allow this. Second by Kessler. 7-0-1

AYES: Hemmerle, Tanner, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Warwick, Kessler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rathgeber

E. PARKS – Tanner reported on the Parks meeting held on July 12, 2011. They discussed revising the price quote given by Universal Sports Lighting and B & B Electric for the installation of lights at Leonard Field. It was felt that the quote for pole replacement at Merritt field should be lower.

- AYBSA is going to purchase a new batting cage net and the construction will be along the left field fence behind Leonard Field.

Smith asked Karhliker's crew to finish spreading remaining clay and till all the fields.

- Tanner made a motion to purchase two basketball hoops for the East Park not to exceed \$2,800.00 second by Warwick. 7-0-1

AYES: Hemmerle, Tanner, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Warwick, Kessler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rathgeber

- Tanner made a motion to approve purchase of 4 sling swing seats and one baby seat for Veterans Park. Warwick seconds. 7-0-1

AYES: Hemmerle, Tanner, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Warwick, Kessler

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Rathgeber

F. LIBRARY – Warwick reported on the new officers for the Library, President - Melissa Warwick, Vice President - Mandie Henson, Treasurer- Julie Waghorn, and Secretary - Amy Steele.

- Warwick reported on damage in the men's restroom that needed to be repaired, he presented a bid by Wright Drywall in the amount of \$720.00 to make improvements. Warwick made a motion to have the City pay for the repairs and Kessler second the motion. 7-0-1

AYES: Hemmerle, Tanner, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Warwick, Kessler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rathgeber

Berola made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 second by Kessler. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary E. Thornton
City Clerk