

**CITY OF AUBURN**  
Council Minutes  
November 7, 2011

Mayor Joe Powell called the Council meeting to order at 7:00. Present: Kessler, Rathgeber, Gillock, Berola, Johnson, Tanner, Hemmerle, Appelt, Thornton, Centko & Karhliker. Absent: Warwick

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT – THORNTON**

Minutes of the October 17, 2011 were presented for approval. Kessler made a motion to approve the minutes and destroy the recorded copy. Second by Rathgeber, motion passed by voice vote.

**TREASURERS REPORT – APPELT**

The bills list from October 18 to October 31 was presented. Rathgeber made a motion to approve the bills list. Second by Kessler. 7-0-1

**AYES:** Tanner, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Rathgeber, Kessler

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Warwick

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT – GRISCHOW**

- Raylene spoke with Elizabeth Cullers in reference to the Brad Barton estate; she informed Raylene that they were no longer interested in the property. Ed Beasley has bought the property for taxes; he has the opportunity to redeem the property for the money that he has against the property. If he does this, then the property will go to a Sheriff's sale. Kessler is going to call Mr. Beasley to find out his intentions.

Warwick came in at 7:15.

**VISTORS:**

- Tom Magro and Jim McClelland came to the meeting to discuss Magro purchasing ground from McClelland to build a locker and resale meat market. Magro is asking for annexation to the City for city utilities. Magro is planning on building an 8,000 square foot building. They are attempting to find a way to use the old locker as a school for meat cutters. There are some grants from the Greater Springfield Council that can be obtained for utilities to assist in the building of a facility.

Benton is working on plans for the installation of utilities. The Council is in favor of doing what ever they can to help with this. Nothing is going to be done until spring now.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- The Mayor received a letter from the Water Commission to ask he reappoint Mike McCarthy for a six year term on the Commission. The Mayor made a recommendation to the Council to re-appoint McCarthy to the Commission. Rathgeber made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of McCarthy to the water commission as Auburn representative term ending December 2017. Berola seconds the motion. 8-0

**AYES:** Hemmerle, Tanner, Johnson, Berola, Gillock, Warwick, Rathgeber, Kessler.

**NAYES:** None

- Birthday for the month of November:  
T. J. Henson                      November 16                      10 years and 8 months

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- **CENTKO** made a request for a short executive session on personnel.
- **KARHLIKER** notified the Council the water pit was in for Jodi Road project and will be installed weather permitting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **PUBLIC WORKS** – Johnson stated that the contractor on the Kennedy Road project reported they were shutting down their asphalt plant for the winter and will continue the project in the spring. Also Johnson informed the Mayor that the rock in the ditch is to help with erosion.
- **PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Warwick reported that New Wave has raised their rates.
- **HEALTH AND SAFETY** – Gillock reported that there was a response by the Police Department on the new peddler permit.
- **LIBRARY/TECHNOLOGY** – Warwick informed the Council the Library Board will meet on November 15 at the Library.

Warwick also asked about the sign at Fourth and Jackson (Ruby's Café), as it is blocking the view of traffic. Also there was discussion about Mr. Haggles signs and merchandise on the right away.

Rathgeber made a motion to go into Executive session at 7:15, second by Kessler, passed by voice vote.

Rathgeber made a motion to go back into regular meeting at 7:25, second by Gillock, passed by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Gillock made a motion to adjourn at 7:40, second by Rathgeber, passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Thornton  
City Clerk