

**City of Auburn
Council Minutes
February 21, 2012**

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

I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – Thornton

- Minutes of February 6, 2012 were presented by the Clerk, Kessler made a motion to accept the minutes and destroy the recorded copy, Rathgeber seconds, Motion passed by voice vote.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT – Appelt

- The bills list from February 1 thru February 21, 2012 was presented by C. Powell in the absence of Appelt. Warwick made a motion to accept the bills list as presented, Kessler seconds. 8-0

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

NAYS: None

III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

- Connie stated that Raylene asked the Council to wait until she was present to discuss the provisions for Police Sergeant.
- Rev. Brian Hay was present about the property at 111 South Fifth Street as he, along with the City, received a letter from the tenants of the house stating that the house that they have rented will not be available until March 20, 2012, which is after their deadline of February 19, 2012. Rev Hay asked what they could do to help with this problem. Kessler stated he did not see any problem with the people staying in the property until March 20. After a discussion the Council decided that they would allow an April 1st deadline to give them ample time to move. Kessler made a motion to allow the additional time until April 1, 2012, second by Rathgeber. 8-0

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

NAYS: None

The City office will send a letter to the tenant, Thomas Burns and also the Nazarene Church informing them of the Council decision.

- Berola made a motion to pass revised Appendix A, fine/fee schedule as presented, second Kessler. 8-0

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

NAYS: None

- The Council also was presented with the revised version of Ordinance 1339-12 dealing with the banning of synthetic alternative drugs, Berola made a motion to pass this revision, Kessler seconds. 8-0

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

NAYS: None

IV. VISITORS

- The Mayor asked for a report from Rathgeber representing the Zoning Committee. Craig Ladage had appeared before the zoning committee for approval of the final plat at Willemore Estates third Addition and also not to require sidewalk installation or a letter of credit contingent upon approval of the Council. The discussion was who should be responsible for sidewalks in subdivisions.
- A motion was made by Rathgeber to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to change the subdivision ordinance to require lot owners to install sidewalks on their lots and if after 80% of the lots in a subdivision have been sold or 8 years time has elapsed responsibility for installing of sidewalks reverts back to the developer for installation. A bond or letter of credit will be required for the value of improving 20% of the subdivision lots. Second by Kessler. 8-0

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

- Rathgeber made a motion to approve the Zoning Committees recommendation to approve the final flat for Willemore Estates third addition without requiring sidewalk installation or a letter of credit contingent upon the Council's approval of a change to the subdivision ordinance in regards to sidewalk installation responsibilities, second by Kessler. 8-0

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

- Todd Smith was present to ask the Council what the decision was on his problem with overnight parking of his race trailer. After much discussion, Kessler informed Smith that he himself had the same problem with a trailer he pulls during football season, but it is rather difficult to allow parking just in certain places, the main reason being that in some places of the City it would be hard for emergency vehicles to drive around the parked vehicles. Kessler made a motion stating that he would move to follow the Administration Committee's recommendation to leave the Ordinance as written. Second by Berola. 5-2-1

AYES: Tanner, Berola, Gillock, Warwick, Kessler
NAYS: Johnson, Rathgeber
PRESENT: Hemmerle

- At the same time Jeff Zak, who drives a Farmer's Brothers Coffee truck was checking to see if he could park his truck on the road, as it is breaking up his drive way. He was informed that, as long as his license for the truck is under 16,000 pounds, he could park on the road way.
- Todd Smith had several other questions for the City: 1. He was asking how long the sewer surcharge lasted and how much was paid on the loan. He was under the impression that this loan was obtained in 1997, the funding was not granted until the year 2000 and was a 20 year loan. C. Powell stated she would be more than glad to get this information for him, but would have to check the records. 2. He was not satisfied with the Dickey John culvert, but was informed that it had been installed by the township and he would have to check with them on that. 3. He asked about Red Bud Park and when would the citizens see some progress there. He was informed by Warwick that it is going to take at least 1.2 million dollars to build that park, and the dirt work alone is

\$250,000.00. The tax that was passed was for the use of all the parks in the City and there has been new equipment added to all parks. There is a balance of approximately \$50,000.00 in the budget for parks. Up until the time that the park tax was levied there was no individual moneys for parks; when doing the budget, the parks basically got what was left over and the City could afford. With the tax the City has been able to make some improvements to the parks.

V. DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. CENTKO- informed the Council that by January 1, 2013 the City is going to have to have narrow band upgrade in the sirens and they must be compatible by then. He presented a proposal from Griffin Tower Communications in Decatur, IL which was in the amount of \$3,470.00 for the two sirens. There is an approximate ten week lead time on shipment on the narrow band boards. Kessler made a motion to purchase the boards not to exceed \$3,470.00, Gillock seconds. 8-0

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

- Karhliker stated at this time he needed five radios; are these narrow band?

B. KARHLIKER - informed the Council that there is going to have to be different way to drain the water in from the township garage. It was suggested he have the Engineer to work on a proposal for this.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION – Berola

- Demolition permit: did not come to any conclusions on this.
- Trailer ordinance: decided to leave it just as it just as it is; it has been working very well.
- Have an Administration meeting in March to discuss the budget.
- Berola discussed the police tax being on the Primary ballot. The City is getting less and less support from the County, we have 5 full time officers compared to Chatham's 15 officers and the City receives 2,000 more calls than Chatham per month. The tax would give the police budget at least \$44,000.00 a year which would pay for an extra officer. By having an extra officer it will cut down on overtime and give the City more police coverage.

B. PUBLIC WORKS – Johnson

- Johnson asked Karhliker to get a couple of bids to have the survey done to replace the property pins that were not replaced when the sewer line was done. Karhliker will take care of this.

C. HEALTH AND SAFETY – Gillock

- The FOP has a proposal for the City and Gillock would like a short executive session after the meeting.

D. HEALTH OFFICER – Berola

- Berola stated that the old Large property owned by Steve Johnson has some problems and needs some attention. He asks the office to send a letter.

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E. PARKS – Tanner

- The baseball association is going to pour slabs for bleachers at the cost of \$750.00 which they are going to pay.

F. LIBRARY- Warwick

- Warwick stated that the Library wanted him to thank the City helpers for doing work at the library. He also wanted to check to see if the Community Center would be available the night before their "Souper Saturday."

• Rathgeber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 second Kessler, passed by voice vote.

• Hemmerle made a motion to go back into Regular Session at 8:30. Second by Tanner passed by voice vote.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Hemmerle made a motion to adjourn at 8:32, second by Rathgeber, passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E Thornton
City Clerk