

**City of Auburn  
Council Minutes  
July 16, 2012**

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

Mayor Powell appointed Connie Powell as acting City Clerk for tonight's meeting. Motion by Kessler to approve Mayor Powell's appointment of Connie Powell as acting City Clerk for tonight's meeting. Second by Rathgeber. Passed by voice vote.

**I. City Clerk's Report- C. Powell**

- The council minutes of July 2, 2012 were presented for council approval. Motion by Kessler to approve the minutes of July 2, 2012. Second by Rathgeber. Passed by voice vote.

**II. Treasure's Report - C. Powell**

- Bills list from July 1, 2012 thru July 16th was presented for approval. Motion by Rathgeber to approve the bills list as presented. Second by Gillock. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Hemmerle, Tanner

- Motion to approve the Financial Statement ending June 30, 2012 by Rathgeber. Second by Kessler. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Hemmerle, Tanner

- Senator Sam McCann was present to check with council about any concerns the city may have. The Mayor asked Senator McCann to help the council present Chris Warwick with a plaque thanking him for the time he served on the Council. Chris has moved out of his ward so he can no longer serve in his ward. The Mayor and council thanked Chris for his service.
- Kessler also gave Senator McCann a copy of the city's statement of State Income Tax the city has received, and informed the Senator that by the State being behind in their payments, it puts the city in financial straits. He acknowledged the statement and said he would look into it.

**III. Attorney's Report: Mayor Powell**

- Kessler made a motion to classify the Prevailing Wage Ordinance, #1353-12, as needing to be passed by emergency passage in order to comply with the States' Prevailing Wage Ordinance filing time frame. Rathgeber seconds. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Tanner, Hemmerle

- Motion by Kessler to approve Ordinance #1353-12, Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Second by Rathgeber. 5-0-2

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**Ayes:** Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Tanner, Hemmerle

#### IV. Visitors

• Barb Woods's property at 9th and Maple was discussed at the meeting of July 2, 2012. She was to be sent a letter to clean up her property by July 31, 2012 after discussion about the nuisance fee; it was decided to give her until August 30, 2012 to clean up. Motion by Rathgeber to give Barb Woods until August 30, 2012 to clean up her property. Second by Gillock. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Kessler, Johnson, Rathgeber, Gillock  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Tanner, Hemmerle

• Steve Brooks was in attendance to ask the council to waive the fees for the use of the baseball fields on August 3rd, 4th and 5th. The Josh Brooks Memorial Softball tournament will be played then. He was also asking for the use of the concession stand. Motion by Rathgeber to let Steve Brooks use the concession stand at the ball fields and waive the fees for the use of the baseball fields for a tournament on August 3, 4, and 5 2012. Second by Kessler. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Kessler, Johnson, Rathgeber, Gillock  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Tanner, Hemmerle

#### V. Mayor's Comments

• Raylene had drafted a preliminary Curbside Collection Ordinance, but just wanted the council to review it. If the council has any suggestions they are to let her know, so it can be put on the agenda for the 1st reading on August 6, 2012.

**Birthdays:** Sue Barrett 7/17 employed 2 years 7.5 months  
Becky Brummett 7/22 employed 17 years 4 months

#### VI. Department Heads

A. **Centko** informed the council that they got a pick up truck from LESSO. Centko also informed the council that John Kilroy was now managing Sharp's Trailer Court.

#### VII. Committee Reports

A. **Public Works – Johnson** made a motion to pay K.E. Vas pay request #3, in the amount of \$377,648.32 for Kennedy Road. Second by Kessler. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Gillock  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Tanner, Hemmerle

• Mayor Powell made a recommendation to use the money the city gets from the DCEO Grant for the improvement of the entrances to Red Bud Park and the utilities to get stubbed into the park. Motion by Kessler to approve the Mayor's recommendation as stated above. Rathgeber seconds. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Gillock  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Tanner, Hemmerle

- The city is waiting on an easement from Sid Huber on for the north end of town. We need to check with Benton's and see if we need an easement from Steve Johnson on the north end of town for utilities.

**B. Health and Safety - Gillock**

- At the Administration/Public Safety meeting on July 10, 2012 the need for a 6th full time officer was discussed. On the recommendation of the committee, Gillock made a motion to have Police Chief Centko start the process of hiring another full time police officer. Second by Kessler. 5-0-2

**Ayes:** Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Tanner, Hemmerle

- Gillock stated that Raylene is reviewing the FOP contract and it will come back to the council at the next meeting.

**C. Health Officer-Berola**

- Raylene is researching the property at 312 Rose Drive pertaining to junking. It is not zoned as a junk yard and she will review her file to see how the city should proceed.
- Tim Stewart is continuing to clean up his property at 515 S. Kennedy. He will probably begin construction in the spring of 2013.

**D. Parks - Berola**

- At the parks committee on July 10, 2012, Trojan Field was discussed. Plans are to take down the fence and raise the outfield. Garage employee will do the work.
- Merritt Field needs to have the poles and fixtures replaced. Would like to put that in the budget for next fiscal year. Would like to meet in the fall with AYBSA to discuss any resources they may have to help out.

**VIII. Adjournment.**

- Motion by Gillock to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Second by Rathgeber. Passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Powell  
Acting City Clerk