

**City of Auburn
Council Minutes
November 19, 2012**

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

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 Pruitt. Passed by voice vote.

I. City Clerk's Report- C. Powell

The council minutes of November 5, 2012 were presented for council approval. Motion by Rathgeber to approve the minutes and destroy the recorded copy. Second by Kessler. Passed by voice vote.

II. Treasurer's Report - C Powell

A. Bills list from November 1, 2012 thru November 19, 2012 was presented for approval. Motion by Kessler to approve the bills list as presented. Second by Rathgeber. 8-0

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

B. Financial Statement for October 2012 was presented for approval. Motion by Gillock to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Second by Kessler. 8-0

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

III. Attorney's Report: Grischow

A. Raylene presented Ordinance #1359-12, pertaining to Signage for the second reading. The council would like the square footage changed under (b) General provisions for temporary signs in all zones (2) a,b,c,d, and e to say 32 square feet, also under (b) to delete (5) pertaining to sign illumination. Raylene will make the changes and bring back to the next council meeting. Kessler made a motion to table Ordinance # 1359-12 until the next council meeting. Second by Berola. 8-0

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

B. Raylene presented Ordinance #1360-12, pertaining to the Tax Levy for 2013 for the first reading. The council needs to review this, will be on agenda for second reading at the December 3, 2012 meeting.

IV. Visitor: Marc Landers

A. Landers was present to discuss his building permit application for his shed. After discussing the shed with the council he decided to place the shed on his property legally, without requesting a variance.

- B. Landers requested the sidewalk along side the Township Supervisor's Office, which was removed during the resurfacing project on Kennedy Road be replaced. Karhliker will review this request and check to see what it will entail to replace the sidewalk.
- C. Landers informed the council that after meeting with the Sangamon County Citizens Efficiency Committee, the township will be doing away with the Township Tax Collector position in Auburn Township.

V. Mayor's Comments

- A. Kessler thought it would be a good idea to meet with Jeff Fulgenzi, of the Regional Planning Committee to discuss the electric provider for Sangamon County. The council will invite Jeff and any interested parties to the council meeting on December 3, 2012. A representative from Ameren Illinois will also be invited.
- B. Gambling machines were discussed and the council decided that if any of the vendors in Auburn are interested in having the machines they should come forward and address the council.
- C. Birthdays:

Melissa Davis	11/26	3 years 3 months
Andy Carrigan	12/1	6years 6 months

VI. Department Heads

- A. Centko requested an executive session on negotiations.

Patrick Longmeyer previously did oil changes and mechanical repairs on police cars. He is resigning from working for the city. Bruce is requesting the city hire Cliff McNew to replace Longmeyer. Mayor Powell appointed McNew as the vehicle maintenance man for the police department. Motion by Kessler to approve the Mayors appointment of McNew at \$12.00 an hour for vehicle maintenance for the police department. Second by Berola. 8-0

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

- B. Karhliker advised the council a walk through will be done on Kennedy Road before the next council meeting.

Karhliker presented Patrick Longmeyer's resignation letter stating his last day will be November 23, 2012. Mayor stated he was a good employee and will be missed. Motion by Johnson to accept Longmeyer's resignation. Second by Kessler. 8-0

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

Will advertise for laborer at a later date, to replace Longmeyer.

Karhliker informed the council there was a water main break on John Narmont's property at Richland Stables. Lindy Dambacher was putting in a tile without a JULIE locate and hit a water main. City will be billing Narmont for the cost of repairs to the main, man power, and the water loss.

- C.** C. Powell requested the city office employees be allowed to work all day on December 31, 2012, and allow the office be closed all day on December 24, 2012. These are both half day work days for the employees, office would work one full day on December 31 and have one full day off on December 24. Berola made a motion to have the city office closed on December 24, 2012 and open all day on December 31, 2012. Second by Rathgeber. 8-0

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

VII. Committee Reports

A. Administration - Berola

Berola made a motion to give all full-time employees a \$150.00 gift card/gift certificate to a business in town and a \$50.00 gift card/gift certificate to all part-time employees. Second by Kessler 7-1

Ayes: Berola, Gillock, Hemmerle, Kessler, Tanner, Pruitt, Rathgeber
Nays: Johnson

B. Public Works - Johnson

Johnson said the city would have a pay request for Kennedy Road at the December 3, 2012 meeting for the work completed. There will still be retainage money and a small amount of work to be completed before the final pay request.

C. Parks-Tanner

Tanner informed the council he will be meeting with a company to discuss the lighting of Merritt Baseball Field on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Tanner scheduled a Parks meeting for November 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss lighting for Merritt Baseball Field.

D. Library/Technology - Hemmerle

Hemmerle said the air-condition is not working at the Library, but the furnace works fine. West door lock has been repaired and a new lock has been ordered for the door.

Motion by Rathgeber to go into executive session at 8:20 p.m. Second by Kessler. Passed by voice vote.

Motion by Kessler to go out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. Second by Johnson. Passed by voice vote

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VII. Adjournment

Motion by Rathgeber to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Second by Pruitt. Passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Powell
Acting City Clerk