

**City of Auburn**

**Council Minutes**

**June 3, 2013**

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Present:** Barb Stamer, John Tanner, Tom Berola, Larry Hemmerle, Clay Davidson, Rod Johnson, Mark Kessler, Wayde Rathgeber, Matt Gillock, Tom Appelt, Raylene Grischow and Chris Warwick

Connie Powell, Mike McCarthy, and Bruce Centko. Absent: Bill Karhliker

**Visitors:** Al Croker, Hettie Crocker, Therese McWhinnie, David Vanbebber, 'Lyn Pignon, Geni Dzueki, Brian Caughlin, Claudia Dinardo, Lyol Edwards, Kristie Harmon, Katy Dinardo, Harry Scheldt, Kory Schacht, Edna Dolbare, and Ted Bailey

- I. City Clerk's Report – Warwick
  - a. A motion was made by Kessler to accept the minutes of the last council meeting of May 20, 2013 and destroy the recorded copy, second by Gillock. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**
  - b. Warwick asked the council to review the reimbursement of \$90 for an upcoming Central Illinois Municipal Clerk Organization (CIMCO) seminar in late June. No action taken.
- II. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt
  - a. Appelt presented bills list from 05/21/13 to 05/31/13. A motion was made by Gillock to approve the bills list, second by Hemmerle. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**
- III. Attorney – Grischow
  - a. Grischow presented the first reading of Ordinance 1370-13 for the 2014 Budget Appropriations.
  - b. Grischow presented the second reading of Ordinance 1369-13 which updates Section 4-47.1 of the city code. It removes the language about gambling. Tanner asked if the council of they were interested in tabling the vote to the next council meeting, he wanted more time to check with his constituents. A question was asked if this was the final vote, it was clarified that by removing the verbiage on gambling, the state statue would override the current state of gambling. Berola made a motion to approve Ordinance 1369-13 which updates Section 4-47.1 of the city code, second by Gillock. . **AYES: Berola, Gillock, Hemmerle, and Rathgeber. NAYS: Davidson, Johnson, Kessler, and Tanner. Mayor Stamer voted NO, breaking the tie. (5-4).**
- IV. Visitors
  - a. Ray Landers asked about correcting the road in front Lot 15 in Edgewood Meadows, the property is the southwest corner of Edgewood Court. He had not head back from the city yet. Alderman Johnson stated that he would get with Mr. Landers with the week.

- b. Theresa McWhinnie asked about the state of the sewer in front of her house, because of the rain last week there was a substantial amount of water in front of her property. Mike McCarthy would look into the situation further next week.
- V. Mayor's Comments
  - a. Curb side recycling provided by Flowers Sanitation
    - i. The recycle container has been placed across from city hall; Mayor Stamer reminded residents that illegal dumping by the recycling container will be prosecuted under Section 13-89 of the city code with fines up to \$500 per occurrence.
  - b. Mayor Stamer announced that the sesquicentennial for the city will be in 2 years, she will be forming an ad hoc committee to plan for the sesquicentennial, she is asking the residents to clean up because "company" is coming.
- VI. Department Heads
  - a. Centko
    - i. Chief Centko will have a sign posted by the recycling container to alert people of the fine for dumping under Section 13-89.
  - b. Karhliker (McCarthy)
    - i. Mike McCarthy was in attendance in Bill Karhliker's absence. He was going to cover the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), but Alderman Johnson will cover it under the Public Works items.
  - c. Powell
    - i. The auditor will be in the city office around 06/10/13 to audit the city's finances.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Administration – Berola
    - i. Update from the 05/28/13 Meeting.
      1. The committee is continuing to review the budget.
      2. They committee with input from Connie Powell and Edna Dolbare updated the job description for the future vacancy of the Office Manager position. They will be looking for traits like accounting skills, supervisory skills, and public relations. The candidate must locate to within the Auburn School District boundaries within 6 months. Applications will be taken until 07/01/13. With selections and interviews following the 07/01/13 date.
  - b. Public Works – Johnson
    - i. Johnson reported that we need to update the number of signs covered in the Sangamon County Street Sign Upgrade project. There are 58 additional signs that are needed that were not covered when the last time the city upgraded the signs in 1993. The will raise the cost by \$1,351.78 to \$7,392.12 for the entire project. Johnson made a motion to approve the new expense amount of \$7,392.12, second by Kessler. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**

- ii. Johnson stated that we had 3 bids for the Motor Fuel Tax project for this year. The lowest bid was from Illinois Road Contractors (IRC) for \$48,742.60; Johnson made a motion to approve that bid, second by Kessler. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**
    - iii. Rathgeber asked about the rocks in the ditch from last year's Kennedy road project. Rathgeber stated that a constituent wanted to the rocks removed. Johnson stated that KE Vas still had items that needed completed and the final punch list should be going to KE Vas shortly.
    - iv. Kessler asked about the bid for the stone related to MFT project. Johnson made a motion to accept the single bid of \$14,985.50 for the stone/rock, second by Kessler. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**
  - c. Public Utilities – Kessler
    - i. Ted Bailey from Direct Energy presented the potential updated contract for the City of Auburn for electric aggregation. Ted explained that the prices had been dropping until April 2012 and the city contract ends in June. The rates have been going up significantly since then. Ted presented several term and rate options. Kessler made a motion to enter in a 24 month contract with Direct Energy at rate of \$0.04577 per kilowatt hour (Kwh), second by Rathgeber. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**
  - d. Health & Safety - Gillock
    - i. No report
  - e. Health & Housing – Stamer
    - i. Mayor Stamer brought up that the resident at 120 East Wineman Street, Bonnie Madison, was asked to come to the council meeting to address the concerns of tall grass, over the height allowed by ordinance. It was also brought up that the house was empty and unsecured. A motion was made by Berola to declare 120 East Wineman Street a nuisance and for the city to mow the property and to have the city attorney place a lien on the property, second by Rathgeber. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**
    - ii. Mayor Stamer brought up 415 West North Street. Berola made a motion to declare 415 West North Street a nuisance and for the fine of \$50 per day, be assessed starting 6/18/13 if the situation is not remedied. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**
  - f. Parks – Tanner
    - i. No report
  - g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle
    - i. Hemmerle stated that the materials prices had gone up since the last bid and that new cost to cover the materials would bring the bid amount to \$2,800. The increase was still lower than the other previous bids. Hemmerle made a motion

to accept the bid from Howard Services for the repair of the library's air conditioning unit for \$2,800, second by Tanner. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Gillock, Kessler, and Rathgeber. (8-0).**

VIII. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made by Hemmerle to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM, second by Johnson. **AYES: Berola, Hemmerle, Johnson, Tanner, Davidson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: Gillock. (7-1).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk