

City of Auburn
Council Minutes
September 16, 2013

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

Present: Barb Stamer, Chris Warwick, Tom Appelt, Mark Kessler, Tom Berola (7:09 PM), Larry Hemmerle, Clay Davidson, Rod Johnson, and Raylene Grischow. **Absent:** Wayne Rathgeber and John Tanner

Department Heads: Bruce Centko, Bill Karhliker, and Kristy Ponsler.

I. Mayor's Comments

- a. The next AAC event will be a fundraiser for Christmas Decorations on the square. Midwest Computer Processing will hold an Electronic Recycling Event at the Sav-A-Lot parking lot from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday 09/21/13. Check the Auburn Citizen for items that can be recycled.
- b. Mayor Stamer called for the reappointment of Bill Karhliker for City Superintendent. Kessler made a motion to accept the mayor's reappointment for Bill Karhliker for City Superintendent, second by Davidson. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner (5-0-3)**
- c. Mayor Stamer called for the reappointment of Bruce Centko for Police Chief. Kessler made a motion to accept the mayor's reappointment for Bruce Centko for Police Chief, second by Johnson. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner (5-0-3)**
- d. Mayor Stamer called for the reappointment of Raylene Grischow for City Attorney. Kessler made a motion to accept the mayor's reappointment for Raylene Grischow for City Attorney, second by Hemmerle. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner (5-0-3)**
- e. Bill Karhliker, Bruce Centko, and Kristy Ponsler were sworn in to their appointed positions.
- f. Mayor Stamer proclaimed September 19th as "Drive 4 Pledges Day" in honor of the It Can Wait program that discourages texting while driving.

II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick

- a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 09/03/13. Kessler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, second by Johnson. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner (5-0-3)**

III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt

- a. Appelt presented the bills list from 09/01/13 to 09/16/13. A motion was made by Gillock to approve the bills list, second by Kessler. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle,**

Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner (5-0-3)

- b. Appelt presented the Financial Statement for the month ending August 31, 2013. A motion was made by Kessler to accept the Financial Statement, second by Johnson. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner (5-0-3)**

IV. Attorney – Grischow

- a. Grischow made the second reading of Ordinance 1380-13 granting special use permit to Bovine LLC in an I-1 Zoning District for Property at 13575 State Route 4, Auburn, Illinois, 62615. Berola entered the meeting.
 - 1. Mr. Joyce, attorney for Bovine LLC, spoke about the positive past dealings with the Magro family and he felt that they met the requirements needed to obtain special use. There was a petition presented previously with over 500 signatures in favor of the special use, and the location was already zoned I-1 before the special use was requested. The slaughter of animals is a highly regulated business by both the State and Federal government and that the configuration of the facility will minimal or have no impact to the surrounding properties. They also believe the increase in jobs and sales taxes will be a benefit to the city and its residents. Bovine LLC respectfully requested approval of Ordinance 1380-13. A motion was made by Kessler to accept Ordinance 1380-13, second by Johnson. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**
- b. Grischow presented the Second Reading - Ordinance No. 1382-13 - An ordinance to vacate a portion of a municipal street right-of-way in Edgewood Meadows in the City of Auburn, Illinois. A motion was made by Johnson to accept Ordinance 1382-13, second by Davidson. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**
- c. Grischow presented the Second Reading - Ordinance No. 1383-13 - Stop Sign Ordinance at N 7th St & Trojan Rd. Kessler made a motion to accept Ordinance 1383-13, second by Davidson. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**
- d. Grischow presented the Second Reading - Ordinance No. 1384-13 - Video Gaming Ordinance setting the This ordinance will regulate the permit fee per machine of \$25 and set the fine for violations of the ordinance at \$250 per violation. A motion was made by Kessler to accept Ordinance 1384-13, second by Hemmerle. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**
- e. Grischow presented the updated Fine and Fee schedule to include items related to Video Gaming. A motion was made by Kessler to accept the updated Fine and Fee

Schedule, second by Gillock. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**

- f. Mayor Stamer wanted to make sure we have a fine for littering; she was not able to find the fine schedule for littering. Grischow would research it.
 - g. Grischow updated the council on the Thayer Police Protection agreement, the attorney for village does not attend the council meetings, but Grischow has sent a final version of the contract to him for their approval.
- V. Visitors
- a. There were no additional visitors or public comments.
- VI. Department Heads
- a. Centko
 - i. Centko commented that the Tasers are in and the policy is written and is with Grischow. Once the policy is approved, Centko will schedule training. The reimbursement check for the Tasers has been received.
 - b. Karhliker
 - i. Karhliker was able to locate a used 1994 Vacuum Truck for approximately \$71,000 from COE Equipment in Rochester, Illinois and it would have 6 month warranty on the vacuum components from the seller, a brand new truck would cost approximately \$320,000. Funding could come from multiple budgets because it serves many departments. Karhliker believed the truck would pay for itself within 4 ½ years. A motion was made by Berola to authorize Karhliker to spend \$43,000 with COE Equipment as a down payment with the intention to buy the 1994 Vacuum Truck, second by Davidson. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**
 - ii. The school district will start work on the concrete pad for the pavilion at Pohlod Park around the week of 09/30/13.
 - iii. The water line has been installed along the east side of Route 4 from Trojan Road to Lincoln Street. This will help the Sharps Trailer Park and the area surrounding it. We are waiting on the water samples to pass inspection before it can be brought on line.
 - c. Ponsler
 - i. There was a question about the tents next to the Daycare on West Jackson Street/Route 104. The mayor will investigate.
- VII. Committee Reports
- a. Administration – Berola
 - i. No Report
 - b. Public Works – Johnson
 - i. The meeting on Tuesday 09/10/13 at 7:00 PM regarding high speed railway crossings was not held because of the media was present and HDR Engineering would not comment publically with WTAX Radio AM 1240 present. HDR needed

their lead engineer to be present. The council was fine with WTAX radio present.

- c. Public Utilities – Kessler
 - i. Todd Beard at 119 East Washington Street started to erect a fence without a permit and discovery of the lot pins. A motion was made by Kessler to fine Todd Beard \$100 per day for erecting a fence without a permit, if the situation is not correct by 09/23/13, second by Davidson. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**
 - ii. The committee met with Flowers Sanitation on 09/16/13 at their request to discuss with the city their interest in having a waste hauling franchise with them. The meeting was informational only; no action was recommended or taken.
 - iii. Jon Purviance has contested an inaccessible meter fine because his meter was not viewable by the city workers. Mr. Purviance had cleared one of the meters after the first notice but he had cleared the wrong meter. A motion was made by Kessler to sustain the first fine against Mr. Purviance, but to waive the second fine, second by Hemmerle. **AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**
 - d. Health & Safety - Gillock
 - i. No Report
 - e. Health & Housing – Stamer
 - i. A nuisance letter was sent to 413 North 1st Street for an open/unsecured garage on the property and a pile of debris. The letter was sent via certified mail. A question came up whether or not we have received the certified mail receipt. The issue was tabled for next meeting so we can make sure that the certified letter was received.
 - ii. There is an issue on the south side of the square with litter; Mayor Stamer asked that we enforce the ordinances and the litter reflects poorly on the city.
 - f. Parks – Tanner
 - i. The marble benches on the square were moved back into place and 8 of the 12 benches were repaired at a cost of \$300.
 - g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle
 - i. No report
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. A motion was made by Gillock to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM, second by Hemmerle. **By voice vote - AYES: Berola, Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Kessler, and Rathgeber. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rathgeber, and Tanner (6-0-2)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk