

City of Auburn

Council Minutes

December 2, 2013

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

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

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

- I. Mayor's Comments
 - a. Mayor Stamer has spoken to 11 people asking if there is a solution to people burning wet leaves. She encouraged people to report those who are burning wet leaves and wet landscape waste.
- II. City Clerk's Report – Warwick
 - a. Warwick presented the meeting minutes from the city council meeting on 11/18/13. Johnson noted that the engineer for High Speed Rail project is Mr. Roads, not Rhodes. Tanner made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and destroy the recorded copy, second by Davidson. **By voice vote - AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kessler (7-0-1)**
 - b. The city has been approached by an online college service to advertise on the city's website. Hemmerle will take the request to the Technology Committee.
- III. City Treasurer's Report - Appelt
 - a. Appelt presented the bills list from 11/16/13 to 11/27/13. A motion was made by Rathgeber to approve the bills list, second by Berola. **By voice vote - AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kessler (7-0-1)**
- IV. Attorney – Grischow
 - a. Grischow has spoken with Mr. Stone from Sangamon County Animal Control, she expressed to him that the city is not on board with the current contract. She has also requested a copy of the reports that the County is obligated to provide. Chief Centko is looking to other options with a local veterinary clinic. Chief Centko reiterated that we only use the Animal Control service when there is an animal biting situation and that is required by law.
 - b. Grischow wanted to know the councils feeling on a leaf burning ordinance. They could submit an ordinance or place it on the March 2014 ballot for the citizens to vote for or against it. Rathgeber's concern was if it is banned where would the leaves go. Mayor Stamer is reaching out to Flowers Sanitation to see if they are able to pick up landscape waste. Mayor Stamer's biggest concern was wet leaves. Tanner felt the question should go on the ballot. No action was taken.

- c. A question came up about the High Speed Rail easements, Karhliker spoke with Bob Roads from HDR Engineering and was told that if we transfer the land as Fee Simple, the city would have discretion if they ran utilities at a later date and if we granted an easement, the city would need to get permission from the railroad at a later date. Grischow is checking with a partner at her firm to make sure what Mr. Roads had quoted is correct; she will draft for the council which ever option gives the city the most flexibility.
 - d. Grischow asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting regarding pending litigation.
- V. Visitors
 - a. No Comments.
- VI. Department Heads
 - a. Centko
 - i. No report.
 - b. Karhliker
 - i. The sign project has been completed.
 - ii. Rathgeber made a request to have a street light added on Clover Lane. Karhliker stated that we normally install street lights at intersections only. The light could be installed at South Clover Lane and Daisy Street. Grischow will draft Resolution 59-13 for the next council meeting.
 - iii. A new culvert is needed on Hogan Road where it crosses the creek. Karhliker has contact Reggie Benton at Benton & Associates to review the cost and any easements needed.
 - c. Ponsler
 - i. By the end of the month we should have our first approved file destruction schedule from the State. Centko would like to look into hiring a shredding service to help the office and the police department destroy approved records.
 - ii. Ponsler has updated the Community Center and Gazebo rental policies per the council's instructions from the last meeting. She presented the final copy to the council.
 - iii. Ponsler asked for the council's opinion on people who continually present bad checks to the city. We have people that have submitted between 2 and 15 bad checks. The council was agreeable to cash or money orders, Berola will add it to the next Administration Committee meeting.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Administration – Berola
 - i. The Auburn First business group has just started up and is in need of startup money. This group's mission is to promote Auburn businesses. Rathgeber made a motion to donate \$300 from the Economic Development fund to the Auburn First business group, second Berola. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kessler (7-0-1)**

- b. Public Works – Johnson
 - i. It was noted that the repair to the Hogan Road culvert could be taken out of the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund.
 - c. Public Utilities – Kessler
 - i. It will be added to the next agenda to appoint Clay Davidson as the temporary Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee until Kessler returns from his overseas deployment.
 - ii. No Report
 - d. Health & Safety - Gillock
 - i. No Report
 - e. Health & Housing – Stamer
 - i. Todd Bailey has boarded up the structure on West Adams Street, he will be demolishing the structure soon.
 - f. Parks – Tanner
 - i. Tanner reported that it will cost \$1,537.50 to bring power to the new pavilion at Pohlod Park for safety lighting. Tanner made a motion to approve the expense at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00, second by Gillock. **AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kessler (7-0-1)**
 - g. Library/Technology – Hemmerle
 - i. No report
- VIII. Executive Session
- a. A motion was made by Rathgeber at 8:03 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss threatened litigation and a personnel issue, second by Gillock. **By voice vote - AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kessler (7-0-1)**
 - b. A motion was made by Rathgeber at 8:13 PM to enter back into open session, second by Gillock. **By voice vote - AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kessler (7-0-1)**
 - c.
- IX. Adjournment
- a. A motion was made by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, second by Rathgeber. **By voice vote - AYES: Davidson, Gillock, Hemmerle, Johnson, Berola, Rathgeber, and Tanner. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kessler (7-0-1)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Warwick

City Clerk