

 APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

President Marty Hess called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Public hearing involved the City of Urbana providing citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment of section 171.03, to the Codified Ordinance of the City of Urbana, to add an additional six-tenths of one-percent (0.6%) tax on earned income to the current additional four-tenths (0.4%) tax rate, establishing the new additional tax rate at one-percent (1.0%).

Ms. Boettcher began by stating this was an attempt to increase the revenue and not having to rely so much on the General Fund. Mr. Brugger continued by giving some history of tax increase throughout the years since the 1950's. He stated that the City has been able to hold its own, but the staffing in the Fire Department and in the Police Department had to be reduced to achieve that. The City has lost approximately \$250,000.00 per year due to the reduction in funding by the State in 2010, 2011. He added that it makes sense to have the community get behind the safety services, for you can't fight a fire with a squirt gun. He also stated that a question and answer form will be provided to Council and put on the web site upon passage of the ordinance tonight. The same gives a little more clarity to some questions that the public may have. Mayor Bean stated that we have a duty to our constituents. He stated that the City needs to money to make sure our citizens are protected. He added that the funds have been lost due to the loss of the local government funding and firmly stated that the City needs to do something. He stated that the Safer Grant for the two additional firefighters expires in January, 2018, and the City does not have the funding to keep them without the grant. Mr. Fields said that he was glad that it was going to the public to vote rather than Council just passing it through. Mr. Hoffman agreed with Mr. Fields and spoke of his surprise that more citizens were not in attendance of this Public Hearing. He added that what he has heard from citizens, is that this idea is long overdue. He added that he felt that this was the right thing to do. Mr. Paul stated that we all knew the situation and this was a chance for the voters to have their say. He stated that he also felt like it was the right thing to do and that the City needed to be prepared. Mr. Scott said that a few people have complained to him and he has provided him the explanation for the need of it. Mr. Thackery stated that this was the time to this this done. Mr. Piper added that he hoped citizens would vote for it. President Hess spoke of his frustration about not being able to get this information out to the people. He firmly spoke on the fact that somebody had to get the word out to the voters.

Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017, @ 6:21 p.m.**

President Marty Hess called the regular meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:21 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Wastewater Superintendent Chad Hall, and Community Development Director Doug Crabill.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Ray Piper, present; Tony Pena, absent; Pat Thackery, present; Clevis Scott, present; Dwight Paul, present; Doug Hoffman, present; and Gene Fields, present.

President Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES of the regular session meeting of June 20, 2017, in addition to Work Session Minutes of June 27, 2017, were presented for approval. Mr. Thackery moved for the approval of said minutes and Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency regarding Public Notice referencing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits or modification.
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 5-22-17.
3. Design Review Board Meeting Minutes of 5-22-17.

Mr. Paul moved to accept all communications as read and Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. Hull's Truck Bodies - \$48,500.00 (Sewer Fund)

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order for the purchase of a 2006 Freightliner Tanker Truck. Mr. Fields seconded. Mr. Hall spoke in further detail about this request. He stated that the current truck is a 1989 not a 1997, and it is a truck that is utilized for numerous needs. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

2. Hall Signs, Inc. - \$11,000.00 (Capital Improvement – Street)

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order for the purchase of street signs and hardware which is necessary to comply with Federal and State guidelines for signage. Ms. Boettcher stated that this was part of the State/Federal Highway mandate, to which was unfunded and was required due to reflectivity. She also stated that this issue began approximately two (2) years ago. Mr. Hoffman stated that it might be a good idea if the old signage went to public auction.

He also stated that he felt that it was a good upgrade but just wished it was on the City's terms, not the State's mandate. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Marcia Bailey, Champaign Economic Development, spoke of the Art Affair on the Square this weekend. She stated that there were new vendors and artists. She invited all to come out and enjoy the festivities.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 3876-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 171.03, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SIX-TENTHS OF ONE-PERCENT (0.6%) TAX ON INCOME TO THE CURRENT ADDITIONAL FOUR-TENTHS (0.4%) TAX RATE, ESTABLISHING THE NEW ADDITIONAL TAX RATE AT ONE-PERCENT (1.0%)

ORDINANCE NO. 4429-17

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Second Reading –

First Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2509-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCESS TO CITY WATER SERVICE AT LEGACY PARK SPONSORED BY MONUMENT SQUARE DISTRICT EACH YEAR THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON.

RESOLUTION NO. 2510-17

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 171.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE TAX ON EARNED INCOME OF SIX TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.6%); AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID ORDINANCE.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Fields spoke of jake breaking and asked if there was a remedy to this. Mr. Brugger stated that he would verify if there was signage stating no jake breaking.

Mr. Hoffman said that he personally felt that the City's administrative time in place is getting the job done and that is the consensus that he is hearing around the community, more than any negative comments. He feels like the public is aware of what is going on due to the fact if there was something that was wrong, the community is very vocal.

Mr. Scott asked if there was a summer intern for Mr. Bumbalough, and was advised that there was an intern. He spoke of a situation that a resident had her driveway re-paved and the asphalt goes all the way out into the street, and she received a letter from the City stating this was to be remedied. Mr. Crabill stated that if this area was to not be corrected it would tear up the snow plows in the winter time.

Mr. Thackery mentioned that Art Affair on the Square this weekend and also invited all to come and enjoy.

Mr. Crabill stated that the Board of Control item was coming with reference to Rumpke being chosen as the new entity for the Residential Curbside Recycling Program. Mr. Fields asked if the residents' bill was still going to be a part of the water bill, and Mr. Crabill's response was yes. Mr. Crabill continued on giving status on the SR 36 project and he stated that there are curbs on both sides of the road and will continue to see progress. He also said that the paving project would be complete on tomorrow's date, weather permitting.

Mr. Brugger spoke of the Q3 clean-up. He stated that they would be clearing brush for the effort of getting the building exposed for security/safety reasons.

Mayor Bean said that Mark Feinstein has accepted his offer for the position of Law Director. He stated that he will begin July 17, 2017, as acting Law Director and he wanted to wait until August 1, 2017, and that he would be bringing in a resolution requesting Council's approval. He stated that he was looking forward to Mr. Feinstein coming in and taking over. Mayor Bean also spoke about Daniel Dye would be playing at the Art Affair at 3:00 p.m. and invited all to come out.

Mr. Paul moved to excuse Mr. Pena. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval, 5 ayes, 1 nay by Mr. Fields.

President Hess spoke of the Council packets. He wondered if Council found it easier to have paper copies rather than receiving the packets electronically. He stated that if any Council member would prefer paper, to let the Clerk know. President Hess also asked about the wood that remained in the Q3 building and wanted to know if it was salvageable. Mr. Brugger stated that nothing would be removed from the property.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded.

Motion carried without objection.

ADJOURN AT 7:12 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President