

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**City Staff attending:** Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb, and Police Chief Matt Lingrell.

**President Called Roll:** Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mrs. Collier, present ; and Mrs. Bean, present.

**Proclamation by the Mayor**

President Hess read two proclamations on behalf of Mayor Bean. Thanking nurses for their bravery, selfless understanding, and tireless attention, Mayor Bean declared May 6-12 as National Nurses Week in the City of Urbana. Mayor Bean also declared May 15-May 21 as National Police Week in the City of Urbana for their selfless efforts and round-the-clock protection.

Chief Lingrell spoke briefly on National Police Week. He stated that in 2021, 73 law enforcement officers were killed via gunfire in the line of duty and 56 officers died in motor vehicle crashes. Previously, the Urbana Police Division had turned down the First Responders Award due to the struggle that police work had been going through. UPD is honored to accept it this year. He stated that sometimes law enforcement does fail, but he was confident that UPD always desires to do what is right.

**Minutes**

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of May 3, 2022 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Paul seconded. No corrections were noted. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 6-0

**Communications** – No communications

**Administrative Reports – Board of Control**

1. Authorize a purchase order to McGuire Excavating in the amount of \$78,617.88 for change order #1 for the septage project at the Water Reclamation Facility. The project is funded by an OWDA loan.

Mrs. Bean moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Mr. Hall stated the project was approved last summer. The City was finally able to break ground in November. Winter slowed the progress, but ground conditions improved in February. The City originally thought a depth of 22 feet was need. The new recommendation is to excavate an additional six feet in depth, which turns out to be the top of the water table.

Mr. Thackery asked if the City was asking for an additional \$78,000 after the already approved \$226,000. Mr. Hall confirmed that was correct.

Mr. Scott inquired about going with the light weight concrete mix. Mr. Hall informed Council that was the recommendation.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

2. Authorize a purchase order to Environmental Engineering Service in the amount of \$108,300.00 for construction and inspections services for the Dellinger Road water main installation. This project will be paid through the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant program, in which, the City was awarded \$2.847 million.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded.

Mr. Hall stated this does not include the booster pump station. That will be in a separate bid item in the next week or two. This is just for the water main installation itself.

Mr. Paul asked if this is taking \$100,000 from the grant or goes above and beyond. Mr. Hall clarified this comes directly from the grant.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

**Citizen Comments:** None

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Third Reading:**

**Ordinance 4571-22:** An ordinance accepting the annexation of territory consisting of approximately 256.386 acres, more or less, to the City of Urbana.

Mrs. Bean moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Crabill stated this completes the annexation process. After this will be the official recording. The process began in December 2021 for Phoenix Ag. Services and land use ordinances were also previously passed.

No comments/questions from Council.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Ordinance passes 6-0.

**Ordinance 4572-22:** An ordinance to approve the preliminary development plan for the planned unit development to be known as Dugan Place

Mr. Thackery moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded.

Mr. Crabill stated the process started in February. It went through the Planning Commission and was approved March 28. This Ordinance approves the preliminary development plan and establishes sub-areas for the 93-acre development.

Mr. Paul asked if there was flexibility to change the amounts in the sub-areas. Mr. Crabill answered that there was language on the map as to how the areas could be adjusted. There is also an amendment process the developers could use. It will probably stick to the plan, but it can be changed if needed.

Mr. Thackery thanked Mr. Crabill for taking time to go over the plan in greater detail with him.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Scott, yes.

Ordinance passes 6-0.

**Second Reading:** None

**First Reading:**

**Ordinance 4573-22:** An Ordinance to Opt-Out of H.B. 172 and to reaffirm the ban on discharging, igniting, or exploding fireworks in the City or Urbana, as set forth in Chapter 1519 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Thackery moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mr. Paul seconded.

Mr. Feinstein stated that House Bill 172 will go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. The City is trying to get ahead of that deadline. This will also be a topic at the following work session. H.B. 172 legalizes consumer grade fireworks on certain dates and time. This legislation keeps the ban that is currently in place.

Chief Ortlieb also stated that the State Fire Marshall has come out with guidance that will also be discussed at the work session.

Mrs. Bean stated that this legislation affects sixteen to seventeen days during the year. She thinks that is a lot.

Mr. Thackery was curious how the City would approach the issue if everyone thinks they are allowed to shoot these fireworks but they actually could not. He thinks it would be a community issue where the City might have to get the word out.

Mr. Paul was curious as to the definition of Consumer Grade fireworks. Chief Ortlieb indicated that Section 1.4(G) of the fire code defines consumer grade.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have had its first reading.

### **Department Liaison Reports:**

Mr. Thackery recently held a meeting regarding City projects. He indicated there was a lot going on with economic development. The amount of growth happening is overwhelming.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Multiple Council members extended their congratulations to Ms. Truelove for winning the vacant Fourth Ward Council seat. She will be sworn in at the next regular meeting. Council Clerk Steffan has been working with Human Resources to have everything ready to go.

Chief Ortlieb stated the firefighters were being awarded the Stimmy alert, which recognizes heart attacks. Also, the State of Ohio is awarding the Star of Life award to the Urbana Fire Division. Recently, a child fell in a watery bucket, and personnel resuscitated and prepared for care flight, where the child made a full recovery.

Mr. Hall indicated the City would be lining monument square over the next three nights. They would be out of the way of traffic by 6 am the next morning. Also, he distributed the Winter Weather Budget report to be able to track salt events. He indicated Powell Avenue is back open after the installation of a four-foot drain pipe. The Nova Drive project would begin during the first full week of June. Finally, Mr. Hall stated the AMR project is 92% complete.

Mr. Crabill believed the contractor starts Monday for the curb and gutter project on Main Street after a slight weather delay. It should take approximately four to five weeks. The project will start on the south end of town and work its way north on the east side of the road.

Ms. Boettcher indicated that at the next meeting she will have the tax budget ready for 2023.

Mr. Brugger indicated how amazing it was that issues come back around. Previously the City had issues with people blowing grass in the streets. He stressed the importance of Council getting a feel from constituents. Unfortunately, the City cannot regulate good behavior.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 6-0.

**ADJOURNED AT 6:40 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**  
May 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. (Work Session)



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Council-Clerk

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Council President