

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023**

✓ APPROVED

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

City Staff attending: Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Police Chief Matt Lingrell, and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb.

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

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of July 18, 2023 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Scott seconded.

No comments/corrections from Council.

Voice vote on approval of the corrected minutes: all ayes; nays, none.

Communications:

1. Safety Committee Minutes from July 13, 2023
2. ALDI Grand Opening Invitation
3. Oak Dale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2023
4. City of Urbana 2nd Quarter 2023 Highlights

Mr. Thackery moved to place the communications on the floor for acceptance. Ms. Truelove seconded.

Mr. Thackery noted that there is a homeless issue in the City. He added that the homeless shelter closed in Clark County and it appears to be affecting Urbana.

Mr. Thackery also added the quarterly highlights contained a lot of information. It's amazing how much is done in a quarter by the City.

Voice vote on acceptance of communications: All ayes, nays none.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading: None

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Resolution 2670-23: A resolution authorizing the Director of Administration to submit an application for an FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG Grant) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

Chief Ortlieb stated that having a ladder truck allows for the opportunity of high-rise rescues. He stated that in the past five years, the current vehicle has been out of service more than it has been in service. The recommended life span for a ladder truck is twenty years. This year marks twenty-five for the current truck, which is one of the check boxes the grant looks for.

Chief Ortlieb added that the specifics should be out this fall. Last year the grant was for \$1,000,000 max, with a 5% city match.

Mr. Paul asked how firm \$1.6 million was for a new vehicle. Chief Ortlieb stated it was a ballpark figure. The number continues to increase and he hopes to lock in a figure.

Mr. Scott inquired as to timeframe of the process. Chief Ortlieb stated he has learned not to answer this as the City is still waiting on last year's medic. He is hopeful it would be a fifteen-month process.

Ms. Boettcher clarified that the City would still be on the hook for whatever is above the grant amount. Chief Ortlieb added the grant writers believe the City meets a lot of the check boxes.

Roll call on passage: Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mr. Thackery met with Mr. Crabill and went over ten projects the City is involved with. Things appear to be in good shape.

Mrs. Collier notified Council the Safety Meeting for August would be cancelled due to fair week.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Paul asked if the City could expand about the homeless issue. Mr. Thackery deferred to Chief Lingrell. Chief Lingrell stated that it is a larger problem than most people think. Mr. Paul would like the City to take a deeper look and formulate a response. Chief Lingrell added that Springfield has opened a shelter in the past five days, but the City is taking people from the whole Miami Valley. He added that tents by the bike path are homeless people and UPD has had to run people

out from the City park woods and from under the bridges. He added that more and more disturbances have been regarding mental health issues with homeless people.

Mr. Thackery asked if there was an agency that looks into the big picture. Chief Lingrell said there were a number but he would not get into it. He stated Police and Fire do what they're supposed to do. He added that there were more resources in the communities fifteen years ago. Mr. Feinstein added that competency issues also make it harder to help these people from a judicial route.

Ms. Truelove complimented the cemetery, stating it looked lovely at the last board meeting. She also thanked Mayor Bean for attending her church anniversary celebration. She added that she still prays something can be done about the same topic.

Ms. Truelove also stated that when looking at next year's budget, she would like to also look at annual recycling events and potential ways to communicate with citizens.

Mr. Thackery stated ALDI looks really nice. He also urged everyone to support the County Fair.

Ms. Jumper stated that Creative Foundation waters plants downtown twice a week. She enjoyed spending time with them and they were rewarded with an ice cream party.

Mr. Brugger stated that notice had been given for local paving. He hopes it will start moving in next week.

Chief Ortlieb stated the fire department is working on inspecting every building at the fair and is currently working with the safety plan. Mercy will have a first-aid station in the public building.

Mayor Bean thanked Ms. Truelove and said he was honored to be at Second Jerusalem Church.

President Hess asked what was being built at the City Park. Mr. Brugger stated that is the new booster station. President Hess also inquired if the homeless were creating an issue in the City. Chief Lingrell stated that have been regular calls, including a dumpster diver last night.

Mr. Scott moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 7-0.

ADJOURNED AT 6:32 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President