



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

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

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

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

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of January 2, 2024 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Scott seconded.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Communications:

1. North Main Street Corridor Plan Open House/Survey Flyer (See Attached)
2. RITA Welcome Letter dated January 4, 2024 (See Attached)

Ms. Truelove removed the North Main Street Corridor Plan Open House/Survey Flyer from the consent agenda to ask Mr. Crabill about the plan. Mr. Crabill stated the next public meeting for the plan would be Thursday at 6:00 pm. He stated that he has looked at weather and believes the open house will still be able to be held. He indicated the open house will take a look at the vision, goals and actions steps. He added that a new survey is also out.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to Insight Pipe Contracting LLC in the amount of \$57,983.00 for the 2024 cured in place pipe lining project for Eichelberger Drive. This expense will be charged to the Sewer Fund and is in the 2024 budget for \$100,000.00. **VOTE: 3-0**

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

Mr. Hall stated the City has Just completed its 2023 lining project. He stated the company offered 2023 prices to do the work in 2024 due to their slow season. He added that this was the project lined up for the 2024 year. He indicated that it is a unique situation because all utilities are in the back yards. He added that if the City did not complete the project now, it would be a 10-12% increase due to 2024 rates. He stated the project would start in late January or early February.

Mr. Thackery asked how much lining would save the City. Mr. Hall answered that Eichelberger is a completely different project because of location of lines. He added that a full replacement would probably be in the neighborhood of \$3 million.

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

Council did not have any questions/comments regarding the September-December 2023 footnotes.

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading: None

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Resolution 2575-24: A resolution authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of Urbana to sign the grant agreement (FDID #11011) with the State of Ohio, Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshall, for the 2024 MARCS Grant for the Urbana Fire Division. (One reading required)

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

Chief Ortlieb stated this resolution was reviewed during the last Safety meeting. He indicated the passage of this resolution allows the acceptance of grant funds. He stated that while in the past the grant money could be used for radios, equipment, and services fees, this year the grant was only approved for the service fees.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Resolution passes, 6-0.

Resolution 2684-24: A resolution enacted by the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, to authorize the Director of Administration to make application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water, under the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative Chloride Reduction Grant Program for the City of Urbana's salt storage replacement project, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Truelove seconded.

Mr. Crabill explained the program originally focused on the Lake Erie watershed. Recently the program has added the Ohio River watershed and announced a program for chloride reduction due to runoff. He stated that cities can apply for road side storage facilities and grants available up to \$75,000 per project. He explained that Urbana is asking for the replacement of its salt storage barn. He indicated the City would be able to load salt completely inside the structure as opposed to outside the structure as is currently done. He added that applications due January 31st and recipients would have twelve months to proceed with its project after receiving a grant. Mr. Crabill stated this grant would fund only a portion of the project.

Ms. Truleove asked what would be the additional cost. Mr. Hall stated the project is budgeted for \$250,000. He added the City is looking into a hoop barn versus the octagon structure currently in place. He explained the current roof is failing and it would have cost approximately \$80,000 just to restore the roof.

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

Resolution passes, 6-0.

Resolution 2685-24: A resolution in support of the application by the Board of Logan County Commissioners for a capital budget request and/or the one-time strategic community investment fund (OTSCIF) request for the Urbana-Bellefontaine connector of the Simon Kenton Trail: to pave a final course of hot-mix asphalt; perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues; and, add bike path railing where warranted by the technical memorandum. (One reading required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Truelove seconded.

Mr. Crabill stated this was a resolution of support. He explained the first section of the bike trail opened in the County in 2001. Phase one in the City was built from the Depot to the northern city limits. Mr. Crabill added that Bellefontaine has continued working to connect the bike trail from Urbana to Bellefontaine. He explained the trail had been chip sealed but the desire still existed to upgrade to hot-mix asphalt for the entire sixteen miles. He stated this would be a multi-million dollar project. He added that this is more ceremonially for us in Urbana and does not require any formal commitment.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Resolution passes, 6-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mr. Thackery stated that with last meetings concerns regarding department communications, Mr. Crabill reached out and they worked out an agreement of keeping each other in the loop.

Mrs. Collier stated that the Safety meeting occurred last Thursday where they discussed the MARCS grant and the upcoming eclipse. She added that minutes will be coming soon.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mrs. Bean stated it was interesting to hear the safety meeting and the eclipse's effects. She added she attended the MLK celebration at the Jerusalem Second Baptist church which had good speakers. She commended the new Dollar General is very nice and thanked UPD for their assistance in CRSI's yearly active shooter training.

Ms. Truelove stated the MLK program was very nice. She hopes more people can come in the future and indicated that everyone was invited.

Mr. Thackery asked for an update regarding the legislation to update Council rules. Mr. Feinstein indicated he was finalizing issues with President Paul and he expects Council will see that legislation at the next meeting.

Chief Ortlieb indicated the firefighter grant would be opening up soon and he hope to get a result back this summer.

Mr. Crabill stated there was a brief winter pause on South High Street until weather breaks. He added that the road is passable except for a half block between Reynolds and College streets.

Mr. Hall stated Boyce Street is closed from East Lawn to Jefferson. He stated a back truck was stuck last Wednesday morning due to the sanitary line being about sixteen foot deep and not accessible with our equipment. He stated it is closed until further notice. The plan is to start back at Boyce street on Monday morning. He hopes to stop before Madison, but there is no guarantee until they get started. He added that if trash is not picked up, citizens can call the utilities office and they will get it removed. He does not anticipate any outages and everyone has been very receptive.

Mr. Scott asked why the line is so deep. Mr. Hall stated it is due to the interceptor being so deep in those neighborhoods. He added it eventually shallows up as it moves to other neighborhoods.

Ms. Boettcher stated RITA letters are being delivered and the Finance department has been getting calls. She added the City is still on track for February 1st.

Mayor Bean stated the MLK ceremony was excellent and Pastor Michael Freeman does a great job.

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

ADJOURNED AT 6:29 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

February 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President