

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020**

 APPROVED

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Chief Dean Ortlieb, Captain Chad Countryman and Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Joyce.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, present; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mrs. Collier, present; and Mr. Ebert, present.

MINUTES

Mr. Paul moved to put the minutes on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020.
2. Design Review Board Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2020.
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020.
4. Press Release from AGE.
5. Park Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020

Mr. Paul asked if the item on the Board of Zoning Appeal that was tabled got resolved. President Hess responded yes, Mike Sullivan got his off-street parking.

Mr. Brugger spoke about the press release from AGE. He stated that AGE hasn't been able to find a better gas rate and residents will not have to take any action. He said that it would automatically drop and the resident can go with Columbia Gas, or whomever they choose. He added that the gas side would close the end of November. He also advised that information would be going into the newspaper and put on the City's web site.

Mr. Paul moved to put all communications on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL

1. Restroom Direct - \$52,124.50 (Coronavirus Relief Fund)

Ms. Boettcher stated that this is part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and that the City was going to be putting in touchless faucets and motion sensors for the toilets. Mr. Brugger added that they are trying to use these funds as the deadline to use the funds is approaching in mid-November.

Mr. Fields asked if the funds were “use it or lose it?” Mr. Brugger responded “yes”.

Mr. Paul moved to put this item on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

Motion passed 7-0.

2. Sutphen Corporation - \$577,776.06 (Capital Improvement – Police & Fire Tax Levy)

Chief Ortlieb said this request was for a new fire truck. He added that the early estimate was in the amount of \$694,000.00. He added that the truck would be of the newest technology and that there would no longer be any need for tethering to the firetruck, due to the battery-operated equipment. He added that there would be a light Honda generator would be on the truck as well. Mr. Ebert asked if it took 12-14 months to build. Chief Ortlieb advised that is a slow assembly line and that it was like building a house. He also added that he anticipates this trucks life for 20 years. President Hess asked how long it took to go through 195 pages of specs? Chief Ortlieb stated it took quite a long time.

Mr. Thackery made a point of order, for this was Council’s discussion, not the presidents. No action taken on the point of order.

Chief Ortlieb also stated that this would standardize across the board on each truck, and this truck would meet all of their needs.

Mr. Paul moved to put this item on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

A Resolution to formally establish the Greenwood Arboretum at Oak Dale Cemetery in memory of Karen Kerns Dresser and to pursue accreditation of this newly established arboretum.

Mr. Scott moved to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Resolution passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 4526-20

An Ordinance to amend the City of Urbana's Official Zoning Map by Rezoning approximately 4 acres +/- at the intersection of North Main Street and Gwynne Street currently zoned BR-1 Business Residential District to B-2 General Business District.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

Ordinance No. 4527-20

An Ordinance to approve and adopt the Champaign County Comprehensive Plan 2020 Update as an official planning guide of the City of Urbana.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

Second Reading –

None

Third Reading –

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Ebert discussed putting a shuttle board court at the park. He also stated that there is 95% coverage for all students regarding internet and that Superintendent Thiel stated they may have to go virtual this coming winter.

Cledis stated the building out at the park being built is looking good.

Mr. Paul stated that Council has been talking about communication in the past and would like to bring this topic back up in a Work Session. He also advised Council to start thinking about committees to form.

Mrs. Collier asked if Work Sessions were feasible and spoke of her desire to have one.

Mr. Brugger stated that Legacy Place is now moving forward. He said that the two schools should be ready to go in May or June and rentals should be going in by the spring. He added that the Sewer Project/Water Project was still ongoing. He stated that there was a lot of activity on the east end of the cemetery, including the sanitary extension. He also said that the Oakdale Cemetery Tour was coming up. He the spoke of Section 69, which is a green space in the Cemetery that is platted. This section would be identified as a Family Section, that 20 x 40 plats (equivalent to 12 plots) could be purchased. He added that the foundation has been poured and the monument ordered.

Mr. Crabill spoke about solid waste. He stated that there should be something on the books for the City regarding solid waste. He added that the current contract expires in August, 2022.

Mrs. Collier stated this would be a great topic of discussion at a Work Session.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

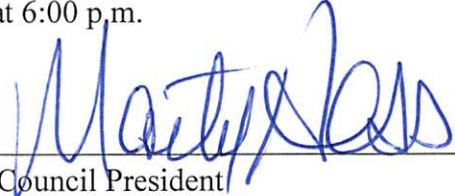
ADJOURN AT 7:21 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President