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URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018

President Marty Hess called the regular session meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Community Development Director Doug Crabill, Zoning Enforcement Adam Moore, and Water Reclamation Facility Superintendent Chad Hall.

**PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL:** Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, absent; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, absent; Mr. Pena, present; and Mr. Piper, present.

President Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES** of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018, were presented for approval. Mr. Scott moved for the approval of said minutes and Mr. Pena seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passes 5-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes of 6-11-18
2. City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes of June 14, 2018
3. Champaign County Comprehensive Plan Survey from LUC
4. Scrap Tire Disposal Day, September 22, 2018
5. Line Clearance work by DP&L email

Mr. Paul moved to accept all of the communications and Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL**

**1. Earl George - \$11,000.00 (Capital Improvement – Park)**

Mr. Hall stated that this piece of equipment would provide more convenience, better performance and would be used in preparing the ball fields. He added that this amount comes in under budget. He also stated that the current Ford would be put on gov.deals.com and should bring in pretty decent money, for it is an antique.

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

Motion passes 5-0.

**2. Environmental Engineering Service - \$14,500.00 (Sewer Fund)**

Mr. Hall stated that this is a required study by the EPA every 5 years to which 3 locations within the City are located to study domestic flow only, to set standards and then the industrial user has guidelines to cycle out. The 3 locations would set the standards on flow, heavy metals, grease, etc. Mr. Paul moved to put this item on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Pena seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion passes 5-0.

**3. Software Solutions - \$18,540.00 (Finance – Accounting, Utility Billing and Income Tax)**

Ms. Boettcher informed Council that this was the annual software renewal that handles everything in the Finance Department. 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.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Justin Weller – 161 Long Bay, spoke to Council about communication from Council to the citizens of Urbana. He provided Council and Administration with a Communication Survey that they did with the citizens of Urbana. He stated they surveyed 130 people and 83% say the City never or rarely communicates with them, 11% say the City is doing a good job of informing them, and 93% of people want an internet radio station and would support a \$.50 monthly utility increase to fund it.

Brian Wonn – 788 Amherst Drive, spoke to Council about the Income Tax Increase Proposal. He explained to Council his views on how the money would be used within the City by using currency, to show why he was questioning the amount of the tax increase. Mr. Brugger stated that the issue was not a shell game. The purpose of the increase would be to take some of the burden off of the General Fund and put it into Police and Fire. He added that the City has not been able to keep up with the inflation throughout the years. Mayor Bean stated that in speaking with Acting Chief Asper, it was recently requested of him how many paramedics are in the Fire Department. Acting Chief Asper responded that all but 2 are both firefighter/paramedics. The two that were not were reaching retirement. Mayor Bean stated that he wants to make sure that citizens are well protected with having 2 paramedics on a squad run rather than 1 paramedic and 1 firefighter. Mr. Paul spoke in depth about the Income Tax Increase request.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Third Reading –**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4486-18**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 171.013 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%)

Mr. Paul moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Pena seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Piper, no; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Ordinances passes 4-1

**Second Reading –**

None

**First Reading –**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2510-18**

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 URBAN, OHIO; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX TENTHS OF ONE-PERCENT (0.6%) TAX ON INCOME TO THE CURRENT ADDITIONAL FOUR-TENTHS (0.4%) TAX RATE AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING THE NEW ADDITIONAL TAX RATE AT ONE PERCENT (1.0%); AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID ORDINANCE.

Mr. Paul moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields seconded. Mr. Brugger stated that this resolutions authorizes the Ordinance to be placed on the ballot. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Piper, no; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Resolution passes 4-1.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2535-18**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A FEE WAIVER FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI BY THE DEVELOPEERS OF LEGACY PLACE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Paul moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded. Mr. Crabill said that this was another program the City is looking at for a grant for the project. He stated that the application was due early August.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Paul, yes.

Resolution passes 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2536-18**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNEXATION OF 0.918 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY THE OHIO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CITY OF URBANA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE EAST WATER TOWER ON STATE ROUTE 29 EAST AND FURTHER KNOWN AS PARCEL #K41-11-11-11-00-024-00.

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

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; and Mr. Scott, yes;  
Resolution passes 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4498-18**

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE ALL OF THE UNIMPROVED 20' WIDE HENRY STREET ADJOINING LOTS 5, 6, 7 AND 8 OF THE SOTRMS ADDITION, AND ALL OF A 12' WIDE ALLEY BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY LOTS 4, 6, 7, AND 8 OF THE STORMS ADDITION AND ON THE SOUTH BY LOTS 3 AND 9 OF THE STORMS ADDITION, AND ALL OF A 15' WIDE ALLEY BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY LOT 8 OF THE STORMS ADITONA AND ON THE WEST BY LOT 10 OF THE SORMS ADDITION, RUNNING BETWEEN THE MENTIONED HENRY STREET AND THE MENTIONED 12' WEDE ALLEY.

Mr. Moore stated that this was basically a clean-up for the Q3 property regarding unimproved alleys and unimproved streets. Mr. Brugger added that this would open up the entire back of the property for development.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have its first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO 4499-018**

AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT AN ALLEGED ERROR IN THE CITY OF URBANA'S OFICIAL ZONING MAP BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 8.851 SQUARE FEET OF LAND OWNED BY ROBERT MCNEELY (HARLEY HOLDINGS LLC) LOCATED AT 716 MIAMI ST (PARCEL ID: #K48-25-00-04-07-010-00), FROM R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO M-1 MANUFACTURING DISTRICT)

Mr. Moore stated that Mr. McNeely brought this issue to the City, for there was an error in the zoning map.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have its first reading.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION**

Mr. Piper asked Ms. Boettcher what the line item Leisure Time/Activities was in the budget. Ms. Boettcher stated that it had to do with recreation, pool, part, etc. She also advised that she would look further into it.

Mr. Scott spoke of the Scrap Tire Disposal Day and stated that this was a great program and citizens should take advantage of it.

Mr. Paul spoke on topics of the Work Session, spending limits, curb painting and a compost issue.

Mr. Crabill spoke on the Comprehensive Plan Survey and stated that the more participants, the better the results. He added that the survey remains open through September on the front page on the LUC Website.

Mr. Hall advised that paving begins tomorrow, and provided update on location of the paving.

Mr. Boettcher provided a handout regarding the Compost. She stated that this would generate \$4,600.00 monthly, \$55,000.00 annually, and would be a topic at the next work session.

Mr. Brugger also spoke on the compost issue and stated they were still trying to figure out why it stopped being collected. He also stated that the City was working with AGE and still moving forward on the Electric Aggregation. Further, he stated that there was a great turnout this past weekend for the Habitat for Humanity and the home should be wrapped up this fall.

Mayor Bean spoke about an article in the Springfield newspaper that discussed how the County wanted the new Governor to reenact the Local Government Fund in full.

President Hess discussed the Charter Review Committee. He also spoke of the Fire District meeting, and he said that it went very well. He also spoke of tree limbs and their low hanging, and was advised by Mr. Crabill that enforcement of that nuisance may be an issue.


Mr. Fields moved to excuse Council members Mr. Thackery and Mr. Hoffman. Motion was seconded by Mr. Paul. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.  
Motion passes 5-0.

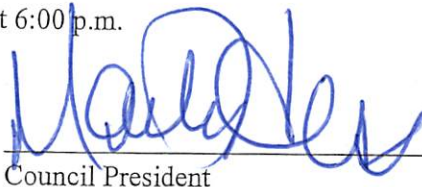
Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Dwight seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.  
Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURN AT 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

August 7, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President