

 APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

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

City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Fire Chief Dean Ortleib, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, and Water Superintendent Joe Sampson.

**PRESIDENT HESS 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**

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021, April 20, 2021, and Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021.

Mr. Thackery moved to put all of the minutes on the floor for passage. Mrs. Collier seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none

Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Letter from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control regarding permit renewal applications.

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

Motion passed 7-0

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL**

1. **Murphy Tractor & Equipment - \$121,918.00 (Capital Improvement Fund - Street)**

Mr. Hall stated this unit, 2021 John Deere 85G Excavator with buckets and hydraulic hammer, would replace the 11 year - old back hoe. He added that a hydraulic

hammer was included in this unit, which put the price over budget. He also stated that the hydraulic hammer the City has currently is attached to a skid loader. He also advised that they would be putting the currently owned 1981 John Deere on gov.deals.com, for sale. He added that it should easily bring in approximately \$10,000.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **First Reading**

#### **Resolution No. 2608-21**

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of Urbana to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the Round 27 Natureworks Program for park improvements and to sign the grant agreement and proceed with these improvements upon grant award.

Mr. Crabill stated that this Resolution was being declared an emergency and that the application is due June 1, 2021. He added the State provides funding for this program and Champaign County has an amount of \$49,666 available. He said that they have done multiple projects at the City Park, and if the City were to receive the grant, the City's cost would be \$16,555 due to the 75% - 25% split. He also advised that the grant fund would be used for paving and resurfacing access roads.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

### **Second Reading**

#### **Ordinance No. 4541-21**

An Ordinance to authorize the Director of Finance to establish the "Neighborhood Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Fund", to transfer \$260,000 from the Supplemental Investment Fund to the new

fund, and ordaining funds directed to the account be used only for the purpose of repair/replacement of curbs, gutters and sidewalks along streets of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio. (Sponsored by: Dwight Paul)

Mr. Paul stated that all that was trying to be accomplished was the establishment of the fund.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

### **Third Reading**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION**

Mr. Crabill advised that the Zoning Committee was meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. with the Economic Development Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Hall said that letters went out to residents on Crescent Drive regarding the project in their area. He added that they were now working on the north side of Crescent Drive, and once completed they would immediately begin on the south side. He added that driveways would be inaccessible. He advised that the project on Scioto Street was coming along and that Scioto Street would go down to one lane, with flaggers assigned.

Mrs. Collier asked Mr. Crabill the status of DORA. Mr. Crabill stated that a follow-up meeting was to be scheduled soon.

Mr. Thackery spoke about trees on the square and how to get this accomplished. Mr. Brugger advised that he would look into it for Mr. Thackery and get back to him.

Mr. Paul reminded everyone that taxes were due on May 17, 2021. He asked Mr. Sampson the status of the Automated Meter Reading Project. Mr. Sampson advised that the infrastructure for the system would be arriving next week, the meters have been ordered and they are shooting for June, for the project. Mr. Paul also advised that the Safety Committee meeting would be May 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Chief Ortlieb's office. Mr. Paul also asked Mayor Bill Bean about the timing of lifting all of the restrictions with regard to Covid. Mayor Bill Bean advised that everyone was just waiting on the Governor for his authorization.

Fire Chief Orlieb spoke of 2 new hires to the division that have been shadowing other division in the City and the County. They have been to the Police Division and the Public Works Division last week and also has worked with the County Health Department and the Emergency Room. He added that it was wonderful to see how we all can work together.

Mayor Bill Bean advised that tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m., the Champaign County Community Collaboration Group would be having a meeting regarding landbanks.

President Hess asked about tearing down the tower in the Fire Department. Mr. Brugger stated that it was still being discussed with the Fire Chief.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Thackery seconded.

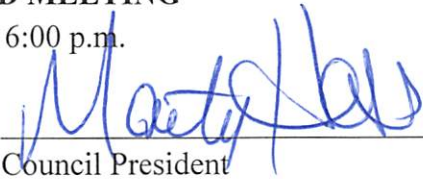
Motion passed 7-0

**ADJOURNED AT 6:31 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

May 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President