



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020**

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, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

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

Marcia Bailey of the CEP, spoke about Natural Gas and OGAP. She stated that this issue was discussed with council a while back and there is a need for natural gas in our community. She stated that in dealing with OGAP, and further speaking with Columbia Gas and Vectren, it is known that there is no infrastructure for the future. She stated this is a big concern not having natural gas available when it comes to site selection for different properties for expansion. She also advised that there was some relief coming forward to Madison County and some in Marysville. She stated that Andy Yoder of North Lewisburg has been trying for over 7 years to get natural gas in the area. She also added that the natural gas companies, such as Columbia Gas and Vectren want an assured customer base. She also stated that the CEP, has gone to the Champaign County Commissioners and have gotten their support, but the OGAP is still in need additional funding for support.

Ben Vollrath, of the Logan County ED/Chamber stated that Logan County has been in this dilemma for awhile as well. He said that in the past 18 months, Madison, Union and Logan Counties have been seeking help for this issue. He said that he feels there has been significant progress made due to the Marysville Connector is in process and is step number 1 for Marysville. He added that this connector would go along US 33 toward Marysville. The next phase, the Norther Loop, is to be filed sometime in the near future. He also advised that New Albany and Delaware are to tie into the Marysville Connector. He also mentioned that OGAP has raised concerns to the area west of Marysville. He also advised that Columbia Gas was able to take these concerns and have begun to address them. He said that there needs to be a “push” to get this started. They have been working with Hicks Partners and legislation has been drafted and shared with the natural gas companies.

Marcia Bailey added that there was a Tri County meeting which Vectren was present and stated what they could and couldn't do. She stated this is all of Ohio and they are just trying to get the word out to everyone. She also advised that our gas line comes from the Gulf of Mexico. Ben

Vollrath stated that if the demand could be shown, maybe in 3 to 5 years, something could be done and that this was his hope.

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

North Central Ohio Solid West District, July 22, 2020, Board of Director's and Policy Board Meeting

Mr. Brugger stated the attachments that were included in the packet provided the 1st quarter landfill report. He advised that 5,963.79 tons went to Cherokee Run, which is where Champaign County goes. He also discussed the idea of doing an electronics disposal, but due to the pandemic, that will most likely happen next spring.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. Milcon Concrete, Inc. - \$919,552.59 (including 10% contingency)

Mr. Bumbalough stated this is the Sanitary Sewer Project that will extend Powell Ave. up to SR 54, through the new section of the cemetery, through the Moffit property to Bon Air Drive. He added that this would take a big load off of Amherst's system.

Mr. Paul said the bid was for \$835,956.90, the total project was roughly \$900,000.00, the grant funding of roughly \$620,000.00, leaving the City with \$300,000.00 including contingency.

President Hess asked the location of the project. Mr. Bumbalough said that it was the ditch-line by the Firegrounds, will run along the north side of Powell Ave, to the west

side of SR 54, to the east side of the cemetery, up section one (back of houses) through the Moffit property to Bon Air Drive.

Mr. Fields stated this would be hooking up to the exiting system currently on Powell Ave. Mr. Bumbalough affirmed and stated this would take a lot off of Amherst. He added that they will accomplish 90% of Bon Air/Paramore going through this line.

Mr. Paul asked about the timeline. Mr. Bumbalough stated that they were looking for the completion date in the beginning or end of June, 2021.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

Ordinance No. 45424-20

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 1123.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana.
(Requires three readings)

Mr. Crabill stated that currently the BR1 District holds a minimum of 90 feet width and 3,600 square foot size lot. They were looking to change the minimum to a 7,000.00 square foot lot. He added this change would be more consistent to the type of land within the City. He advised that this went to the Planning Commission and they recommended the amendment 6-0. He also advised there would be a Public Hearing scheduled for the next Council Meeting scheduled for August 18, 2020.

Mr. Fields asked what the depth of the lots were. Mr. Crabill advised a lot of the lots in the City were an average of 100-130 feet in depth, depending on the lot.

Mr. Thackery asked what other advantages were by doing this, other than consistency. Mr. Crabill stated you could potentially have a higher density and allow for further development.

President Hess requested a map to show the location of the same to the next meeting.

Second Reading –

None

Third Reading –

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Crabill stated a press release went out today stating the micro-surfacing would be continuing on E. Water and E. Lawn next week. She added they would keep moving up the street and would be flagging traffic. He also stated there would be a lot of ground covered with a cost-effective use.

Mr. Bumbalough spoke about the Phase 2A Sanitary Sewer Project and stated the streets of Scioto, Finch, Crescent and Ames, effected by this portion of the project is to begin early as August 17, 2020. He also stated there were some misfires pertaining to the repair work on Scioto St, and N. Main, roundabout, but they were to beginning the milling process at 8:00 p.m. this evening.

Mayor Bean stated his appreciation with everything that Tyler has done and he was in hopes that the milling started this evening. He also thanked the Council and Council President for their patience with this situation. He advised that Champaign County has taken a big hit referencing Covid infections and asked everyone to be mindful of others, protect yourselves, your loved ones and each other.

Mr. Brugger thanked Council for their patience with the milling issue. He advised that 95% of the valve mapping was complete. He also advised that regarding the FAA Grant, the City received the grant and there would be legislation coming next Council meeting for approval to accept the grant funding. He spoke of the Electric Aggregation, and stated the contract for the same runs through December of 2021. He stated that citizens are being led to believe that their contract is running out and he wanted to clarify that if any citizens was a part to the Electric Aggregation, the contract is current through December, 2021. He also spoke about service letter and what they meant, pertaining to OGAP. He spoke about the Health Department and stated that we all would like to try to keep control of the number of infections, so please be cautions of yourself and others. He added that the Tech Committee had a meeting today and a topic of that meeting was Hot Spots. He stated this might be an item to be discussed.

Mrs. Collier spoke about political signs that are starting to go up. She stated that this topic was previously discussed and that something was to be done with changing the Ordinance. She advised that nothing has been done to change the Ordinance to date.

Mr. Ebert said that there was a house on W. Light St., that has been condemned and that the owner is living in a white trailer behind the house. He also spoke about the water issues in his Ward and spoke of a secondary line going to Settler's Ridge. Mr. Bumbalough stated that there were plans to submit the CDBG Critical Grant next year.

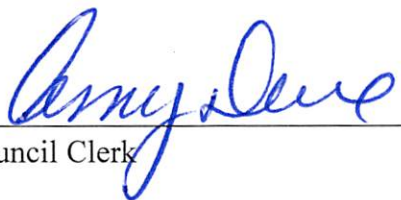
Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. *Paul* seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 6-0.

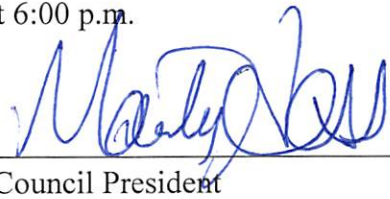
ADJOURN AT 7:10 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President