

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 2012**

The Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting of Tuesday, August 28, 2012, was called to order by **Council President Marty Hess** at 7:00PM, in Court Chambers/The Municipal Building.

Attendance – All Council Members were present with the exception of Mr. Larry Lokai.
City Staff – Mayor Bill Bean; Mr. Kerry Brugger, Director of Administration; Mr. Chad Hall; Police Chief Matt Lingrell (Absent: Mr. Doug Crabill and Mr. Lee Williams)

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session

At the request of City Administration, Mr. Robert Thorpe moved to adjourn the UCC Regular Session to move into Executive Session at 7:03PM; Mr. Eugene Fields seconded. Roll call to approve: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes (6-0)

The topic of the Executive Session was “Property.”

At 7:12PM, Mr. Dwight Paul moved to reconvene to the UCC Regular Session; Mr. Fields seconded. All were in favor of reconvening.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Al Evans moved to approve the UCC Regular Session Minutes of August 14, 2012; Mr. Paul seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Communications

Mr. Thorpe moved to combine Communication 1 (The LUC Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, August 9, 2012) and Communication 2 (The City of Urbana Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes, July 9, 2012), and approve; Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control

Mr. Evans moved to authorize the Director of Administration to enter into a contract with A&B Asphalt Corporation in the amount of \$277,033.21 for the Phoenix Dr. reconstruction (This was the lowest of 2 bids received. This project will be funded through a no-interest loan for 20 years from the Ohio Public Works Commission/OPWC); Mr. Paul seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Thorpe commented, “This was a long time coming...”

“Can you give us a time frame on the construction?” asked Mr. Evans.

Mr. Kerry Brugger answered, “The intent is to get started as early in September as possible, and the intent is to be done by the end of October.”

“Am I correct (if I remember)—it’s going to be half and half, they’re only going to close half?” asked Mr. Evans.

“Right—they’re going to maintain traffic, where they’ll do one half of the roadway and open up the other half—same way with the approach aprons, they’ll have to close down half to maintain activity,” said Mr. Brugger.

“Construction time?” asked Mr. Evans.

“They’re asking for 8 weeks,” Mr. Brugger responded, also noting that weather will be a factor.

Mr. Brugger briefly explained the process involved.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizens who came forward at this Meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Third Reading –

There were no Third Readings at this Meeting.

Second Reading –

There were no Second Readings at this Meeting.

First Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2373 –

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE CITY OF URBANA PROPERTY, CEDAR SPRING (BLUE HOLE) LOCATED NORTH OF GRIMES FIELD, FOR FRESHWATER FARMS TO STOCK RAINBOW TROUT

Mr. Fields moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2373 on the business floor for discussion; Mrs. Virginia Smith seconded. All were in favor of discussing this Resolution.

Mr. Brugger explained:

“Dr. Dave Smith of Freshwater Farms has asked permission to stock the Blue Hole (not everyone knows we have a Blue Hole), but it’s also known as Cedar Spring...it’s the area that’s just west of Rte. 68, as you approach back into the old gravel pit area on the southside...northside of the driveway.

He (Dr. Smith) currently has an agreement with the City to use the field adjacent to the highway for overflow parking for the Shrimp & Fish Festival coming up in September...and he’s asked for permission to take some fingerling trout, and stock the Blue Hole...and help clean up that area, and raise those to a harvestable size (which would probably be late next Summer/early Fall).

The intent would be to go in and make improvements in terms of getting the area cleaned up...to try to get the algae cleaned off the surface of the water, and (again) stock the trout...and feed them, raise them in an environment...see how things go...everything that he would do to get this project started would be at his expense. There’s no monetary involvement with the City—it’s just a matter of working out an opportunity for him to test the environment, if you will...and at the same time clean up the area, and help look for opportunities as to how best we could utilize this area in future years...whether it’s something we could open it up for some recreational use...we don’t know what that would be, but help provide a study.

The agreement would through the rest of this year, and all of 2013 (expiring the end of December of next year)...after he harvests next Fall, the area would be open for the public...and he would not be able to harvest 100% of everything that’s in there...so we would open that area for the public to go out and try to fish out anything that wasn’t able to be harvested. The only involvement we would have (again) at that point would be to try to work with Matt (Lingrell)...he/we talked about being able to support it in terms of keeping an eye on it...respond if there’s any activities that are questionable. There is no monetary value or expense on the City’s part...just a collaboration effort with an area business.”

Mr. Brugger invited questions.

Mr. Thorpe (to Dr. Smith) asked, “You sell other types of fish—Catfish, Bass, etc.—would you be kind enough to (say) to put 50 of each of whatever you sell into the other 4 ponds?”

“Oh—I think down the road that would be a very good thing to do—of course, the one we’re talking about is really only suitable for cold water fishing,” stated Dr. Smith. “I should also make you aware that we’re very interested in helping the City develop that as a fishing park, and have great interest in that.”

“So when these people call me again tomorrow I can say, ‘Dave will have them in there tomorrow’...” said Mr. Thorpe (chuckling).

“One step at a time,” Dr. Smith replied.

Mr. Paul asked, “So I’m kind of curious—I don’t really know much about fishing holes, or fish in general...so...if you’re going to harvest trout in there, how many trout do you think you’ll be able to pull out of there?”

“That’s a good question—and one of the things we’re doing that’s different with this is...we’re basically ranching them,” said Dr. Smith. “We’re not going to have them in cages or structures, or anything like that...we’ll have a screen that keeps them from going downstream...”

Dr. Smith briefly described the process.

“So how big are they?” asked Mr. Paul.

“Over a pound—12 to 14 inches,” replied Dr. Smith. “Again—that’s the kind of thing that we have to figure out.”

He described the water as ‘ideal’ for this project.

“Where do you get the trout from?” asked Mrs. Virginia Smith.

Dr. Smith answered, “Those are the ones we hatch at Freshwater Farms—it typically takes us a year and a half to raise from the egg up to the market size—but we’d be putting 6 month old (maybe even a year old) fish in there.”

Mr. Paul asked, “So when you do this this year—let’s say it doesn’t go so well this year—are you willing to do this more than 1 year to validate the premise or...are you looking at this 1 year timetable to figure out either it’s going to work, or it’s not?”

“Yes—we’re just proposing a 1 year—to see how that works out,” replied Dr. Smith.

“I guess what I’m asking—if that fails (or you don’t do as well as you think this year) are you open to the idea of doing this again the following year?” asked Mr. Paul.

“Yes, we’re very open,” Dr. Smith answered, also adding that the hope is that the City will assist in keeping poaching to a minimum. Poaching was defined as one of the biggest concerns.

Mr. Brugger requested a suspension of the rules for passage at this Meeting, in order to ‘get the process moving, and to not delay it any longer than we need to.’

“I have one question—you mentioned poaching—what is a 12 inches/1 lb. trout worth?” asked Mr. Evans.

“\$6.00,” Dr. Smith said.

Mr. Thorpe moved to suspend the rules on three readings; Mr. Paul seconded.

Roll call vote to approve suspension: Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes (6-0)

Mr. Thorpe moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2373 on the business floor for passage; Mrs. Smith seconded.

Roll call vote to approve passage: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes (6-0)

Miscellaneous Business

- Mr. Thorpe moved to excuse Mr. Larry Lokai from this UCC Meeting; Mr. Fields seconded. Motion carried without objection.
- Mr. Thorpe - Nothing at this time
- Mr. Hoffman - Asked about the email from Mr. Williams regarding the Council serving in Departments schedule
Council President Hess said Mr. Williams will set up the times, and will contact Council
- Mr. Fields - Commented that this email (Council schedule) did not correspond with the Department he requested
Police Chief Matt Lingrell noted that Mr. Williams had mistakenly used the schedule from last year
Mr. Fields complimented the City for beginning to paint yellow around city of Urbana
- Mr. Evans - Complimented Chief Lingrell regarding the opening of school, and noted a police officer and ‘Officer Stanley’ greeting the children as they were getting off of their busses was a hit
“Great job!” Mr. Evans said.
“I appreciate that,” Chief Lingrell replied.
- Mrs. Smith - “I would just like to know—when a house is about ready to fall down, how long before something is actually done to that home? If no one lives in it? If anybody can answer that...” said Mrs. Smith.
Mr. Brugger replied, “Well, there’s a process that has to happen...and ...if you can give me an address I can try to find out.”
Mrs. Smith pointed to (3) on Poe Ave., and (2) more on the east side of that...mention of 250
“I do know that Brad, Doug, and Marcia have been working on a list— We’ve got some State money coming in late this year, and they’ll start working on it next year...but they’re compiling a master list of all the properties that the City’s going to be able to utilize...they’re sharing/ splitting up the State money, so I’m sure if you know about them... I’m sure they’ve got them on their list,” stated Mr. Brugger. “If you would maybe send me an email of those addresses, and I’ll verify with that list.”
Council President Hess referred to Mechanicsburg and home maintenance
“But you also have to have the money to tear it down—we’ve got several houses out there that are in bad condition (that need to be torn down), but it takes money to tear it down,” said Mayor Bill Bean.
“Did you check with them to see how they’re doing that?” asked Council President Hess.
“No,” answered Mayor Bean.
- Mr. Chad Hall - Mentioned Mr. Isaac Carpenter (Operator/ 3rd Shift/Microwave) received his Class I Waste Water License last month, and congratulated him publicly
- Chief Lingrell - Nothing at this time
- Mr. Brugger - Said:

“To reiterate what was in the paper this morning—we met with Waste Management last week, and we will be getting back to them towards the end of next week...trying to map out the process by which (if an individual wants to trade in their 18 gallon tote to a larger tote), then we’ll have that built into a brochure...they’re going to put a brochure together to go out later on, about mid-September or thereabout. Also (just for clarification) the new rate, the new reduced rate goes into affect September 1st. Since all of our billing is in arrears, that break won’t show up until your October billing, so...when you get your bill in September it will still show the August rate (\$3.62)...and also in that brochure we’ll have everything worked out in terms of any business that would like to participate...we’ll have to work out the details of how to make that happen. Some will be pretty simple... just like a residence...there might be some that might be a little more challenging...based on (you know) what it is, where it is, landlords and that type of thing...so...we’ll continue to work on that, and have that information out...and I imagine we’ll have that ready for you at the next meeting.”

“Is it going to be—at the same rate?” asked Mr. Evans.

“The business rate will be at the same rate (\$3.18), unless it’s something...you know we’re not talking about commercial, or industrial... we’re talking about somebody using a cart,” said Mr. Brugger.

“Again—we’ll have to look at those (probably) on a case by case basis—but generally speaking, they said they would do those at the same rate.”

“That would be great,” Mr. Evans said.

Mr. Brugger announced the ‘wrapping up’ of the asphalt project on Main St./Miami St. (Finishing manholes, doing striping, taking care of trip wires to get traffic signals back in sync, etc.) He commended the job ‘in keeping things rolling throughout the last two and a half/three weeks.’

Mr. Brugger asked for a Work Session on September 18th at the Cemetery House. Said this would be confirmed at the September 11th UCC Meeting.

Mrs. Smith asked for a follow up on the water in the West end in September.

“I’m anticipating—they (Floyd Browne) indicated we would have a follow up discussion this week, so...again I’ll be in flux tomorrow...so I’ll make sure I get in contact with them to find out where we’re at, but we’ll have that timeline back to you as soon as we can,” Mr. Brugger responded.

“Those trip things they use at lights—the one by the Post Office, and the one by The Caring Kitchen works really great now...”said Mrs. Smith, who also remarked that a meeting at the Cemetery House would be ‘really nice—to look around.’

Mayor Bean - Announced the following events:

The Antique Show & Flea Market	Labor Day Weekend
Pony Wagon Days (St. Paris)	Sept. 6, 7, & 8
11 th Annual Fish & Shrimp Fest	Sept. 14 & 15
13 th Annual Simon Kenton Pathfinders Ride	Sept. 9
Chili Cook Off & Hoopla Parade	Sept. 29

Events to include: Cornhole Tournament, Scavenger Hunt, Jalapeno Eating Contest, Beer & Ale Tasting, Children's Games and Prizes

The Wright Brothers and Red Hush will perform

1st prize for the Chili Contest will be \$1,000

Mrs. Audra Bean was announced at the contact for this event

@ CRSI, call #653-1307

Mr. Paul - Noted he is the Parade Chairman; Announced it will begin at 1:00, at Lincoln Place (line up)

Said those interested can send an email to him at:

urbanahooplaparade@gmail.com

Other websites noted were:

www.monumentsquaredistrict.org

www.chilicookoffofurbana.com

Council President Hess –

Said the Retreat was successful, and said Council Members have asked about another Retreat

“I would like you to be thinking about that,” he said.

“We have been talking about trying to do one maybe mid to late October,” Mr. Brugger added. “Roughly—we’ll kind of keep you posted.”

“Great—I appreciate that,” said Council President Hess.

Council President Hess pointed to the raised sidewalks in the Square, and complimented the work based upon slowed traffic; Asked whether these could be put in the areas of the schools (crosswalks)

Mr. Brugger said he would ask questions, and research this

Council President Hess revisited Mrs. Smith’s topic of house removal/ Maintenance, and suggested this as a Work Session topic (at some point)

“...or an hour or so, after a Regular Meeting...but I think we should schedule a regular time to sit down and talk about what you guys would like to see...and you’re going over the budget, so it wouldn’t be a bad time to maybe see where the monies are (or are not going to be), and possibly (maybe) October have a Work Session dedicated to a maintenance program...” Council President Hess stated.

Council President Hess asked about public parking along the Bike Path “Railroad St. (north of Light)? I don’t know that that’s designated, but we’ll follow up on that one as well,” replied Mr. Brugger.

Council President Hess said, “Also—I commend you on getting (when you were on Council), asking for an early investigation of the recycling...although it had its ups and downs...is there any way we can look at the contract at the...R.W. Armstrong people to see what we can do at the Airport, in the future? Do we need to talk to them to see what can happen, or do we just need to do it...to see what can happen? Are they the consultants for what happens at the Airport?”

Mr. Brugger answered, “They’re the consultants for the FAA projects at the Airport.”

“Right—so if anybody wants anything done, we have to get with them to do it,” said Council President Hess.

Mr. Brugger indicated there have been meetings with ‘Doug and Karla,’ and said, “I believe it surrounded reviewing the terminal building—the structure itself, so I think that’s one of the next projects that’s on the list to review. We’ll schedule some time for that in the near future.”

“A couple people wanted to know how much money, and what was available...and if we had to go through R.W. Armstrong to get anything done up there,” said Council President Hess.

Mr. Thorpe (to Mayor Bean) asked, “Did I understand that there is an entrance fee for the Chili Cook Off?”

Mayor Bean answered, “Yes there is--\$25.—not for the parade!”

Adjournment

Mr. Thorpe moved to adjourn the UCC Regular Session at 8:10PM; Mr. Doug Hoffman seconded. All were in favor of adjournment.

Council Clerk

Council President