

URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 27, 2014, @ 7:00 p.m.

President Marty Hess called the regular meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Rhonda Ward, Director of Law Breanne Parcels, Wastewater Superintendent Chad Hall, Assistant Director of Administration Doug Crabill and Police Chief Matt Lingrell . Media present: reporter from the *Urbana Daily Citizen*. Ben Vollrath, DP&L Representative.

CLERK CALLED ROLL: Tony Pena, present; Doug Hoffman; absent, Gene Fields; absent, Al Evans; present, Dwight Paul; present, Virginia Smith; present, and Pat Thackery, present.

Mr. Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hess spoke of the Council Clerk hiring Ordinance that was tabled at the last meeting that he would like to be taken care of before proceeding. Mr. Evans moved that Ordinance No. 4423-14 be taken off the table. Mrs. Smith seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection. Mr. Evans moved that Ordinance No. 4423-14 be put on the floor for discussion. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection. Mr. Paul questioned whether Council came up with a salary figure. Mr. Evans stated that the low figure was \$12,000.00 and the high figure was \$16,000.00, and the Clerk, Amy Deere, accepted the \$12,000.00 figure for the starting pay. Roll call vote: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes. *Ordinance Passed: 5-0.*

Mr. Paul moved to enter Executive Session to discuss property issues. Mr. Thackery seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes. *Motion Passed: 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned for Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Evans moved to return from Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Mr. Hess gave a proclamation recognizing Robert Thorpe and his numerous years of service as a Councilman for the City of Urbana.

Mr. Tim Weller, representing The GrandWorks Foundation, gave a presentation referencing the plans for the old cinema bought by the United Methodist Church. The GrandWorks Foundation, which is established by the United Methodist Church as a non-profit community initiative, will be transforming the theater property into a "center for live and on-screen entertainment and other programming to drive cultural, social, economic and spiritual revival for the greater Champaign County community."

MINUTES of the previous regular meeting, May 13, 2014, were reviewed. Mr. Evans moved for approval, with second by Mr. Paul. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. Wagner Paving, Inc. (Street Department)

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$9,690.80 for the 2014 asphalt paving of streets. Mr. ~~Pena~~ seconded. Mr. Crabill spoke in detail on this issue, reviewed the necessity with Council and answers to questions were provided. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

2. CHA Consulting, Inc. (Airport)

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$19,670.00 to CHA Consulting, Inc., for design services, bidding assistance, grant administration, construction administration, and construction observation at Grimes Field for the AIP1914 grant. Mr. Thackery seconded. Mr. Crabill explained what the standard FAA process is, and explained that to receive the grant, the City has to match said grant at 10%. He further answered questions that arose. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ben Vollrath, DP&L representative, spoke of the outages a couple of weeks ago due to storms, and thanked everyone for their patience and support.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

(all reviewed by Director of Law prior to introduction):

Third Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2421-14

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF URBANA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM(S); TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO COMMIT AND APPROPRIATE LOCAL MATCH FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

Mr. Paul moved for final discussion and passage. Mr. Pena seconded. Mr. Crabill explained briefly the details involving this resolution and provided answers to questions. Roll call vote: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes. *Resolution Passed: 5-0.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2422-14

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF URBANA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE

CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO COMMIT AND APPROPRIATE LOCAL MATCH FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT; AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ASSURANCES FOR THIS LOAN AS REQUIRED.

Mr. Paul moved for final discussion and passage. Mr. Thackery seconded. Mr. Crabill gave brief discussion about this resolution. Mr. Crabill provided answers to all questions that arose. Roll call vote: Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Evans, yes. *Resolution Passed: 5-0.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2423-14

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT FOR THE CITY OF URBANA'S SHARE OF THE DELLINGER ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Evans moved for final discussion and passage. Mr. Thackery seconded. Mr. Crabill explained the shared ownership of the bridge with the county and Salem Township, and how the local component needs to be matched for next fiscal year. Questions were asked and answered by Mr. Crabill. Roll call vote: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Pau, yes. *Resolution Passed: 5-0.*

ORDINANCE NO. 4424-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 755 OF THE URBANA CODIFIED ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO REQUIREMENTS AND FEES FOR SOLICITOR LICENSE APPLICANTS.

Mr. Paul moved for final discussion and passage. Mrs. Smith seconded. Ms. Parcels and Chief Lingrell spoke in detail reviewing the need for Webcheck implementation to protect the community. Chief Lingrell encouraged City residents to report unlicensed solicitors. Ms. Parcels also reminded residents that the City requires contractor registration so as door-to-door sales visits often increase after damaging storms, residents can protect themselves by asking to see solicitor permits and/or contractor registrations. Roll call vote: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes. *Ordinance Passed: 5-0.*

Second Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4427-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 936.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO SEPTAGE DEFINITIONS.

Mr. Hall provided information for the necessity of the amendment of this section. Mr. Hess declared a second reading.

First Reading –

RESOLUTION 2425-14

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANDWORKS FOUNDATION (Suspension of the rules requested)

Mr. Evans moved to suspend the three reading rule. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection. Mr. Evans moved for final discussion and passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Hess read the resolution in full. Roll call vote: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes. *Resolution Passed: 5-0.*

ORDINANCE NO. 4428-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY TO CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOR EXPEDITED TAX FORECLOSURE OF THE FORMER Q3/JMC SITE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Paul moved to suspend the three reading rule. Mr. Evans seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes. Motion carried without objection. Mr. Paul moved for final discussion and passage. Mrs. Smith seconded. Mr. Brugger said this will be the county's first expedited foreclosure of commercial property, and the City is not obligated to expend any money other than the application fee of \$1,350 as a result of this Ordinance. "We'd like to see this property turned around and put back into productive use," Mr. Brugger said, noting it has been vacant since 2008. Mr. Paul asked which line item the application fee will come from and Mr. Brugger said it will come from the general fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes. *Ordinance Passed: 5-0.*

ORDINANCE NO. 4429-14

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Council discussed holding a work session to address the tax budget and upon motion by Mr. Paul agreed to hold a work session June 3 by voice vote approval. Mrs. Ward gave brief description of this ordinance, advised of the deadline of July 20 to submit to the county, and recommended Council members contact her about questions in advance of the work session to discuss the tax budget on June 3. Mr. Paul asked about why the City receives no revenue from casino tax. "Do we need to gamble more?" he joked. Mr. Hess declared a first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Pena spoke about his attendance to the Memorial Service at Oakdale Cemetery, and commended the city personnel that took care of the grounds for the service.

Mrs. Smith spoke highly of Code Enforcement Officer Brad Bodenmiller and staff in responding to zoning and nuisance issues. "I didn't realize how much time it took," she said.

Mr. Paul spoke about the "Relay For Life" event, and also asked about the casino tax revenue again. Ms. Parcels explained the only municipalities that receive casino tax revenue are the host cities pursuant to the state's formula for statutory distribution.

Mr. Evans gave his heartfelt sympathy to the Thorpe family.

Chief Lingrell spoke of the 3rd annual Safety Town. First session begins June 2, 2014, through June 6, 2014. Second session begins June 9, 2014, through June 13, 2014.

Mrs. Ward spoke briefly of re-appropriations. They will be happening in the near future after the tax budget is finalized, probably in the latter part of June or beginning of July.

Mr. Brugger spoke also of the Memorial Service and that he heard nothing but very good comments about the appearance of the cemetery. He commended Chris Stokes and staff for a job well done, and their continual commitment of pride in their community. Further, Mr. Brugger reminded citizens the need to pick up after themselves, to include their family pets. He stated that all of the City parks are open, and the shelter house's repairs will be wrapping up in a few days. He referenced road repairs, and mentioned there were numerous amounts of patches. He spoke of what an "eye opener" it is to see all what is involved in the nuisance process in the Zoning Department. Mr. Brugger also congratulated Captain Dave Torsell, of the Urbana Fire Division, on his 37-year career, and congratulated Captain Torsell in his retirement.

Mr. Paul moved to excuse absent Council members, Gene Fields and Doug Hoffman. Mr. Pena seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

Mr. Hess reiterated the fact that there is an Ordinance in existence explaining the requirement to pick up dogs' feces. He continued with advising that CT Communications is changing their line-up due to their merging with Direct TV. It was stated that Direct TV does not carry the local channel to air the City Council meetings, but that Time Warner still carries the local channel.

Mr. Evans moved to adjourn and go into work session for a presentation by Mr. Hall on construction progress at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

ADJOURN at 8:38 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President