

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, June 10, 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: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Rhonda Ward, Director of Law Breanne Parcels, Assistant to the Director of Administration Doug Crabill, Economic Development Coordinator Marcia Bailey, Wastewater Superintendent Chad Hall, and Airport Manager Carol Hall.

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

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

**MAYORAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Mayor Bean recognized Sister Edith Ryan and Sister Virginia Harris of Mercy Memorial Hospital for their history of service to the Urbana community, with over 100 years combined between them.

**MINUTES** of the previous regular meeting, May 27, 2014, and work session June 3, 2014, were reviewed. Mr. Evans moved to accept both sets of minutes as prepared, with second by Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Paul noted a correction needed for a second to a motion related to administrative reports. Said correction was noted and voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Nuisance Mowing Program Memorandum from Code Enforcement Officer Brad Bodenmiller. Mrs. Smith motioned to accept, with second from Mr. Thackery. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.
  
2. Urbana Police Division Memorandum from Chief Lingrell on Amherst Drive complaints. Mr. Paul motioned to accept, with second from Mr. Pena. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Mr. Evans said "I want to thank Chief Lingrell and the officers for their vigilance to this problem. Unfortunately, we cannot legislate good neighbors."
  
3. Street Paving Notice from Assistant Director of Administration Doug Crabill. Mr. Paul motioned to accept, with second from Mr. Evans. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL**

**1. Vaisala, Inc. (Airport)**

Mr. Evans moved to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$9,338.00 for the replacement of the current airport weather reporting system. Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Brugger reviewed the necessity with Council. "It started acting up last year and we held off (replacement) until we could get it budgeted and now it's finally failed," he explained. Airport Manager Carol Hall explained the age of the present system is about 17-18 years old and it is critical for pilot use. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

**2. Burgess and Niple, Inc. (Wastewater Department)**

Mr. Pena moved to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$9,900.00 to Burgess and Niple, Inc., for engineering services during construction for the East U.S. Route 36 Sewer Extension. Mr. Hoffman seconded. Mr. Crabill spoke briefly about this request, noting that Mr. Bumbalough relies on the firm's expertise for forced main sewer work, but said that the need of the firm's services is expected to be minimal. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

**3. Champaign County Commission and Tom's Construction, Inc. (Wastewater Dept.)**

Mr. Evans moved to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$346,044.00 for the construction of the sewer extension on East U.S. Route 36 to Robert Rothschild Farm. Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Crabill advised that the City received four bids for this project on June 3, 2014. He further advised that the alternate "directional boring" method for installing the sewer line is a cost savings, in addition to DP&L poles are on the same side of road as the future project so standard "trenching" work would have cost \$13,000 more. Mr. Crabill said the Champaign County Commissioners also approved the bid from Tom's Construction on the morning of June 10 at their regular meeting. Mrs. Bailey said that while the cost of this project totals approximately \$800,000, the extension of the sewer line allows for potential future sewer customers and it will maintain Rothschild's Farm's current full-time staff of 55 employees, with a projected increase to 71 positions. Mrs. Bailey said Rothschild's had to hook up to a sewer system to meet EPA standards for the discharge from their gourmet food processing operation, and this project prevented Rothschild's Farm from leaving the Urbana community. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

**4. Champaign County Fairgrounds (Utility Department)**

Mr. Evans moved to authorize utility related fees of \$3,900.00 be charged to the Champaign County Fair Board for the installation of a new restroom facility. Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Brugger explained the request to tap water and sewer for a restroom close to the horse arena and camping area at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Paul noted that it would be well worth it and Mr. Evans stated that the City makes good from the Champaign County Fair. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

**5. Xylem Water Solutions, Inc. (Wastewater Department)**

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$13,732.91 for the repair of a 50 horsepower influent pump. Mr. Pena seconded. Mr. Hall spoke of the loss of the main influent pump occurred at the end of May, and said his workers "had to scramble" to find two portable diesel pumps to keep the plant running at a cost of \$6,000 each to rent, plus fuel expense at almost \$4 per gallon for diesel, for a total of about \$15,000 monthly to keep operating with the portable pumps. "The pump needs to stay operational until the new facility comes online in October," Mr. Hall said. Mr. Evans asked if Xylem will repurchase the rebuilt pump, and Mr. Hall indicated if Xylem doesn't buy it, the pump will probably be auctioned as surplus. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Deferred due to late arrival. See below.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Third Reading –**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4427-14**

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

Mr. Evans moved for final discussion and passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Hall explained the amendment pertains to industrial waste definitions, as required by the EPA. Roll call vote: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mr. Pena, yes. *Ordinance Passed: 7-0.*

**Second Reading –**

**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.

Mr. Hess declared a second reading. “We spoke about this at our work session extensively,” he said. Mr. Paul asked about the deadline for submission and Mrs. Ward said July 20, 2014.

**First Reading –**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2426-14**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO COMPLETE THE TRANSFER OF THE FORMER FOX RIVER PAPER MILL PROPERTY TO WEIDMANN ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND REAL ESTATE OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO, AND WEIDMANN ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Mr. Crabill advised that this project has been going on-going since 2009 when the City first applied for Clean Ohio grant funds for brownfield revitalization and site acquisition. The City received a Covenant-Not-To-Sue from the Ohio EPA in April and Weidmann exercised its option to purchase the property. Mr. Fields stated that these efforts will be a “win, win” situation. Mr. Evans stated that this issue was just another example of parties working together, to make something excellent. Mr. Hess declared a first reading.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Evans moved to allow a late arrival to the meeting the opportunity to speak in “Citizen Comments.” Mr. Paul seconded. Tom Adams, 602 Hagenbuch Street, spoke of an on-going issue with a neighbor on his street that was continuing to be a nuisance issue for him and other residents on this street. He said he was “little bit fed up” after he placed a telephone call to the nuisance and code enforcement office to complain. “I want something done,” he said. “The people that work for you say ‘move’ instead of getting the problem solved.” Mr. Adams concluded that he just didn’t understand why the City was not helping him.

“I suggest you talk to the Director of Administration,” Mr. Hess responded.

Mr. Evans said he thinks employees should be more courteous when responding to complaints.

Mr. Paul spoke of the historical grave yard marker dedication at the corner of Kenton and Ward streets that occurred on June 7, 2014. He asked if there were any plans by the city for use of the property, potentially as a park. Mr. Brugger said there are no plans for the site at this time. Mrs. Smith stated that citizens should go out and read the plaque.

Mr. Thackery spoke of the GrandWorks Foundation's Gloria Theater restoration project at the former Urbana Twin Cinema. He stated that there was a presentation with Honda recently and that demolition was going to be beginning in the inside this week.

Mr. Hall mentioned that Brad Yost has been hired as a member of his staff and that brings the city to a total of six licensed wastewater operators.

Mrs. Ward advised that they are working on a plan to allow the acceptance of credit cards to the City.

Mr. Brugger said the railroad crossing at Edgewood Avenue will be upgraded on the north side tracks and the West Central Ohio Port Authority will be taking bids at the end of June.

Mayor Bean offered his thanks to Colin Stein and his crew for preparing the site for the historical marker dedication at the old cemetery.

Mr. Hess inquired of Council members as to when to schedule Work Session meetings, suggesting either the first Tuesday or third Tuesday of every month. Mr. Hess mentioned that the meetings are not mandatory and they used to be scheduled for every third Tuesday of every month. Discussion continued amongst Council members, with Mr. Hoffman suggesting work sessions after the regular meeting times, but Mr. Evans disagreed. "I think it detracts from the interaction with citizens and would prefer to have it the first Tuesday," Mr. Evans said.

Mr. Fields moved to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss economic development with Mayor Bean, Mr. Brugger and Mrs. Bailey with adjournment and no action after the executive session, Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

**ADJOURN at 9:15 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

June 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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Council Clerk

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Council President