

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.**

President Marty Hess called the regular meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Rhonda Ward, Director of Law Breanne Parcels, and Police Chief Matt Lingrell.

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

President Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES of the previous meeting June 10, 2014, were approved as received. Mr. Paul moved for approval and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes of April, 2014. Mr. Evans moved to accept, with second from Mr. Paul. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.
2. Ohio Certified Public Records Training, August 15, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Mr. Hoffman moved to accept, with second from Mr. Pena. Ms. Parcels encouraged Council members to attend. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. Leightronix, Inc. (Capital Improvement)

Mr. Fields moved that this agreement not to exceed the amount of \$13,000 be placed on the floor for discussion with a second from Mr. Paul. Mr. Brugger explained that if the City opted to refurbish the equipment for \$4,000, it would get a 1-year warranty, but after that, would be on its own if the equipment fails, so it would interrupt broadcast of the local access channel and possibly result in data loss. Therefore, replacement of the server is preferable, if it fails. A new server will come with a five-year warranty but flux in the cable industry and technology advancements may render the equipment obsolete in the meantime, Mr. Brugger explained. Discussion took place between Mr. Fields, Mr. Evans, Mr. Paul, Ms. Parcels and Mr. Brugger. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

2. Miami Valley Lighting, LLC (Non-Departmental)

Mrs. Smith moved that this contract extension for street lighting services, be placed on the floor for discussion with a second from Mr. Thackery. Mr. Brugger spoke briefly referencing the request for contract extension, explained what the services were and how the City was going to receive a little bit of a discount with the contract extension. This contract will last through 2015, until the City can “piggyback” with the Miami Valley Communications Council to get a bigger discount. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

3. Quinn Contracting, Inc. (Public Works Division)

Mr. Evans moved for the discussion of the authorization of a purchase order in the amount of \$15,000 for damage repair caused by the supplier to the salt storage building roof with a second from Mr. Fields. Mr. Brugger provided explanation for the repair necessity. Mayor Bean further explained the subrogation process for the City’s insurance which paid \$14,000 for the repair and will go after the truck driver’s insurer for that amount and the City’s \$1,000 deductible. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

John Shutway, 573 E. Church St., asked about a “petition for redress of grievances” he filed with the City Administration in August of 2013 related to water billing, and inquired if Council had been copied. Mr. Paul inquired as to what the grievance was regarding, for he knew that Council and Administration had spoken to Mr. Shutway repeatedly about water and sewer fees. Mr. Brugger stated that he couldn’t provide an answer to the question at this point in time about whether the communication was copied to council. Mr. Shutway concluded, “I’m looking for some resolution to that.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third 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. Councilman Evans moved to put this on the floor for final discussion and passage with a second from Mrs. Smith. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mr. Pena, yes. *Ordinance passes 7-0.*

Second 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 AND REAL ESTATE OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO, AND WEIDMANN ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC. President Hess declared this Ordinance as a second reading.

First Reading –

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Fields inquired about the appropriation of money for new street signs. Mr. Brugger stated that the last one would have been around 2011. There was a 4-year plan to do a section of town every year, and the first year was delayed. Mr. Brugger continued that it was on the agenda for this year about getting back on track.

Mr. Evans spoke about utility digs. He stated that the concrete contractors are making a lot of progress, and if citizens are having issues that an area isn't being completed, to call to let the City know. Mr. Brugger spoke briefly on the subject.

Mrs. Smith spoke about trash along U.S. Route 68 and thanked citizens that clean up their trash.

Mr. Thackery said the GrandWorks foundation is making fast progress moving forward on the former theater property and encouraged attendances at the Home and Garden Tour being held in Mechanicsburg on June 28-29.

Mr. Pena spoke of a friend moving back to Urbana from Tennessee, and his friend stated that Urbana looks great and that it was very pleasing to the eye. Mr. Pena also expressed concern about a property on the south end of town where the home was destroyed by fire, and noted a toilet is still sitting outside in the front yard. Mr. Brugger said the City was trying to get the home demolished, but the County Prosecutor has denied demolition of that structure along with a garage that burned in the 300 block of East Church Street.

Mr. Hoffman spoke of issues with DP&L contractors' tree trimming practices. He asked if they all adhere to the same policy as he has noticed that some contractors will come in and cut the tree up and it looks horrible, leaving a tree trunk with hardly any branches.

Mr. Brugger stated that the 2014 paving projects are still moving forward, including parking areas.

Mayor Bean talked about his attendance at the Ohio Mayor's Conference in Marietta a couple of weeks ago. The Ohio Municipal League will support Issue 1, which provides capital to do things in cities such as Urbana, including funding for projects like the Phase 1 Water lines. Mayor Bean said although the legislature is pushing for passage, House Bill 5 will not help Urbana as a Municipality. He stated that citizens need to persuade the Senate to listen to the concern expressed by the Municipal League, and stated that citizens should read up on this and if anyone should have any questions, please feel free to ask and contact Sen. Keith Faber's office.

Mr. Brugger said Code Enforcement Officer Brad Bodenmiller has resigned to take a planner position with LUC Regional Planning Commission. "Brad has done a wonderful job with getting into the nuts and bolts of code enforcement, nuisance issues and zoning," Mr. Brugger said, noting Mr. Bodenmiller will be missed.

President Hess encouraged attendance at the City's July 4th auction held at the building behind the Armory on North Main Street at 10:00 a.m. He continued by stating that dealing with tree trimming, the utility companies have "right of way" with regard to them and opt for the most economical method of removal. He also inquired as to a snow plow damaging the curb, and whose responsibility it was to repair it. Mr. Brugger advised that it was the homeowner's responsibility, but they should call the City so that the situation may be discussed. President Hess further inquired about the Cemetery Rules and how they were being accepted, and Mr. Brugger advised that the rules are working out well and that the City is receiving mostly good comments about the cemetery. Mr. Brugger advised that the house at the cemetery still needs structural work and painting. President Hess also asked about issues holding up the demolition of fire-damaged homes in the City, and Miss Parcels advised that it could be due to an on-going arson or insurance investigation.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn with second from Mr. Paul. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

ADJOURN at 8:09 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President