

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.**

President Marty Hess called the regular meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Rhonda Ward, Director of Law Breanne Parcels, Assistant Director of Administration Doug Crabill, Parks and Cemetery Superintendent Chris Stoke, Pool Manager, Cheryl Wade, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, and Police Chief 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 24, 2014, were approved as received. Mrs. Smith moved for the approval and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were none

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:**

**1. Software Solutions – Finance Department**

Mr. Evans moved to authorize a purchase order to Software Solutions be placed on the floor for discussion with a second from Mr. Fields. Mrs. Ward explained that it was an annual cost for the primary accounting systems. Further, she stated that the programming included upgrades, and support on the software itself. She stated that there would be a minimal increase each year and that they use only what they pay for. Questions were asked and answered and positive comments were made by members of Council.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were none

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Third 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. Mr. Fields moved to put this on the floor for final discussion and passage with a second from Mr. Evans. Mr. Crabill gave brief discussion, and explained that the closing would be scheduled in mid-August. Mr. Fields stated that it has been a long time coming. Mr. Evans mentioned that the City “went to school” on this project, so if this same issue should arise in the future, it would be easier. Mr. Paul spoke highly of the City’s involvement with this project. Mr. Thackery stated that good things happen with the private/public sector work together and Mr. Pena offered his thanks for a job well done. 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 –**

There were none.

**First Reading –**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4426-14**

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES. Mr. Evans declared that he was giving up the “Green Book” of Ordinances and to take him off of the list for replacement pages. President Hess declared this a first reading.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2427-14**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF URBANA TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES UNDER THE ROUND 21 NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS, and DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Crabill discussed that there was additional funding from the State available for replacement of the fence on the adult softball fields. This funding would be broke down as 75% State and 25% City. Mr. Stokes advised that there are numerous holes in the fencing located at the adult fields, dirt has to be applied to cover cement, fencing breaking – to which could cause lacerations. He finalized by

stating that he felt that it would be smarter to pay \$6,000.00 to solve situation than to pay \$26,000.00 to do the same without the State's aid. Mr. Paul inquired as to the number of participators, and was advised that they play two nights a week, 15 teams, and approximately 300 players. Mrs. Smith stated that now is a good time to bring the old fence up to par. Mr. Pena agreed with Mrs. Smith and Mr. Hoffman agreed with both, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Pena, in looking at the pictures provided prior to the coming to order of this meeting. President Hess declared this a first reading.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2428-14**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT FOR A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 54 IN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO. Mr. Bumbalough began by stating that the location for the request is from Water Street to last curve of the cemetery. Currently, the speed limit is 35 mph and the City is looking to increase the speed from the last curve of the cemetery to Powell Ave., to 45 mph. Technically, ODOT can set it at 55 mph, but that the City wanted to request it being 45 mph. Mr. Bumbalough further mentioned that his office is in the process of doing a speed study, and the results will be provided to ODOT. Questions arose and were answered by Mr. Bumbalough. He concluded that they were looking to do at least one more speed change. The same would be on Dellinger Rd., getting it away from the 25 mph. This area would cause the Township to be involved as well.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hoffman inquired as to the number of ordinances are there on the books, and Mr. Brugger advised that there were 4,426, and 2,428 resolutions. Mr. Hoffman further asked the process of deleting one. Ms. Parcels advised that sometimes, one is just temporary, but to delete one, you have to repeal a new one to get rid of an old one, and there has to be a majority vote of Council.

Mr. Thackery asked who held the responsibility of the trees between the curbs and the sidewalks. Mr. Crabill advised that they were public trees and were maintained by the City. Mr. Thackery continued by asking the status of the replacement for Brad Bodenmiller, in the Zoning Department. Mr. Brugger advised that in another week or two, a replacement should be introduced.

Mrs. Smith spoke of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration out at the City Airport, and stated that a couple of records were set. The amount of cars and the 50/50 drawing were both increased. She advised that it was a very enjoyable experience.

Mr. Paul mentioned that the Champaign County Preservation Alliance aids in the raising of funds to save and/or restore buildings in the County. He concluded by thanking Brad Bodenmiller for his superior service to the City and wished him well in his new job.

Mr. Evans discussed the digs' progress, and stated that it is moving forward. He concluded by noting the sighting of the City's street sweeper to which he felt was a good sight to see. Mr. Hoffman added the request of being able to paint the street sweeper pink so that it in fact, will be noticed.

Mr. Stokes mentioned that Urbana Youth Sports Soccer Registration has opened. Further, he advised that Billy McCall passed away earlier this morning and that condolences went out to his family, for he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Bumbalough spoke of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for disc golf, would be held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Further, he mentioned that this project began in the late 2012.

Mr. Crabill stated that the Phase 1 Water Project has begun on Ward Street. He continued by advising citizens to try and avoid that area due to possible traffic issues. He concluded that all updates on the project are available on the City's Website.

Mr. Brugger began by stating that at the last Council Meeting, during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting, a citizen inquired about the redress of a grievance that was filed with the City Administration. In looking into this matter, it was found that the grievance was filed on August 20, 2013, and was responded to on September 6, 2013. This grievance was based on utility issues, and was filed by a different person than the citizen that was inquiring of the status. Mr. Brugger made it clear that any information pertaining to this topic will be directed to only the person bringing such grievance. Mr. Brugger concluded by requesting a Work Session on July 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. to go over the mid-year budget (re-appropriations), Nuisance Ordinances, general discussion of the 2015 budget, and anything else that may surface.

Mayor Bean also spoke of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the airport. He stated that that was the most cars that the City has ever had. The Rotary prepared delicious food as usual, and the fireworks were beautiful. He offered thanks to all involved. He also played the first three holes in the disc golf course on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well. He concluded that the City's disc golf course is considered one of the best courses in all of Ohio.

President Hess discussed the duties of the Council members. He noted that Council's duties are limited and Council legislates and appropriates only.

Mr. Thackery spoke of the Art Affair coming up on the calendar for June 19, 2014. He advises that it is a great event, with abundance of outstanding food amongst other outstanding activities.

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

**ADJOURN at 7:46 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

August 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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Council Clerk

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Council President