

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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, 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 August 12, 2014, were approved as received. Mrs. Smith moved for the approval and Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Police Chief Matt Lingrell concurring with City Engineer, Tyler Bumbalough and the City of Urbana's desire to increase the posted speed for Dellinger Road. Mr. Paul moved to accept this communication and Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

John Shutway, 573 E. Church St., posed a question regarding the third reading of Ordinance 4430. He spoke of "Fair Market Value" and asked why it was not in the ordinance. Ms. Parcels advised that the wording of the ordinance does refer to the applicable statute, but the ordinance does not need to replicate the entire statutory language. Mr. Shutway voiced his opinion that it should. Ms. Parcels said the City always follows the Ohio Revised Code in evaluating legislation. Mr. Shutway stated he believes the City is "not following common law" and that he believes the Ordinance is therefore unconstitutional. Ms. Parcels replied that statutes and legislation are presumed to be constitutional at the same time Mr. Evans declared a point of order. Mr. Evans said that the Citizen Comment period is not a floor for debate, and that Mr.

Shutway asked a question and Ms. Parcels answered it. Mr. Evans said the City Council legislates and appropriates and relies on the Director of Law to review and approve resolutions and ordinances for conformity with state and federal laws. He advised that following action on the Ordinance, should Mr. Shutway desire, he could obtain his own attorney if he disagreed with Council's action, but that his three minute period had expired for comment. Mr. Shutway then left the podium.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4430-14

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROCEDURES UNDER CHAPTER 5722 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO FACILITATE REUTILIZATION OF NONPRODUCTIVE LANDS SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO.

Ms. Parcels discussed that in 2009 City Council adopted an ordinance giving Council partial power accepting tax delinquent properties. Since then, there have been other methods put into place to do the same, i.e., deeds in lieu of foreclosure, expedited foreclosure. The City's desire is to get these lands back into to productive use for economic purposes. 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 4-0.*

Second Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4431-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2402 TO MODIFY OR INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO FOR CURRENT EXPENSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. (SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS)

Mrs. Ward spoke of the request of the supplemental appropriation of funds in the amount of \$67,618.00 to cover contractual raises this year, insurance benefits, retirement payouts, resignation payouts, Q3 expedited foreclosure, extreme winter that impacted the street crew, to name a few. She stated that the request should cover payroll and benefits. President Hess declared this a second reading.

First Reading –

There were none

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Fields voice his appreciation with the painting of the curbs and the new signs being put up. He stated that it looked great.

Mrs. Smith spoke of the Gwynne Street Bridge mural. She welcomed all to take a look at the beautiful mural.

Mr. Thackery spoke of the numerous cars parked between the curb and the sidewalk and asked the citizens to please park on the street.

Mr. Pena stated that now that school has started, please keep a close watch out for the kids when in your vehicle. Please slow down.

Mr. Hoffman expressed his amazement on how quickly the signs are being changed out, the pulling of weeds out of bricks in the sidewalks in the square, painting of the flower pots, etc. Mr. Hoffman stated that it looked great.

Ms. Parcels spoke of her office gaining another intern. Additionally, she spoke of Copper, the Court House Dog, (in training), and that he had a Facebook page and welcomed all to view it.

Mrs. Ward spoke of the budgets being provided to the division heads in addition to schedules meetings for the week of September 8, 2104. She stated to try to coordinate a date for council members to meet with department heads prior to the week of September 8, 2014. She also thanked the two interns from Urbana University, for their work was excellent.

Mr. Brugger stating that this coming fall, the City would be realigning the wards to try to identify if the City is in proper balance. He also stated that the Rothschilds project is moving along successfully and that he would keep council updated. He offered appreciation of the positive comments referencing the streets signs and curbs. He also spoke of the Phase 1 Water Project. He stated that on Ward Street, the mains are in, and pressurized, and they were doing the side streets. Currently, they are working on water testing. Additionally, Mr. Brugger stated that signs were being ordered that would be placed on the properties, and when the citizens see the signs, they will know that the City would be working on their water in the next day or two. He continued with mentioning that the folks that do not have a good service line to connect to, unfortunately, the City workers have to move on and keep going due to the fact that the City does not like people not having water for a long period of time.

Mayor Bean spoke of citizens going through the round-a-bout in the square, and asked them to look to their left and be sure to look for pedestrians. He stated that people seem to be "blowing" through the square and asked for everyone to please slow down. He continued with mentioning the Fido Swim Fest from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the City Pool, Saturday, August 30, 2014,

being put on by the Champaign County Citizens For Canines. He also mentioned that CRSI would be holding their annual Health Fair on September 10, 2014, 1150 Scioto St. There will be free screenings and vendors there for individuals and their health needs.

President Hess spoke of a work session to be held on the third Tuesday of the month, September 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Training Room, to cover the upcoming budget, etc. He stated that they were not mandatory, but felt it would be a good idea to share information on the budgets. He further inquired as to the involvement by the Board of Elections when realigning the wards. Mr. Brugger confirmed the board's involvement, and stated that if it was ok, he would like to "piggy back" this subject to the September 16th Work Session. Mr. Hess continued with Mr. Brugger inquiring as to the water project and gravel. Mr. Hess asked of the workers are cleaning their areas up occasionally. Mr. Brugger stated that it was very hard for the workers to keep up with that with everything that was going on, but he had already taken care of that issue. Mr. Hess continued with the statement of using your turn signals when you go through the round-a-bout in the square. He also stated that if you are owners of a pet, please take care of it, don't abandon it. "If you don't think you can take care of a pet, don't get one", he said.

Mrs. Smith spoke again about school being back in session and pleaded with citizens, "If you can't go the speed limit, get out and walk".

Mr. Evans motioned to adjourn and go to Executive Session for Economic Development, with a second from Mr. Fields. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

ADJOURN at 7:36 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

September 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President