

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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, Wastewater Superintendent Chad Hall, and Parks/Cemetery Superintendent Chris Stokes.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Tony Pena, present; Doug Hoffman; absent, Gene Fields; present, Al Evans; absent, 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 of October 28, 2014, were approved as received. Mrs. Smith moved for the approval of the minutes and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Shade Tree Commission Minutes, emailed 10-17-2014.
Mrs. Smith motioned to put this communication on the floor for discussion and passage with a second from Mr. Paul. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.
2. Letter from Marcia Bailey regarding the eWaste event held on October 18, 2014.
Mr. Smith motioned to put this communication on the floor for discussion and passage with a second from Mr. Paul. Mr. Paul stated that 18,000 lbs. for 134 cars, he would call that a pretty successful event. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading –

None

Second Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4433-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105, SECTION 105.01, 105.02, 105.03, 105.04, AND 105.05 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES SUBDIVIDING THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO INTO WARDS OF SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL POPULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 731.06 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

President Hess declared this a second reading.

RESOLUTION 2433-14

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE SEVERAL OBJECTS AND PURPOSES WHICH THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO MUST PROVIDE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

President Hess declared this a second reading.

First Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4434-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ALLOW PUBLIC FISHING AT THE CITY-OWNED LAKES NORTH OF THE GRIMES FIELD AIRPORT.

Mr. Brugger began discussion on opening two of the City-owned lakes to the public for fishing. He stated that he had had discussions with Jeff Tipton of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and their willingness to work with the City to make this happen. He further stated that Mr. Tipton would stop in at the lakes to check for proper credentials, etc., and the lakes would be maintained by ODNR and would be placed in the stocking program. He continued to say that the City wanted to keep it as basic as possible for there are no monies for investments, i.e., picnic tables, shelter houses, etc. The lakes would open in the spring and close in November or December for the season, and the hours would be from dawn to dusk. Additionally, the fishing would be shore fishing only. He relayed that people would just like a place to go relax. The citizens would have to be licensed to fish due to the fact that the area will be monitored periodically by ODNR. There will be no hunting, no trapping, no four-wheelers, etc. He closed by saying that it will remain open to the public as long as the citizens use it properly. Mr. Fields stated that the only thing that bothered him was the liability issue. Mr. Paul inquired as to the number of acres of water, to which Mr. Brugger stated that he would have to check on that. Mrs.

Smith stated she felt that it was a good idea. Mr. Thackery stated that he was a little concerned with a trash issue arising. He stated that a dumpster she be placed back there and be emptied once a month. He concluded that it was a great idea as long as the citizens take care of it. Mr. Pena stated that he also had concerns with liability, children, etc. President Hess declared this a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 4435-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLAGE OF ST. PARIS AND THE VILLAGE OF MECHANICSBURG FOR THE PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASES IN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Ms. Parcels began discussion by stating that in previous years, prior to her appointment, the Law Director contracted with the villages with reference to prosecution in the Municipal Court, and would file a 1099. She states that what the contract would entail is that the villages would pay a flat fee to the City, rather than paying the Law Director/Municipal Prosecutor directly for Municipal prosecutions. These monies would go into the law department budget so that the expenditures for a big case, for example, would be taken care of. Mr. Paul inquired to how the process worked and Ms. Parcels stated that the flat fee given to the City by the village's, would be put in the law department budget. Mr. Thackery thanked Ms. Parcels for her vision to make this happen.

President Hess declared this a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2434-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF THE EAST STATE ROUTE 29 ROADSIDE PARK FROM THE STATE OF OHIO ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY OHIO.

Mr. Brugger discussed the location of the Roadside Park and stated that this land was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Miller and the City accepted responsibility in 1973 for the maintenance of the park. He further stated that within the last couple of years, there are repairs that need to be done. He stated that he spoke with the State as to giving the same back to the State, and the State does not want to have the property back. Therefore, the State would abandon the property and maybe given back to the Miller family. He further stated that it makes sense to accept the transfer from the State and the City would take ownership of it. Chris Stokes stated that day to day, people dump their trash, discard bundles of papers, etc. in the dumpster. He further stated that the park does get used a lot for lunch. He continued with saying that the roofs are bad and there are 3 bad steps that are in need of repair. Further, he mentions that they had to put a roll bar on the mowers for this specific area and that the weed-eat it about three times a summer. Mr. Paul asked the cost on the transaction and Mr. Brugger responded that it cost nothing.

President Hess declared this a first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Fields spoke about citizens getting their leaves to the curbs.

Mr. Paul motioned to excuse absent members Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Evans, with a second from Mr. Fields. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection. Mr. Paul inquired as to the time it takes to get the council minutes on TV, and was provided the answer of approximately three days.

Mr. Thackery spoke of the Round-A-Bout, and how citizens should be more courteous to other citizens. He further stated that it would be nice if a police cruiser could sit and watch traffic every so often and/or people get smarter.

Mr. Pena stated that he was glad to see that the road were getting paved, and that he saw the leaf truck out in action and thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Stokes thanked all of his part-time crew for all of their past help.

Mr. Hall stated that the compost will be closed on the 29th of November, 2014. Mr. Hess inquired of Mr. Hall the progress on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project and was advised that they were in month 13 with 9 more to go, and that it was coming right along.

Ms. Parcels stated that “Copper the Courthouse Dog” passed his test and is now a certified therapy dog and is ready and qualified to help victims further inside of the courtroom.

Mr. Brugger advised that the leaf collection is fully underway and will be continuing through the month of November. He continued with saying that work has begun on the 1st block of E. Church and said that they were going to continue as long as the weather holds up. Mr. Brugger spoke of street lighting and provided a handout to council members. It includes the areas of Parmore Estates, Washington and Dorothy Moore Ave., Boyce St., Fountain Cir., Diamond Ct., Old Farm Rd., and Melvin Miller Park. He also stated that the handout provided was not a quote, just a “snapshot” and advised Council that he wanted to provide them with some sort of information that they could speak with their constituents and let council review and consider the same. He also stated that he would like to schedule a work session on November 11, 2014, to speak of lighting, nuisance ordinances and zoning ordinances, laying the ground for 2015.

Mayor Bean thanked Mr. Thackery about speaking of the Round-A-Bout. Mayor Bean stated to be courteous and that it is working well, but everyone needs to slow down. He further advised that on Saturday, November 8, 2014, the Champaign County Preservation Alliance is having a

loft tour from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. with a cost of \$12.00 per person and invited all to attend for that there are some really interesting lofts in the City of Urbana.

Mr. Thackery also advised that the theater would be a part of the tour as well.

Mr. Fields motioned to adjourn and go into executive session. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

ADJOURN at 8:03 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

November 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President