

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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, Water Superintendent Bob Munch 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 of October 14, 2014, in addition to Work Session meeting, both, 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.

Dave Gulden and Brad Bodenmiller of LUC spoke referencing the updates within LUC. They both spoke about how their organization can help the City with zoning and development reviews, zoning code updates, etc. They stated that they usually only do townships, but now they are expanding to the cities as well.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Division Activities Report, July – September.

Mr. Hoffman motioned to put this communication on the floor for discussion with a second from Mr. Thackery. Mr. Fields stated that this report was well put together and thanked the preparer. Mr. Thackery stated that the report shows how busy everyone is.

Voice vote on approval of all communications: all ayes; nays, none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. **E.J. Prescott – Water Division**

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order to E.J. Prescott be placed on the floor for discussion with a second from Mrs. Smith. Mr. Munch spoke on subject stating that this purchase order is used as the items fall apart within the division, such as clamps, pipes, saddles, etc. Mr. Thackery asked about how much the \$15,000.00 cover and Mr. Munch responded with

a figure of about one month. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

2. Hull & Associates – Capital Improvements

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order to Hull & Associates, Inc. be placed on the floor for discussion with a second from Mrs. Smith. Mr. Hall spoke in detail about this project. He stated that this is the second half of the ground water sampling. This sampling is forwarded to the State and the amount requested for the purchase order is not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mr. Hoffman asked what was it with doing the sampling that was too difficult for the City to do it themselves, and Mr. Hall's response was that the attempt was made to do the sampling, but the statistical evaluation was completely over their heads. President Hess inquired as to the results of the samplings and wondered if a bad sample has ever arisen. Mr. Hall's response was yes but it was very minimal in the negativity. Mr. Hall added that all of the samplings negativities have been minimized due to the wastewater's involvement. Questions were asked and answered. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

Footnote: H&S Asphalt - \$7,300.00

Mr. Paul moved to put this footnote on the floor for discussion with a second from Mrs. Smith. Mr. Hall spoke about the emergency increase and its necessity. The street had to be cut into a little more than what was expected.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Larry Headlee, 335 New Haven, Urbana, Ohio, spoke about the Champaign County Senior Center Levy that will be on the ballot. He stated that the Senior Center has provided a wide range of services to the older adults of the County for the past 43 years. The need for these services has grown for the number growth of older adults has risen and will continue to rise. There has never been an increase request in a levy since 1980. The taxpayer will pay \$14.00 a year or \$1.17 per month upon passage to ensure this valuable service continues. Council members thanked Mr. Headlee for his presentation and thanked the Senior Center for all that they do. Mr. Hoffman added that he thought that we owed it to our seniors in this community.

Ben Vollrath of DP&L gave a presentation regarding DP&L's economic development initiatives and grant opportunities. He stated that he would keep the City and the City's council members all posted on this topic.

Mr. Evans had a question for Mr. Vollrath about line clearance with the tree trimming issue. Mr. Evans asked if there were any options other than DP&L coming in and trimming the tree. Mr. Vollrath responded that there are options available, but the end result would be DP&L having to approve the completed tree trimming.

Mr. Paul mentioned that he liked that DP&L are moving ahead and Mr. Thackery stated that partnerships were great and he thanked DP&L for their efforts.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading –

There are none.

Second Reading –

There are none.

First 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 stated that we spoke of this at the recent work session. Mr. Brugger continued with stating the ORC requires us to renew the boundaries, preferably following each census. He further stated that we have had some growth, but nothing substantial. He stated that the last update was performed in 1984. Mr. Paul mentioned notifying the residents of the change in boundaries and asked the costs to which the City would incur. Mr. Brugger stated that it would cost the City nothing for it would be the Board of Elections and County Engineer that would be notifying the public. President Hess declared this a first 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.

Mrs. Ward spoke on this topic, going over some of the highlights of the details that were discussed at the recent work session. She stated that when Council passed the tax budget back in the spring, there was \$182,376 less in the revenue budget of 2014. She mentioned that overall, the General Fund is down approximately \$61,000.00 and we are spending 1% less than we are this year, that there were no contractual pay raises, and that there would be a 9% increase in medical insurance. She further stated that the Health Insurance Committee will meet in March, as they do every year, to make recommendations. She spoke of employee headcount and being down three fulltime employees. She went on stating that one position in the Street Department will remain unfilled while two fulltime firefighters will not be filled due to the "Safer Grant" funds have been exhausted and the positions were vacated through retirement within the Fire Department. She further discussed the restructure within Code Enforcement, making one

fulltime position into two part-time positions. She continued with the issue of salt and the significant increase for this in the budget for the upcoming year. She noted that the price has increased \$23,000.00 from last year, making a substantial difference in the Street Department budget. She referenced the fact that there was a need for the City to cut the budget across the board in the amount of 6%. She thanked everyone who participated to make this challenge feasible. Mr. Paul asked if Council found something they wanted to change within the budget what is the procedure? Ms. Parcels clarified that the Resolution could continue as an amended second reading, for example.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Evans spoke of the unwanted newspaper delivery. He stated that this past Sunday, the paper was delivered as usual. He inquired as to the littering laws on someone's property or in the gutters on the street. Mr. Brugger stated that this would be a great topic for a work session so that they could speak of the littering topic on a different scale. Mr. Evans stated that he would remain on top of this issue and stated that it was going to be solved. Additionally he added that a remedy for this situation is to have the newspaper brought up on his front porch as the other newspapers are delivered.

Mr. Paul spoke of the tree trimming done by DP&L and stated that the City is looking a little rough. He also spoke on the issue of the Council Packet deliveries. He stated that he felt that this was very unnecessary and that the council should get their packets by e-mail or some other way of delivery other than the police officer's. Mr. Paul motioned that the Council Packets be delivered by other means other than police delivery and was seconded by Mrs. Smith. Mr. Paul stated that he felt that it was a complete waste of time for the police officer's and Mrs. Smith Smith agreed with his statement. Mr. Thackery stated that it made no difference to him how he got his Council Packet and Mr. Pena agreed. Mr. Hoffman stated that he had no problem with going paperless but he felt that Council should look into getting some sort of device so that the packets could be made even more accessible, as discussed in previous work sessions. Mr. Fields stated that he didn't think that the delivery of Council Packets took the police officers away from their work, but he felt that it would make a good Work Session topic. Mr. Evans asked Police Chief Lingrell his thoughts on this issue. Chief Lingrell stated that he felt that we were all on the same team and that it didn't matter to him one way or the other. President Hess stated that it is nice to have a policeman in the neighborhood, he enjoys seeing and talking to them, and he stated that it could be talked in further detail at a work session. Mr. Paul rescinded his previous motion so that the topic would be talked in further detail at the upcoming work session.

Mr. Thackery spoke of seeing chairs and couches in yards and alleyways. He stated that citizens need to dispose of property properly. If they choose not to, it makes the City look bad.

Mr. Hoffman stated that in the community, children and adults, we all have to support each other and work together to make the community work. He stated that we should all think long and hard before voting no.

Chief Lingrell stated that Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2014, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. He further stated that the police department hands out candy behind the municipal building. He stated that everyone be safe drivers be on alert for young children crossing streets.

Mr. Brugger spoke of some topics he wished to discuss at the upcoming work session scheduled for November 11, 2014, to include zoning ordinances, newspaper deliveries, nuisances, to name a few. He also stated that the leaf pick-up season begins November 1, 2014, through December 1, 2014. He commented that with the water digs, pick-ups have been running a little slow. He continued with the Phase 1 Water Project update, stating that they were finished with the asphalt from Sycamore St. to Main St. He further stated that this was not a final product and that they will complete the job this coming spring. He mentioned that they are going to be on Church St. as long as the weather holds up. He asks for everyone's patience for that the project does create some inconvenience, although he wouldn't trade the finished product for anything.

Mayor Bean discussed his outing with President Hess, Fire Chief Mark Keller, and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Asper, to a fire class in Columbus on Saturday. He stated that he was extremely sore but he learned a lot and got a different perspective on the firefighters go through. He stated that he appreciated Chief Keller to allow them to do this.

President Hess also spoke on the outing and thanked the Fire Department for all what they do. He stated that they had to be dressed in full gear and have air in 90 seconds. He stated that it was very intense.

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

ADJOURN at 8:07 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

November 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President