

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.**

President Marty Hess called the regular meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Breanne Parcels, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Economic Development Director, CEP Marcia Bailey, and Joe Reidy of Frost Brown Todd LLC (special counsel).

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

President Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Smith moved to enter into Executive Session for discussion to consider the purchase of property if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. Mr. Thackery seconded.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; and Mr. Thackery, yes.

Enter Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss property acquisition with legal counsel with respect to expedited foreclosure, brownfield redevelopment and other aspects of purchase.

At 6:53 p.m., Mrs. Smith moved to return to regular session and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval; all ayes, no nays. A brief recess was taken.

President Hess called the regular meeting of the Urbana City Council back to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Evans, absent; Mr. Paul, absent; Mrs. Smith, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mr. Pena, present; and Mr. Hoffman, present.

MINUTES of the regular session meeting of July 7, 2015, in addition to the work session minutes of June 23, 2015, were approved as received. Mr. Thackery moved for the approval of the minutes and Mrs. Smith seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. Champaign County Engineer - \$28,060.00

Mr. Hoffman moved to authorize the Director of Administration to enter into a contract with the Champaign County Engineer for the purchase of 400 tons of Road Salt at the rate of \$70.15 per ton to replenish the City’s Road Salt supply for the remainder of the year. Mr. Pena seconded. Mr. Brugger discussed the issue and advised Council of the class action settlement spearheaded by the Ohio Attorney General to recover some costs related to road salt from vendors dating back to 2008. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. REM Excavating, LLC. - \$3,335.85 (Miscellaneous Non-Departmental)

Mr. Thackery moved to authorize a purchase order to REM Excavating LLC for the demolition of the garage located at 304 E. Church St., which was damaged by arson. Mr. Fields seconded. Mr. Crabill discussed the process of the demolition and bids. He further stated that the property owner did not comply with the City’s nuisance process, so REM will also remove all solid waste in the garage as well as the building and the concrete slab the garage sits on, then costs will be assessed to property tax. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Community Improvement Corporation of Champaign County dba Champaign Economic Partnership - \$25,000.00

Mr. Pena moved to authorize a purchase order to Community Improvement Corporation of Champaign County for the half-year period July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015, per the agreement between the City of Urbana and the Board of Commissions of Champaign County dated May 28, 2015. Mrs. Smith seconded. Mr. Brugger stated that the City Council previously passed a Resolution to initiate the partnership with Champaign Economic Partnership and now it was time to pay the bill. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading – None

Second Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4443-15

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF A TRACT OF 2.052 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have a second reading.

First Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4426-15

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES.

Mrs. Smith moved to suspend the three reading rule and Mr. Thackery seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage of the suspension of the rules request: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes. President Hess declares suspension of the rules passed 5-0. Mrs. Smith moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage and Mr. Thackery seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Ordinance Passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2457-15

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SANITARY SEWER TAP-IN AND A WATER TAP-IN FOR ALLISON P. INSKEEP AT 638 CHILDRENS HOME ROAD (PARCEL #K41-11-11-18-00-007-02) AS AN EXTRATERRITORIAL CUSTOMER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Suspension of rules requested by utility services applicant.)

Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the three reading rule and Mrs. Smith seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage of the suspension of the rules request: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes. President Hess declares suspension of the rules passed 5-0. Mr. Thackery moved to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage and Mr. Pena seconded. Mr. Crabill stated that this Resolution will require the property owner to annex into the City within 60 days and the property owner has to pay all of the fees. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mrs. Smith, yes.

Resolution Passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4444-15

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE COMPENSATION OF FUTURE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have a first reading and indicated it will be a topic of discussion for the July 28 work session for possible amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Hoffman stated that a lot of different activities happening in the City so he invited all to come out and take a look, that there was a lot to do in the City of Urbana.

Mr. Pena spoke of mowing grass and throwing the grass on the street. He said that some grass is acceptable but a full trash can is bad and it makes the City look bad.

Mr. Thackery commended everyone that was involved in all of the wonderful activities over the weekend.

Mrs. Smith stated that the past weekend was great and that she heard a lot of great things about the City. She further reminded citizens to cut their grass.

Mr. Fields moved to excuse the absences of Mr. Paul and Mr. Evans and was seconded by Mr. Pena. Voice vote on approval, 3 ayes for both, 1 nay for both by Mrs. Smith.

Ms. Parcels stated that she would be attending the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association conference and anticipated a great deal of information to share with council afterwards.

Mrs. Boettcher stated that the state auditors are wrapping up their on-site review.

Ben Vollrath of DP&L stated that there was a short outage this morning and he had a quarterly newsletter to hand out to Council members.

Mr. Brugger asked Council to contemplate the necessity of having a stormwater utility program to help take care of big down pours such as the previous one of last week, which did result in some damage to the municipal building. He mentioned that all of the water did make an impact on the City as a whole and he stated that they will probably re-visit this topic again. Further, he stated that the Work Session scheduled for next week looked to be a pretty active one.

Mayor Bean spoke of the storms last week and said that the City was running 7 million gallons an hour through the new Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that shows how well the new plant is operating. He further spoke of past activities in the City within the past 2 weeks and mentioned what big successes they all have been. He said that it looked like everyone in attendance was having a great time.

Mr. Hoffman stated that within the last year or so, in his neighborhood, there were three large, older homes that were vacant. He said that as of today, they have all been bought and people are living in them. He further explained that the new property owners live in the community but work out of town, and he has heard from the new owners of how happy they are and excited to purchase such beautiful homes at such great value and they have shared their opinions that Urbana is a great place to live.

President Hess inquired as to the paving schedule for city streets. Mr. Crabill responded that the streets of Woodale and Amherst were finishing up as a result of the water main replacement project. He further stated that the City was not doing a formal program this year and there would be items for council to consider at the next meeting. President Hess reminded everyone that the Council meetings are available for viewing on YouTube.

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

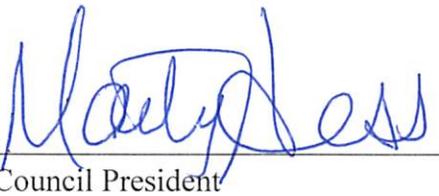
ADJOURN at 7:39 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President