

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 @ 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 Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Breanne Parcels, Community Development Director Doug Crabill, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, and Fire Chief Mark Keller.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Tony Pena, absent; 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 regular session meeting of August 18, 2015, in addition to work session minutes of August 25, 2015, were approved as received. Mr. Paul moved for the approval of the minutes and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Design Review Board Minutes of June 22, 2015, and Planning Commission Minutes of July 27, 2015, were approved as received. Mrs. Smith moved to accept both communications, and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. Stryker - \$84,647.02 – Fire Division

Mr. Paul moved to approve this item with a second from Mr. Hoffman. Chief Keller stated that the Fire Department has received \$40,000.00 from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation Safety Grant for the purchases of two Power Pro Ambulance Cots and two Power Load Systems. He stated that the first payment will be the \$40,000.00 grant and the remaining cost will be financed over the next three years. Mrs. Boettcher added that it will be financed in the amount of \$15,000.00 per year for the next three years. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Boettcher spoke of the footnote on the Board of Control report, regarding the water main under the bridge on Gwynne Street, as shutoff valves need to be inserted on both sides of the bridge so the water line is able to be shut down for repairs. This repair would commence within

the next couple of weeks. Mr. Bumbalough added that the 12-inch ductile iron pipe was “free hanging” and capable of freezing due to the exposure, weathering and corrosion. He further stated that it was approximately 500 feet long and that the bridge itself was built in the early 1970s, when design standards were different. “The pipe is still in really good shape as far as that goes,” Mr. Bumbalough said, but noted the bridge inspection last year found corrosion at the abutment walls.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ben Vollrath of DP&L spoke of the new bill design for consumer electric. He stated that this design was basically to help the customer read the bill and previews are available online at www.DP&L.com/landing/mybill/.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading – None

Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 4445-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF REVISION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 323.74(C) TO TRANSFER THE TWENTY-SIX (26) PARCELS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT “A” (F.K.A. Q3-JMC, INC.) TO THE CITY OF URBANA TO FACILITATE REUTILIZATION OF NONPRODUCTIVE LAND PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5722.02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Brugger explained the Board of Revision has scheduled a special meeting after the sheriff’s sale that will be held September 2, 2015. “Our hope is to get the ordinance passed and get it before the county,” Mr. Brugger said, adding that he submitted a draft letter to summarize what the city has spent to date on the brownfield project remediation, and the benefits of the transfer, assuming clear title with no back taxes in addition to lining up state and private funding. He also shared some information provided by the Champaign County Auditor regarding the delinquent taxes. Mr. Evans expressed concern that the county may not forgive the taxes. “If you look at the big picture, and the benefit of getting this property back into productive use, I’d be hard pressed to say why they wouldn’t,” Mr. Brugger responded.

Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the three reading rule and Mr. Evans seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for the suspension of rules: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; and Mr. Thackery, yes. Suspension of the rules passed 6-0. Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage and Mrs. Smith seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Fields, yes, Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes. Ordinance passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4446-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO TO ADD “OUTDOOR USE OF FURNITURE” TO GENERAL OFFENSES UNDER EXISTING CHAPTER 521 PERTAINING TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SANITATION.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have a second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 4447-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1339 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO TO UPDATE THE PENALTY TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have a second reading.

First Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4448-15

AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSING THE CITY OF URBANA’S INTENT TO NEGOTIATE JOINTLY WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE REGION ON ONE SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH ELECTRIC LIGHT SERVICES SHALL BE FURNISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET LIGHTING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Rules suspension requested)

Mr. Evans moved to suspend the three reading rule and Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for the suspension of rules: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes. Suspension of the rules passed 6-0. Mr. Evans moved to put this ordinance on the business floor for discussion and possible passage and Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Brugger stated that the purpose of this legislation is to get a better rate on street lighting by participating in the government group for negotiating power. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Evans, yes.

Ordinance passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2461-15

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN OVERLAY OF U.S. ROUTE 36 (CHP 36/245 16.45/6.16, PID # 101125) FROM THE EASTERN CORPORATION LIMIT OF URBANA TO LUDLOW ROAD, MORE OR LESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bumbalough stated this project is currently scheduled for 2020 and requires council approval as a portion may fall within the City corporation limits.

President Hess declared this resolution to have a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2462-15

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN OVERLAY OF U.S. ROUTE 36 (CHP 36/29 0.00/21.72, PID # 101081) FROM THE MIAMI/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LINE TO THE WESTERN CORPORATION LIMIT OF URBANA, MORE OR LESS. ALSO AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR AN OVERLAY OF STATE ROUTE 29 FROM THE EASTERN CORPORATION LIMIT OF URBANA TO STATE ROUTE 56, MORE OR LESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Bumbalough stated this project is scheduled for 2017 and requires council approval as a portion may fall within the City limit. President Hess declared a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2463-15

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A FINE GRADED POLYMER OVERLAY OF STATE ROUTE 54 (CHP/CLA SMOOTH FY2017, PID # 101066) FROM HICKORY GROVE ROAD TO THE SOUTHERN CORPORATION LIMIT OF URBANA, MORE OR LESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Bumbalough stated that this project was scheduled for 2017, and he believes that there may be some flexibility in improving the corner of State Route 54 by the cemetery as part of the project. President Hess declared this resolution to have a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2464-15

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2360 REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO PLANE AND RESURFACE U.S. ROUTE 68 FROM URBANA ROAD (SLM 1.27) TO STATE ROUTE 55 (SLM 5.65) WITHIN THE CITY OF URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO (CHP-US68-1.27) Mr. Bumbalough stated that this resolution rescinds prior legislation for a project that was completed as part of a different round of ODOT work. President Hess declared this resolution to have a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2465-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF URBANA, THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES HOMELAND SECURITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Suspension of rules requested) Chief Keller said that the grant will help in the purchase of rescue tools including the “Jaws of Life” and bring other equipment up to good working order to make it more efficient. Photos were provided to council of the equipment. Chief Keller also stated that the City would have to pay a 5% match to a local vendor for this purchase, in the approximate amount of \$2,500.00, but the grant covers 95% of the cost. Mr. Evans moved to suspend the three reading rule and Mr.

Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for the suspension of rules: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; and Mr. Paul, yes. Suspension of the rules passes 6-0. Mr. Evans moved to put this resolution on the business floor for discussion and possible passage, and Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; and Mrs. Smith, yes. Resolution passed 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Paul asked the Mayor when Trick or Treat is scheduled. Mayor Bean advised “Beggars Night” will be October 31, 2015. Mr. Paul also spoke of the Hoopla Parade and said if anyone wants to be a part of the parade to contact urbanahooplaparade@gmail.com. He also advised that the garage that burned down on Kenton Street is gone and he thanked Mr. Crabill for all of the hard work to get demolition accomplished.

Mr. Evans stated that Amherst Drive was paved and that this was a great demonstration of the City at work. He further added that the City may want to get in touch with the contractor due to some patches with no grass growing. He also stated that Water Street had some cracks in it and Mr. Bumbalough said that the cracks were to be repaired either tomorrow or the following day.

Mr. Crabill discussed the Simon Kenton Pathfinders 16th annual bike ride. He stated that the registration is \$20.00 and this year the memorial honors Rita Larson. He further stated that all proceeds go back to the Simon Kenton Pathfinders for restoration of the bike path. He continued with a discussion about the tree commission and the memorial tree program, which will include a focus to plant more oak trees at Oakdale Cemetery due to the loss of mature trees there. He stated that citizens could buy a tree to which would include a plaque with a three year guarantee.

Chief Keller invited council members and administration to attend the Ohio Fire Academy on October 24, 2015, to see what a firefighter does in his duty as such.

Ms. Parcels asked the community to enjoy a safe and sober holiday weekend. She noted that the number of overall OVI cases has declined in municipal court, but more serious driving under the influence offenses involving drugs as well as repeat, habitual offenders have increased lately.

Mrs. Boettcher said that the department budget sheets went out and that the one on one meetings were approaching for department heads with their respective council members. It was brought up that there should be a random switch with Council members and departments and Mrs. Boettcher said that she would make note of the same.

Mr. Brugger stated that at the upcoming work session of September 22, 2015, there would be an update of the progress with the Urbana City Schools construction project. He further stated that they met with the engineers regarding utilities on Community Drive, and the efforts have been set in motion to get the preliminary work on that issue. He said that a meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2015, and the City hopes to get more detail on infrastructure. He continued by advising that the BZA meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2015, and that there should be more information to provide at the next Council meeting. He said that a site plan was to come at the end of the month or early October.

Mayor Bean stated that he expects a large turnout for September 11 ceremonies at Freedom Grove. He continued by saying that it was a nice event to say thank you to the first responders, military, etc. He added that the Simon Kenton chili cookoff is approaching and \$1,000.00 will go to the winner of the best chili recipe. He stated that a best salsa contest was also on the agenda, and that they would be adding a dunk tank to the festivities.

President Hess said that a citizen asked about getting solar lights on the signs to the entrance of the City. He also inquired as to the sign at the armory and asked if there was a way the City could better utilize it. He also stated that on October 6, 2015, he will not be present at the meeting and Mr. Paul would be running the meeting as president pro tem. He also expressed disappointment that the City had attempted to have a dialog about the City and the school district working together on the improvements to streets for access to the new elementary building site, but that after meeting with Superintendent Charles Thiel, the proposed extension of Washington Avenue rather than Boyce Street was not included in the plan the district submitted to the City for consideration by the BZA. He encouraged the public to attend the BZA meeting scheduled for September 14, as well as school board meetings to share their views on the project.

Mr. Evans moved to excuse Councilman Pena, Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Evans seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

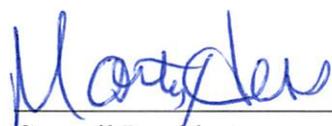
ADJOURN at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

September 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President