APPROVED

URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 Law Breanne Parcels, and Fire Chief Mark Keller.

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

President Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES of the regular session meeting of November 17, 2015, were approved as received. Mr. Paul moved for the approval of the minutes and Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried without objection.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. **Blaugrund, Herbert, Kessler, Miller - $15,000.00 – (General Fund)**

Mr. Paul moved to authorize a purchase order for employment law support. Mr. Brugger stated that the City just wanted to make sure that they were covered through the end of the year. Mr. Evans questioned whether this expense was related to union negotiations, and Mr. Brugger said the expense is related to a separate personnel issue. Voice vote on approval: 5 ayes; nays, one from Mr. Evans. Motion carried 5-1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 3948-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF URBANA'S EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE SECTION 901.06 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Evans moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; and Mr. Pena, yes. Ordinance passed 6-0. "What started all this is we have received comments over the past couple of years centered around people not clearing their sidewalks, people pushing snow out of parking lots into the street, and people blowing snow off the sidewalk into the street," Mr. Brugger said. The

amendment updates the public advisory process for all weather related emergencies to be consistent with declarations by the county sheriff, while also giving the city enforcement power to deal with violations that impede snow and ice removal and pose a risk to public safety. "You don't push snow into someone else's property, into the right of way, or into the city street to get it off your property," Mr. Brugger added. "The Street Department is trying to do the best it can to keep the streets open, and then someone comes and plows out a parking lot and dumps it into the street, which is counterproductive."

ORDINANCE NO. 4439-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN INDIGENT DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOW THE CITY TO RECEIVE PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE EXPENSE IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT.

Mrs. Smith moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes. Ordinance passed 6-0. Ms. Parcels advised the City has budgeted approximately $10,000 for indigent defense expense in 2016 through the municipal court and indigent individuals are entitled to counsel for any offense which has a potential penalty of incarceration. Mr. Evans expressed his opinion that repeat offenders should not qualify for counsel. Ms. Parcels responded that offenses such as OVI result in mandatory jail time for repeat offenses, but the Court reviews all indigency applications and requires defendants to pay back appointed counsel costs if they become employed, etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2433-15

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, 2016.

Mrs. Smith moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Evans seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes. Resolution passed 6-0. Mr. Brugger noted the 2016 budget forecasts $16.7 million in revenue and $17.1 million in expenses citywide, while the general fund is anticipated to have expenses and revenues of approximately $6.3 million each, with a positive balance forecast of $5,299. Expenses are predicted to increase dramatically while revenue is forecast to decline slightly.

Second Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4390-15

ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO AND THE CITY

OF URBANA FIREFIGHTERS AND THE URBANA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, I.A.F.F., LOCAL 1823 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.
President Hess declared this ordinance to have a second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 4392-15
ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO AND THE CITY OF URBANA FIRE CAPTAINS AND THE URBANA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, I.A.F.F., LOCAL 1823 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.
President Hess declared this ordinance to have a second reading.

First Reading –
ORDINANCE NO. 4391-15
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO AND THE CITY OF URBANA SERVICE DIVISIONS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF OHIO TEAMSTERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 284 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.
President Hess declared this ordinance to have a first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Paul stated that the City is in need of additional police officers and he feels that this situation should be looked into in the coming year and that this should remain a priority.

Mr. Evans inquired as to the purpose of "landscaping" at the Q3-JMC site. Mr. Brugger stated that the property needed to be secured in addition to removing the brush to eliminate injury risk to firefighters on the property as they continue their work at the site, so the vegetation around the buildings was moved by the firefighters and taken to the compost facility. Ms. Parcels said that anything combustible, including brush, had to be removed to secure the property as the arson investigation is ongoing, plus it obscured some potential points of entry to the building. Fire Chief Mark Keller provided a timeline of the firefighting operation at the site, which has been secured against unauthorized entry at the City's expense. Mr. Brugger clarified that the site is temporarily under City control due to the November 22 fire, as it occurred within the City's jurisdiction, but the site is not yet owned by the City. The legal owner is still Q3-JMC until and unless title is transferred to another entity.

Mr. Fields asked about the "Giving Tree" in the Municipal Building lobby and also inquired as to the last leaf pick up date. Mr. Brugger stated that they would be picking up leaves for a few more days due to the weather.

Mr. Pena asked why the "Man on the Monument" had a Christmas Tree strapped on his back? Mr. Brugger stated that he would look into it, but indicated it was not a joke and that he believed it was intended to honor soldiers heading home for the holidays.

Fire Chief Mark Keller spoke of a success story with the carbon monoxide alarms alerting firefighter-paramedics to a resident in danger on a squad run.

Ms. Parcels gave her holiday wishes and reminded the public not to drink and drive.

Mayor Bean stated that the parade at Mercy McCauley Center was well attended and was great fun. He said that Brutus the Buckeye was present in addition to the Buckeye Man.

Mr. Brugger spoke of the recent fire at the Q3 property and said that all groups that were involved with the fire really pulled together to work as one unit. He said reappropriations to finalize the 2015 budget would be introduced at the next meeting in addition to anticipating a contract with Miami Valley Lighting. He also mentioned that at the last Planning Commission meeting, the school district was given conditional approval of the K-8 site.

Marcia Bailey of the Champaign Economic Partnership said that there were 14 projects she is working on as of today's date. Two out of the 14 projects could result in 40 jobs to come. The remaining 12 pending projects have the ability to gain 200-300 employees. She also invited city officials to a holiday open house and noted the CEP web page is now active, www.cepohio.com

President Hess inquired as to the involvement of the LUC Planning Commission with the school siting project. Mr. Brugger stated that he could not speak to the details involving that question.

Mr. Fields moved to excuse Mr. Thackery from the meeting. Mr. Paul 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 8:13 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
December 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Amy Deere
Council Clerk

Marty Hess
Council President