

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2011**

The Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting of Tuesday, March 22, 2011, was called to order at 7:00PM, by **Council President Marty Hess**, in Court Chambers / The Municipal Building.

Attendance: All Councilmen were present.

City Staff in Attendance: Mayor Ruth Zerkle; Mr. Bruce Evilsizor, Director of Administration; Mr. Lee Williams, Finance Director; Mr. Doug Crabill, Assistant to the Director of Administration; Mr. Tyler Bumbalough; Mr. Chad Hall; Mr. Mike Heintz; Mr. Colin Stein.

**Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Larry Lokai moved to approve the UCC Regular Session Minutes (March 8, 2011), and the UCC Work Session Minutes (March 15, 2011); Mr. Robert Thorpe seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**Communications**

**1.**

Mr. Bill Bean moved to place the correspondence of March 8, 2011, from the Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control announcing permit (to sell alcohol) expiration as June 1, 2011, and providing information regarding permit renewal objections, on file; Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Lokai said, “This is basically a routine renewal, unless there are problems from the Police Department—I assume everything...”

“Yes, I talked with Lt. Lingrell today, and he said that they do not have any objections for this year,” stated Mr. Bruce Evilsizor.

Mr. Thorpe asked, “This is for all permits inside the City, right? How many is it?”

“Oh gosh—I’m not sure...yeah, there’s different classes out there...I’d have to look it up,” Mr. Evilsizor replied.

Mr. Steve Shaw abstained from voting on this communication, and commented regarding the sale of alcohol at gas stations.

**2.**

Mr. Eugene Fields moved to place the LUC Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (March 10, 2011) on file; Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Lokai expressed appreciation to the Council Clerk for sending these Minutes (via email) in advance.

**Administrative Reports – Board of Control**

**1.**

Mr. Shaw moved to authorize the Director of Administration to enter into a unit price contract (estimated cost - \$94,159.70) with Wagner Paving, Inc. for the 2011 Asphalt Program (This was the lowest responsible/responsive bid received; This will be charged to Capital Improvement Fund-Paving; This item is in the 2011 Budget for \$120,720. and the unit bid contract will be used to resurface additional street(s) to meet the budget goal); Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Kerry Brugger asked, “You’re saying about \$26,000 (roughly) under budget—right Bruce? Lee?”

“Correct,” answered Mr. Lee Williams.

“You want to use that \$26,000 for other street projects?” asked Mr. Brugger. “Just a question I have is...if you’re starting to do this work at the end of June...”

He questioned the use of the \$26,000 in regard to the streets (for use, now or in the future).

Mr. Evilsizor said, “We’ve got some time (I guess) between now and the time we actually have to commit to the paving company so...we’ll have more information as we go along...”

Mr. Thorpe said, “The \$26,000—it seems like it might be a good thing to put toward The DuraPatcher, and use a lot of that emulsion to do a good job with it...”

Mr. Bean said, “I have the same issue that Kerry and Bob have—I just wonder if we could use the \$26,000 some place else. We’ve already (pretty much) decided we were only going to do 2 streets...and maybe...hold it back. Maybe we could use it for a rainy day. I agree with them...maybe for The DuraPatcher, maybe for something else.”

Council President Hess said, “I suppose you do have a backup list of streets that could be done.”

**2.**

Mr. Brugger moved to authorize the Director of Administration to accept the base bid from J&J Schlaegel, Inc. for the Russell St./Dugan Ditch Improvements, and to enter into a unit price contract in the amount of \$612,539. for this base bid (This was the lowest responsible/responsive bid received; 89% of this project will be paid by an OPWC grant, while the remaining 11% will be paid from Local Capital Improvement; This item is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Shaw seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Brugger said, “Just again—we’re about \$6,000 under what we budgeted, and I don’t...the 11% is uh...\$67,000...again there’s another \$6,000...I don’t know what we have that earmarked for...”

Mr. Brugger suggested there may be other use(s) for this money as it is ‘stacked up.’

Mr. Shaw agreed with Mr. Brugger, saying, “Save it.”

**3.**

Mr. Lokai moved to authorize a purchase order to Lantz Sales Co. in the amount of \$11,538.40 for the purchase of 2 lawn mowers for the Cemetery (This bid price includes the trade-in of 2 mowers; This item will be charged to Capital Improvement Fund-Cemetery; This is the lowest and best bid for the City; This item is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Bean seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Thorpe abstained from this vote.

Mr. Colin Stein was available for questioning.

Mr. Al Evans (to Mr. Evilsizor) said, “On the mid-mount mowers, we have several bids...on the front mount mowers, we only have 2...is there a reason for that? Were those bid, or...?”

Mr. Evilsizor replied, "Um yes—yeah, it was out there for everybody to bid on, but...that's my understanding...that there's not as many manufacturers out there that do the front mount."

Mr. Brugger questioned, "In spite of that fact—do we just wait for quotes to join us, and ask...or do we solicit local, and then wait for the outsider to come in?"

Mr. Doug Crabill said:

"With this—we did a competitive bid process. This was advertised in the paper twice. It was also on our website—the firm from Columbus that picked this up (they found it on the website, I believe). To answer the question about the front mounts—as a bidder you could bid on front mount and mid-mount, or both...and so if they didn't have a front mount machine that they could bring in to bid, they'd just mark that 'no bid'...so everybody had a chance to look at the front mount (if they could provide a product, that was a front mount mower). The specs (overall) are pretty generic..."

Mr. Shaw asked, "How old were the mowers that we're trading in?"

"We (I believe) run them 2 years, then trade them in on the 3<sup>rd</sup> year...that's kind of the procedure that's been in place for the last several years...decades...basically, when they start costing us a lot of money to maintain...that's usually when they get traded out," stated Mr. Crabill. "Looks like the Cemetery mowers—they have more hours on them than the ones Colin's trading in."

He elaborated on the Cemetery use inclusive of through leaf season.

Mr. Colin Stein said, "Mine are 3."

"Two things—number one--(my understanding is) front mount mowers are more maneuverable for cemeteries (because you have to make some cuts in and out, compared to the straight runs in a lot of the places," Mr. Lokai added. "Number two—I'm glad to see that we've got something in place now for the bidding process—it kind of takes care of the good old days (of many years ago)..."

He said, "I think this is a step in the right direction, and I'm glad to see we can move forward with this new process."

#### 4.

Mr. Lokai moved to authorize a purchase order to East Lawn and Garden Center in the amount of \$14,838.60 for the purchase of 2 lawn mowers for the Street Department (This bid price includes the trade-in of 2 mowers; This item will be charged to Capital Improvement Fund-Street Dept; This is not the lowest of the bids received, however, the Street Superintendent and the Board of Control recommends it is the lowest and best bid due to the longer warranty period, closer proximity for parts/service, and prior experience w/this machine; This item is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Shaw seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Thorpe abstained from this vote.

(Mr. Crabill provided an email 3/21/11 noting that Mr. Stein pointed out a mistake in the B.O.C. purchase for the mid-mount mowers. Mr. Crabill said, "I provided the cost of these mowers without trade-ins. The correct amount for these mowers with trade-ins is \$6,838.60")

Mr. Stein provided reasoning for this Board of Control item.

Mr. Al Evans questioned pricing of the company located on Hilliard Rome Rd. as being the lowest.

Mr. Crabill pointed out a typographical error, "It was \$6,838.60—that was my mistake when I typed it up."

Council President Hess referred to an email that was sent to Council.

"The typo is--he put in without trade-in number in there—with trade-in is \$6,838 for 2 mowers," Mr. Stein clarified.

"So we're going to spend \$6,838 for 2 mowers?" Mr. Evans sought to clarify.

"Correct," answered Mr. Stein. "That's with the trade-in of our 2 John Deeres."

"Okay—gotcha, gotcha," said Mr. Evans. "Now my next question—how many mowers do we have in the Street Department?"

"Two—little ones that we do all of our green space right now," said Mr. Stein.

"Okay—I'm clear now—I must've missed the other memo," Mr. Evans added, also requesting 'bigger print' next time.

Mr. Lokai noted he appreciated Mr. Stein's facts/figures, homework.

## **5.**

Mr. Evans moved to authorize a blanket purchase order to EJP Co., in West Carrollton, Ohio, in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for the purchase of water line supplies as needed such as : valves, valve boxes, water lines, etc. (Due to the wide variety of supplies purchased over a period of time, this item was not bid; This item will be charged to the Water Revenue Fund; This item is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Eugene Fields seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

"This isn't much different than a blanket that we give—to like hardware stores?" asked Mr. Evans.

Mr. Lee Williams responded, "Basically—it's exactly that—correct."

Mr. Bill Bean asked, "Is this pretty much the same as it was last year?"

Mr. Williams replied, "I don't know if it's the same, because he changes suppliers from time to time—it's hard to tell if it's the same...he usually goes with the most affordable price that he gets at the time (when he reissues these blankets), and he could have done this back in January (but he didn't)—he elected to do it now."

## **6.**

Mr. Fields moved to authorize a purchase order to the Urbana City Schools in the amount of \$5,556. for the videotaping of Council meetings from January to June 2011 (This item is a continuing service agreement, and was not bid; This will be charged to the General Fund, Non-Departmental Fund; This item is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Kerry Brugger said, "I didn't see any documentation in the packet (unless I missed it)—is there a break out on how that's being charged out?"

Mr. Bruce Evilsizor responded:

"This would be at the current rate (per month rate that we're paying now), and that figures out to be \$926. a month. This is continuing what we've been doing with the school...worked with the school some on...still trying to figure out a way to use technology to kind of direct connect the cameras into our system (right here in the City Building), so that we can still use the school to do the videotaping...just have it go right into our system. If we do it for 6 months, this will give us time to work on that...get more

information on that...see whether that's a way to still keep the school involved, and also keep our cost down."

Mr. Evans asked, "This is just for the paying of the...we're not going to buy any other...?"

"That's correct—yes," said Mr. Evilsizor.

"Is the 6 month agreement agreeable with the schools?" asked Mr. Evans.

"When we met with them, it was—yes," Mr. Williams answered.

"In talking to the Treasurer, she's glad that she can figure out what her budget's going to be for the next 6 months—it's helps us too, so..." said Council President Hess.

### **Citizen Comments**

Local Boy Scout, Daniel Evilsizor, noted he is attending the Council Meeting 'to work on a merit badge for the community.' He said he needed to take notes on the Council Meeting, and the subjects being discussed.

Mr. Bill Kelley (DP&L) introduced Mr. Keith Valiquette (Honeywell).

Mr. Valiquette said this is the first Council Meeting he's attended in the area 'where everybody's talking about additional savings,' and said:

"I'd like to continue down that path...if you remember back in '06 (when we did the original project for the energy conservation measures), a number of energy savings across the City (which actually are way ahead of savings) so we had estimated somewhere around \$65,000 a year in savings. First the first 2 years, we've gained about \$46,000 in excess savings that we had not projected (so the program is going real well). Early to mid-2010, we had some discussion with DP&L about their existing rebate programs that were announced—actually they were actually in place—they asked us for customers that we worked with (and potentially could benefit from) actually getting retroactive rebates for lighting the traffic signals, etc., etc. We worked very closely with DP&L in 2010...really to kind of review the projects we did for the City of Urbana, and actually document to them (the savings), so that they could actually apply...for some potential rebates. Working closely with DP&L (we actually filed at the end of 2010), because (like all good things) we were up against the deadline...in order to meet the Public Utility Commission guidelines for your program, we actually had to have it filed by the end of 2010...so over the holidays, both DP&L and Honeywell put together the documentation so we could actually file for the programs. Bruce asked us to come here to tell you a little bit about this...I'm going to let Bill Kelley from DP&L actually talk to you, and give you the good news about the actual rebate check that you'll be expecting...and he will probably say 'The check's in the mail' (laughing)...it's really good news, it didn't cost us the City anything...Honeywell (as a member of the community)—we basically donated our time to actually fill out the forms with DP&L to make this thing happen."

Mr. Bill Kelley said:

"I've talked to you in the past (a couple times, in the last couple of years) about DP&L rebates for energy efficiency...and we have it for residential, we have it for business and governments...and they include things like: lighting, and pumps and motors and drives and heating and air conditioning and so forth. Some people may wonder why DP&L is pushing energy efficiency so much...for one thing it's mandated by the State of Ohio...we have programs to encourage people to save energy, and that we fund those programs. There's a lot of emphasis nowadays on renewable energy with wind and solar and so forth...but there is huge potential for energy and efficiency...it's a win for

everybody, because when people get more efficient with their electric usage...the power companies can provide additional power for growth, and for new businesses (and so forth) without having to build additional power plants (which are extremely expensive, and go right into the rates)...so it helps control rates, it helps customers have lower electric bills, and it really is a win-win. With what Keith and Bruce put together (in working with the people in Dayton), there's a check that was cut Friday...and put in the mail yesterday (to Bruce's attention), and should be arriving in the next day, or two...and the check is for \$21,832.50...so really pleased to see the City taking advantage of this opportunity."

Amid audience applause, Council President Hess said, "Thank you."

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Third Reading –**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 4259 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS FOR GIVING NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

Mr. Lokai moved to place ORDINANCE NO. 4259 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Evans seconded.

Roll call vote to approve passage: Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes (7-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Lokai commented that this Ordinance will 'resolve headaches down the road.'

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2324 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS UNDER THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF MACHINERY, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES OR OTHER ARTICLES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5513.01 (B)**

Mr. Steve Shaw moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2324 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Lokai seconded.

Roll call vote to approve passage: Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes (7-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Doug Crabill explained this Resolution, and defined it as 'no cost.'

"But you still go to your local dealer to get a bid? To get a dump truck, or something?" asked Mr. Robert Thorpe.

"You can decide where you want to go at that point—all this is doing—is it gives you access to the information," Mr. Crabill answered. "If it's a route you want to take, if you want to do a local process...you can go with your local process...it's just another tool that's there to know what's out there, and what's is available...it could potentially save a lot of administrative work (in-house)..."

"Yeah—but you see a State bid that's say \$50,000 for a dump truck, and Mr. Trenor will sell you one out here for \$45,000...but you just said you weren't going to bother with Mr. Trenor, you're going to the State!" said Mr. Thorpe.

"Well—when we originally looked at this, it was for a dump truck that would be a larger dump truck that (I'm not sure anyone local can provide—I'm not sure)...I know our International dealer is not an International dealer now...so...but we're thinking a larger truck...just to start replacing the plow trucks...that was why we wanted to look at this

information,” Mr. Crabill stated. “You still have an option to be able to look at local purchasing too—it’s just another tool that’s there.”

Mr. Thorpe the reason for his statement.

Mr. Crabill emphasized, “This is just to have access to the information.”

Council President Hess said, “You can still request bids.”

“Yeah, you can still go through a bid process,” Mr. Crabill affirmed.

“It doesn’t lock us in?” Mr. Bean sought confirmation.

“No,” Mr. Crabill replied.

“Another words what you’re saying...this is another tool in the toolbox,” said Mr. Lokai.

### **Second Reading –**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 4360 (TO BE AMENDED)**

(This Ordinance was not yet prepared / amended for reading)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2326 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A FY2011 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES UPON GRANT APPROVAL**

Mr. Lokai moved to suspend the rules on three readings; Mr. Bean seconded.

Roll call vote to approve suspension of the rules: Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes (7-0)

Mr. Lokai moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2326 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Shaw seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes (7-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Fields said, “Go out there, and get the grant.”

Council President Hess stated, “I noticed the administrative fees on these was approximately what—12-14%?”

“I’ve never done that math, but yeah...there is...”said Mr. Crabill.

“It looks like it’s \$59,000 on a \$500,000 grant—is that every...it’s for a 10 year grant, correct?” asked Council President Hess.

“It’s for a 2 year period,” said Mr. Crabill. “There is a lot of administration with this program—you have to have all of the applicants come in, and screen them...and go through financial information, and all that...so there’s a lot of paperwork involved.”

“Are there any cities that handle all that themselves—that you know of?” asked Council President Hess.

“It seems most common that (at least in my familiarity) that they do it with consultants—larger cities (Springfield has their own program) that they have staff that’s dedicated to that particular program,” said Mr. Crabill.

“Is it something we should think about?” asked Council President Hess.

“With additional staff—possibly,” Mr. Crabill replied.

“I think a part (also) is the inspector (I think) comes in under the administrative fee,” said Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Crabill interjected:

“Yeah—there’s also a housing inspector (which the City does not employ) that actually decides the specs of what’s going to be done, what’s going to be repaired, what’s in the code, and submits to the Building Department (they handle all that too)...so that’s also

built into that \$59,000...so you have the case processing (that Carmen does) where you screen the applicants, and yeah—there’s a Housing Inspector side where they basically do all of the paperwork to get the unit ready to rehab, get the bids, do all that process...so...yes, it could be done if there was additional staffing.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 2327** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES, POWELL AVENUE SANITARY EXTENSION AND PHASE I WATER/SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN

(\*Read and declared a Second Reading)

Discussion –

Mr. Fields asked whether Mr. Hall would request passage at this Meeting.

Mr. Chad Hall indicated there is no time frame, and replied, “Not necessarily.”

Mr. Thorpe asked, “As far as the loan goes...the design goes...this is something you and Dave were working on before he left?”

Mr. Hall answered, “Dave’s still currently under contract—he’s just no onsite every other day (or twice a week)...but yeah, this is something that Dave and I pretty much finalized the preliminary design enough to go to the State...Mike and Tyler have done the other 2 engineering jobs (as far as the sewer extensions).”

Mr. Bean asked, “What’s the time frame for getting the loan?”

“I’m going to say a minimum of 6 months to 10 months,” Mr. Hall replied.

**First Reading –**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2328** – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CITY OF URBANA TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF THE ENTERPRIZE ZONE AND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM AND TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TIRC CONCERNING THOSE AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE ZONES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Lokai moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2328 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Shaw seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller briefly explained the Resolution to Council.

Mr. Fields having served on the TIRC noted, “It was very informative meeting.”

He encouraged Council to pass this Resolution.

Mr. Bodenmiller elaborated on ‘the personal property abatement.’

Mr. Evans stated, “I just want to make note that as you look at each one of these agreements, the employers have exceeded their commitment for jobs (substantially)—I think those companies should be commended for being proactive for putting our people to work. I hope that was expressed at the meeting.”

Mr. Bodenmiller said ‘thank you cards’ were sent out indicating appreciation, and gratitude for feedback.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Fields - Said, “Columbia Gas is doing all that gas preparation work (putting in new gas lines). We had a meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> (that was very informa-

...tive), and they did send out letters that if anybody's property is torn up they will repair it back to the way it was prior to coming on the property."

Mr. Evans - Said, "I'd like to direct your attention to the Board of Control items—the purchase orders for this session—I notice there are several that are above the limit. A couple of them I'm familiar with, and I think they actually talked about those...and I'm not sure whether we voted on them, or not...I do recall talking about the truck for the Recreation Department, and the explosion proof pump for the WWTP. I don't recall any discussions about the Trail Works.

Mr. Crabill responded:

"That's related to the Bike Path Grant—that is a consultant that The Pathfinders have procured to work on the project...and as part of the program (in order for that to count as part of that local match), that money comes in and goes back out through the City...so The Pathfinders actually paid that fee, and then the check was issued to that consultant...it's related to that particular program."

"Normally when we have an Ordinance or Resolution (approving funding for an item like this truck)—I don't recall it coming back..." said Mr. Evans.

Mr. Williams answered, "...and I don't know what you're looking at, Al...so until we get a chance to..."

Mr. Evans referred to the p.o. listing.

"My question is, why are we spending this money without Council's approval?" asked Mr. Evans.

"Without seeing what you're discussion, I can't answer that," Mr. Williams replied.

Mr. Evans referred to Item #11/P.O. 15039 to White's Ford in the amount of \$12,797.47 for a 2011 Ford Ranger for Parks & Recreation.

"...and that was approved," said Mr. Williams.

"Okay—my question is, it was approved by Council?" asked Mr. Evans.

"Yes," said Mr. Williams.

"Why is it coming back on this, though?" asked Mr. Evans.

Mr. Evilsizor replied, "Probably due to the retirement, and the new employee (maybe doing things a little bit differently—still learning, would be my guess)," said Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Williams requested to go over this item after the meeting, and acknowledged the truck should not be on the p.o. listing.

Mr. Kerry Brugger - "Tonight we avoided spending \$70,000—pretty good (we got \$50,000 of our own, and then we got some from DP&L)," said Mr. Brugger, noting opportunities to utilize the money.

Discussed Safe Routes to Schools (Phase II)

Mr. Tyler Bumbalough corrected, "That's Phase I –Stage II."

"I'm trying to remember what Phase II (just generally) what that covers—just geographically," said Mr. Brugger.

Mr. Bumbalough said, "That geographically puts sidewalk on Pindar St., Hagenbuch, Mosgrove, and also connects E. Lawn to the track on Boyce St...that's Phase II of Safe Routes to School...that's what we're in the process of applying for...well, we've applied for, and are waiting to hear back on that. Phase I we have the money for, but we're in the

process of getting all the plans approved for that...we're under a Stage II plans review for that."

Mr. Brugger mentioned the employee returning from military duty, and questioned the headcount for Fire Division. Mr. Evilsizor indicated, 'We're okay budgetwise.'

Mr. Steve Shaw - Noted he has received positive comments regarding the repairs on the streets, and said, "There's still a lot to be done."  
Commended Mayor Ruth Zerkle on recent article in the *Springfield News-Sun*.

"It was wonderful, and I hope everybody read it," he said.

Mr. Larry Lokai - Noted (April 7) the Economic Development Summit  
Suggested reconsideration of increasing limits on purchase orders  
"The Ohio Revised Code recommends \$7,500..."  
He discussed having 'faith in the Administration,' and suggested 'Increasing Limits' as a Work Session topic.

Mr. Robert Thorpe - Commented that the Street Dept. is 'doing a good job with the limited people they've got, so they're working on those pot holes.'

Mr. Bill Bean - Announced on June 20<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a four tri-motor coming in; Flights/Rides will be available for \$60.; The event is being provided by the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Assoc.)

Council President Hess -

Read the following email from

[tyree.andrews@urbanahillclimbers.org](mailto:tyree.andrews@urbanahillclimbers.org) :

Dear City Council,

Hi, I am in seventh grade and was writing to you about the City of Urbana. I was writing to see if you could bring a skating rink in Urbana so that there would be more stuff to do. The people of Champaign County are getting bored and mad that there is nothing to do except go to the YMCA, bowling ally, or the movies. Right now, if we wanted to go skating we would have to go to Springfield or out of town.

If there was a skating rink, the money from the people that come could go to the Champaign County schools and to charity. I also think if we were to have a skating rink in Urbana more people would come and move to Urbana because there is more to do.

You also could build a teen club that would be something fun to do for the teenagers around Urbana. But it is not as good as my idea because I think people would want a skating rink more than a teen club. They would want a skating rink more because we can hang out run around play game and listen to music. A teen club would only be open on the weekends and at night. The skating rink would be open on week night and the weekends.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tyree Andrews

Student at Urbana Junior High/Urbana City Schools

3-22-2011 / 2:12PM

Mr. Chad Hall - Referred to the Chapter 935 Industrial Pre-Treatment Ordinance, and requested Council read through it; He defined the purpose/ changes. Noted the Ordinance would be prepared for the next Council Meeting  
Announced (April 4)- Triple Grind Mulch sales will begin at The Compost Facility; \$15. a cubic yd. for City residents/\$20. a cubic yd. for non-City residents  
Requested customers bring a driver's license or recent Water bill  
Sale will be in increments of 1 cubic yd; Elected not to allow self-Loading (to avoid contamination of gravel into the mulch)  
Compost hours were noted as 8-4:30 M-F/ 9-3 Sat.

Council President Hess questioned the weight of a cubic yd. Mr. Hall said, "I would not recommend anything smaller than a compact pick up."

Mr. Crabill - Explained the grant for Ash Tree Removal and Canopy Restoration, and money involved/process  
Mr. Thorpe questioned the age of the replacement trees.  
"Three or four—probably on average," said Mr. Crabill.  
Mr. Fields questioned who owns the trees in the right-of-way  
"The recent administrative regulation says that there's a...that the property owner is ultimately responsible, however the City will provide assistance..." Mr. Crabill said.

Mr. Colin Stein - Nothing at this time

Mr. Tyler Bumbalough - Nothing at this time

Mr. Mike Heintz - Nothing at this time

Mr. Lee Williams - Nothing at this time

Mr. Evilsizor - Noted the City of Urbana was not awarded the Public Records Grant, but said he is looking into getting the project done with local money

Council President Hess expressed confusion that he 'thought we got that grant.'

Mr. Crabill corrected, "We applied for it about a month ago."

Mr. Evilsizor announced: "The program that Keith Valiquette was talking about with Honeywell...our energy program that we did in '06 and '07 (there at the City building with the traffic lights) part of that program had a 10 year (annual) energy audit that Honeywell did to make sure that we had the energy savings (the operational savings) to pay for the improvements that were made. They told us (way back when) that after 3 or 4 years, if the energy audit shows that the savings has taken care of paying for the project—then we can cancel that...so (unless somebody thinks that that's terribly wrong), we talked and we want to go ahead and cancel that energy audit. They've provided real good reports, but I think in the future it's just going to be the same old stuff (year after year), so I think that's like a \$4,328. expense every year that we won't have to incur."

"They just got us \$21,000.," said Mr. Fields.

"Yeah—I felt bad about that, but..." Mr. Evilsizor replied.

Mayor Ruth Zerkle - Nothing at this time

Council President Hess - Announced the City/County Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>; Asked Council to think about topics  
Said, "You all got your reply about the parking lines downtown. Are you all happy with that answer? Who are 'they,' Mike? They say, 'This is the best way to do it—who are they? Because there's a lot of people that don't think that's right—that they're not happy.'"

Mr. Heintz responded:

"Well, I'm asking that those 'they' in the City—to come see me! The 'they' at the beginning of the letter, I referred to Choice One—again, when we have to stripe on individual parking spaces, I measured the ones in front of the City Building on So.

Main—the shortest one is 25', the longest one was 27'—you have to make them for the biggest car on the road (and most cars don't take near that space), but if you stripe out individual spaces that's what we'll have to do! So that's the reason—plus it gives an edge line for the passing traffic. I really prefer the straight line, but (you know) you fight over some things...and you let some things go...and, this isn't something I'm going to fight over! If you want to see individual parking spaces, we'll put individual parking spaces. I don't care—you tell me what you want."

"You couldn't put a small hash mark in there?" asked Mr. Fields. "Just a small? It doesn't have to be all the way across."

"Well, if you're going to divide it—you need to divide it right—so we'll go back to the old style if that's what you want," stated Mr. Heintz.

"I don't think the cost of the paint is a problem...what I'm hearing is that people...Mr. Bean said he tried to get into a spot, and there was one car taking up two spots...and he couldn't use it, so...it's up to you guys...I still get complaints about it," said Council President Hess.

"Well, I get complaints about stupid stuff all the time, that doesn't mean we have to do it," said Mr. Heintz.

Council President Hess replied, "If that's stupid—that's okay—I'll tell them you said that."

"No—what I asked in the letter Marty (and you read the letter)..." Mr. Heintz began.

"That's what you said," Council President Hess said.

"I asked those people to come see me, so that I can get a better feel for what the problem is (if there is a problem), and if we need to go back...then that's what we should do...I'm trying to be agreeable here, and go whichever way you want to go," Mr. Heintz stated. Mr. Fields said, "I've had a lot of people call me, and talk about the fact that (as Bill eluded to) that when they go to park, somebody is not parking right (and you lose a spot)...and it just takes one person to get off, and now you're..."

"But if two small cars parked in 50' (which is the minimum that we would have...with two divided off parking spaces), you'll have big spaces between the cars...so that's my contention, but either way...you can have big spaces between the cars (not necessarily, but you might have)," Mr. Heintz explained. "Let me know what your preference is though—we do have North and South Main (next year—that's going to be milled and resurfaced)—I'll need to know by then."

Mr. Evans said, "I was talking with a dear old friend of mine (who lives in Ross County)—he's a career politician...and he gave me some words of wisdom...when we get elected to public office, we have a lot of expectations...and we find out very quickly about the things that we can't do, because we don't have the funds...but there are things that we can do, that don't cost a lot of money...like picking up sticks, and painting lines...and painting curbs! So Joe told me—he says, 'When you can't do the hard things, pick up the sticks and paint the lines...you'll make more people happy, and we'll have a better community...so if we can pick up the sticks, let's pick up the sticks...if we can paint the lines, let's paint the lines!'"

"Take the east side of the first block of No. Main (going north)—there were two parking places marked at the north end, and then the rest of it is the striped...and the other day I ended up with my truck parked halfway across them," Mr. Thorpe stated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Thorpe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM; Mr. Fields seconded. All were in favor of adjournment.

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Council Clerk

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Council President