

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 2011**

**Council President Marty Hess** called the Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting of Tuesday, August 9, 2011, to order at 7:00PM in Court Chambers/The Municipal Building.

Attendance: All Councilmen were present with the exception of Mr. Bill Bean and Mr. Robert Thorpe.

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. Chad Hall; Mr. Robert Munch; Acting Police Chief Matt Lingrell

**Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Larry Lokai moved to approve the UCC Public Hearing Minutes and UCC Regular Session Minutes of July 26, 2011; Mr. Eugene Fields seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**Communications**

Mr. Fields moved to place the Urbana Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of September 16, 2010, on file; Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Mr. Doug Crabill explained why these Minutes were late (due to a lack of quorum to approve the Minutes).

**Administrative Reports – Board of Control**

**1.**

Mr. Steve Shaw moved to authorize a purchase order to Comp Management in the amount of \$6,350 for the annual contract for worker compensation management claims (This will be charged to the General Fund-Non-Departmental, and is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Al Evans asked, “We have to have third party, right?”

“Correct,” answered Mr. Lee Williams.

“Is this an increase in last year?” asked Mr. Evans.

“No—it’s the same number,” said Mr. Williams.

**2.**

Mr. Fields moved to authorize a purchase order to Urbana City Schools in the amount of \$5,556 for the video taping of Council Meetings, July-December 2011 (This will be charged to the General Fund-Non-Departmental, and is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried with objection (voiced ‘no’ vote) from Mr. Lokai.

Discussion –

“This is pretty much a standard p.o. for the rest of the year, correct?” asked Mr. Evans.

Mr. Bruce Evilsizor replied, “Yes, for 6 months.”

“For how many tapings?” asked Mr. Evans.

“Twelve tapings,” said Mr. Evilsizor.

“No extra-curricular...?” asked Mr. Evans.

“No,” said Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Lokai said:

“A couple of comments...when we started talking about this, it was actually about 20 some months ago...I was appointed to the Local Access Committee, and one of the factors was that uh...the school was proposing another 10% increase at the time that our budgetary items were on the decline, and we were paying \$1,029 per month for tapings...that held for the first few months I was on the Committee, then once everybody took a 10% pay cut across the board, the school did agree that they would also take a 10% pay cut (which is what the 926 is). We did meet with the Committee to talk about making some changes...we are still in (and I don't care what anybody says), we are still old technology with the way we're taping the meetings. If you look at the room now, you'll see a bunch of cords strung around. There are other possibilities of meetings—we proposed (which failed 3 to 4), to spend approximately \$17,000 to go to the system that the Court is operating under now...and that of course, did not get Council approval.” He added:

“Of course--(after that meeting) there was a high-five by some of the elected officials out in the hall that they failed this motion (which one of the business people thought was very unprofessional), but later on we proposed to have 25% of the money that we saved (which is about \$10,000 a year) put into programming for uh...community service programs, and that of course failed 1 to 6...so...it was a pretty sound message from Council that they did not want to change anything, they wanted to stay with what we had now...and since I've been on this Committee (which I will be retiring as of December 31<sup>st</sup>), we will spend about \$24,000 for labor basically...and as I looked around...I gave most of the Council Members a copy of these things...we're one of the few cities under 15,000 people that actually tape our meetings. Of the cities over 15,000 to 30,000, most of those cities actually have their own system like we were talking about...or are connected with some organization. The concern that I have is that we're going to keep on doing 'the same old, same old.' I heard the discussions about the students learning about government, and actually the only thing the students will be learning about government is maybe the eye contact...you can learn the same amount from there...if we approve this expenditure, we're still paying for labor.”

Mr. Lokai continued:

“I'd like to spin off what Al said back in May, 'How do we know we're getting the best deal?' Al brought up a point back in May that we only have one quote, so there surely are some organizations that would at least like to make a bid on it...or at least make a quote to tape these meetings. I talked to the School Board...why don't they tape their meetings for student information (and maybe training)...and they said that they do not want the public to come into meetings and play to the cameras...and I will assure you that if we don't tape the meetings, that the meetings will be shorter...and we'll get more done...and we can move forward quicker. I have a very difficult time approving an expenditure that is only going to be the same old technology—I don't care what kind of cameras you're using—we're still using the same old technology, and we're falling behind very rapidly...so that's basically what I have to say about that particular discussion, and I would like to see us maybe look again at what we proposed awhile back...and reconsider some of those changes that would upgrade our system...and a concern about labor—all we're going to have to have is one person. At the other cities I've talked to...less than \$100. a month to push the buttons, and that's it! I really have difficulty approving this

expenditure again—it's nothing against the school! It's against the budget. My job is to look at the taxpayers' dollars for the city of Urbana, and that's what I'm doing!"

Mr. Fields stated, "The only thing I'd like to say is...I think when the school was here last time they talked about it, they were (I think if I'm not mistaken)...T.D. said they could try to put the wires in (and make it wireless), if we gave them money to do it."

"Are they certified electricians?" asked Mr. Lokai.

"I don't know if they are or not, Larry," Mr. Fields replied. "But—I mean, I think that the school should stick with it, and I encourage the rest of my Council Members to vote for it."

Mr. Evans said:

"Larry—first of all, let me say I appreciate your (to use the words of Mr. Brugger) 'due diligence' on trying to get us to take the leap into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century on taping the meetings...one of my problems with that proposal is...I don't feel that whether we take the savings and put it anywhere...the only thing I want to pay for is 2 meetings a month for 12 months (that's 24 tapings). That's the only thing I want the citizens to have to pay for...I don't think the citizens should have to pay to tape extracurricular activities. As long as I've been on Council, I think that the program we have currently does exactly what I would want done...and that is to tape 24 Council Meetings a year...don't want to spend anymore money on new technology...I think they do a pretty good job. I think...the people that approach me on the streets (and comment on the meetings), I think they get a pretty good view of what's happening...so...but I agree, maybe we need to have some other bidders...but I'm only interested in (I'll repeat it) 24 tapings a year..."

Mr. Lokai stated:

"Just to add...one thing that does concern me...and I know, Al, you've talked about to a lot of people (and I've probably talked to the same number of people)...but it really bothers me when somebody...in a business, or restaurant, or wherever...says, 'I just can't wait to watch the next City Council Meeting—it's the best entertainment that I've ever had.' That's really the wrong reason for going to a City Council Meeting—I think the purpose is to learn about city government, to learn how the city is run...but we also have technology now of pulling up the Minutes, and I think the meetings would be more streamlined..."

Mr. Kerry Brugger said:

"I think the last time we spoke on this—it's been several months...the discussion was to have continued dialogue between the City and the school (whether that happened or not—I can't speak to that)...here we are in August, and now we owe for July...so...it's my understanding, we're trying to move this thing to get through the year. It's another opportunity to spend the next 4-5 months reevaluating. I don't think there's anybody lined up at the doors to bid...if there are, I'd sure like them to come forward. I agree with Al—I think it is something the residents of the city do look forward to...to keep up with current events/what's going on (especially those that aren't able to get out and about). While this may not be the best of the best—it is something that we have, and I think it is valuable to maintain—so at this point, I think we need to move forward to get through the year. If there's an effort...if you want to try to change things starting in 2012, we need to get started...the City and the schools need to get together to work on that...but I know we've had discussions (back and forth)...but I can't speak to where we are at this point."

Council President Hess responded to one of Mr. Lokai's questions, "You said that people are now speaking to the cameras (and it didn't happen before the cameras)—I happen to be one of the Council Members here before we had cameras, and I can remember several meetings that started at 7:30, and didn't get out until 11:00!"

Council President Hess disagreed with Mr. Lokai's point of 'playing to the cameras,' or (more succinctly) not playing to the cameras in the interest of meeting time saved.

Mr. Evans added:

"Just for clarification (and so that the folks can understand)...the folks that come to me, and talk to me about what they've seen on City Council—it's usually, they want to tell me how they feel about what we talk about...in an attempt to...they want clarification of things that they've learned by watching the Council Meeting...so I don't know where the whole thing about (you know) it being a comedy show (or anything like that) is coming from. The people that approach me...approach me because they've seen something that they want to know more about, or they want to tell me their opinion...they don't think it's funny...they don't think it's comical (as a matter of fact)...the ones that talk to me feel it's very informative, and very useful...so I don't know where that's coming from about the comedy."

### 3.

Mr. Steve Shaw moved to authorize a blanket purchase order to E.J. Prescott in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of water system repair supplies (This will be charged to the Water Department, and is not in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Fields seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Robert Munch said:

"This is for fixing lines that break in the City...the account that this money's paid for is the Distribution Maintenance Fund (that account is now zero), so hence anything further this year will be not in this year's Budget...however, we have \$260,000 in Capital Improvements (that we will not be doing), and as such we'll just simply move Capital Improvement money over to operation and maintenance side. Failure to not do that will mean that we'll have water shooting up through the streets all over the place, so...given the options I really don't see where there's a whole lot to do other than buy the stuff to fix the pipes that break."

Mr. Brugger said, "Not much more to add to that!"

"Are they breaking regularly (even more) than they used to be?" asked Council President Hess.

"Do you mean more than last year, or more than the year before that?" asked Mr. Munch.

"More than last year—let's go that way," Council President Hess clarified.

"We're about the same place we were last year," Mr. Munch replied. "We're about 1 a day."

### 4.

Mr. Evans moved to authorize a purchase order to E.J. Prescott in the amount of \$4,500 for the purchase of an in-line valve at Berwick Dr. (This will be charged to the Water Department, and is not in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Munch said:

“The story is—we have a (either)...a 4 or 6 inch main on Berwick (which is leaking)...in order to isolate it (and fix it) we have 2 choices...one is to put in in-line valve it, and fix it (and be done up there finally after 2 years), or take the entire service area down (which will include Walmart, both Dialysis Centers, and a few other places that we really do not want to leave without water. Based on that I think \$4,000 is well worth the cost to keep those places in business. Additionally, this is a maximum amount (we do not know if that pipe is 4 inches or 6 (at this time)—if it’s 4, it will be less than the 6...”

**5.**

Mr. Fields moved to authorize the Director of Administration to accept the base bid from J&J Schaegele, Inc. for the No. Main St. Storm Improvements, and to enter into a unit price contract in the amount of \$361,937 for this base bid (This was the lowest responsible and responsive bid of 2 bids received. The Engineer’s estimate for this project was \$379,580. 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. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Doug Crabill explained:

“It’s really self-explanatory as far as the bid results...we had (I think) 6 or 7 sets of plans out...there were 2 bidders that submitted bids...and one was above the Engineer’s estimate/one was below...this is the project on No. Main to deal with some of the storm water issues there, to try to correct flooding around W. Twain, around Dairy Queen...that general area there. This project basically is from W. Twain to Taft Ave. on No. Main...traffic is going to be maintained during the project, and construction’s going to start probably later in August (or the 1<sup>st</sup> of September)...and be done by the end of the year. I think actually early December, this project will have to be done...this project has asphalt in it...”

Mr. Lokai asked, “Have there been many change orders on some of these?”

“No, not too many...” said Mr. Crabill. “Yeah, I think on our Russell St. project (that just finished last week), I think we will have to...and one is just to balance the quantities, and another one is some railroad flagging that we weren’t expecting to have to do.”

“Is that that \$80. an hour flagging?” asked Council President Hess.

“When are they going to start moving into the work?” asked Mr. Evans.

Mr. Crabill replied, “Sometime later this month more than likely.”

Mr. Evans expressed concerns about the new business opening up on No. Main, and the conflict of the planned ‘Open House,’ and the project. He asked Mr. Crabill if equipment could be deferred.

**6.**

Mr. Evans moved to authorize the Director of Administration to enter into a contract with Wilbur Smith & Associates for the design phase of the Water Pollution Control Facility upgrade in the amount of \$992,012 (This expenditure will be funded entirely by a DEFA loan, and is 8.6% of the total project cost); Mr. Kerry Brugger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Chad Hall addressed Council noting he had emailed a copy of the contract (along with the fee summary), and reminded Council that ‘back at Work Session I brought in

some examples of some other facilities.' He explained the BOC item, and entertained questions from Council.

Mr. Eugene Fields commented, "You've done your homework."

"Other than upgrading, we really don't have a lot of options—do we?" asked Mr. Evans. "As far as going to a green site?" Mr. Hall asked, and then discussed the old City farm on 36 (that was a potential green site). "I think it fits in very well—paralleling—the preliminary design that we've kind of showed. You know--when you start working numbers, it is the most feasible (and economical) way to upgrade this facility, and still have the flexibility in the future to expand."

Mr. Evans asked, "So the design that we're adopting is easily expanded?"

"Yes sir," answered Mr. Hall. "That's part of the whole project."

"First of all—I think you put together a nice package, a lot of detail...just for clarification, what is the current capacity...and what is the expansion going to provide for us?" asked Mr. Brugger.

Mr. Hall responded, "The current capacity is 3mil gallon a day...the new facility will be 4.5mil gallon a day, with a peak of nine and a quarter."

Mr. Brugger questioned whether a lot of subcontract work would be required to get the job done.

Mr. Hall said Mr. Dave Stewart would respond to that question, adding, "A lot of these items have currently been completed, or we already have them on file...but if there's a particular one that you're questioning..."

Mr. Brugger (to Mr. Lee Williams) asked, "Just approximately—what do you think we're looking at with interest rates and terms...and the length of this loan?"

Mr. Williams replied, "We met with DEFA a year ago last Fall—they couldn't commit, because of the distance between then and when we complete the project (which is looking like 2016)—but they were talking about interest rates that were more than competitive. They were talking about low (what I call buy and financing at a bond rate), so I felt very comfortable with the financing that they even discussed with us...leaving it open ended, because we don't know what the rates are going to be out 5 years from now."

Mr. Lokai expressed appreciation to Mr. Hall for his emailed information/updates, and stressed that all departments should follow Mr. Hall's example in getting information out to Council.

He applauded Mr. Dave Stewart and Wilbur Smith for utilizing local design people, and said, "It is under 9%, and I think we'd only be fooling ourselves if we said we didn't think the water usage in Urbana was not going to grow (as far as the Waste Water Treatment Plant's concerned)...here's an opportunity to look forward..."

Mr. Lokai urged Council to pass this item.

Dr. David Smith was introduced to Council by Mr. Bruce Evilsizor.

Dr. Smith stated:

"I just learned about this project...and I feel a little late. You may not be aware, but I designed other waste water treatment plants...3 others that were approved by EPA...one of the biggest ones was at the Greene County Career Center...I have been involved in a lot of innovative, new types of technologies for a waste water treatment plant, and we're doing more of that now. There are some new opportunities, and that particular site out there actually has some options that aren't being considered."

Dr. Smith defined his specialties, and noted that 20 years ago he did the plant for Young's Jersey Dairy, along with the Cedar Bog Project.

"One thing I just want to raise up is (and I'm very familiar with that area out there), that one of the possibilities is to be able to use one of the existing ground quarry lakes (that exists between the Plant and Mad River)...as a polishing zone," stated Dr. Smith. "I just think there are some things that probably haven't been looked at...but the typical types of things that are being presented to communities (like Urbana, and every other small city), are engineered box type/package type designs...that tend to be very expensive. The project that we did for the Greene County Career Center was about 20%, of what it would've cost to have the same engineers come in and do that..." stated Dr. Smith. He requested that Council look at some of the options he described, and asked Council for a delay of 'maybe a month or so.'

"I apologize for not being more timely on this, but I just wasn't aware," said Dr. Smith. "These are obviously a lot smaller facilities, that are not pumping the volume of water," Mr. Lokai said.

"Well they are quite a bit smaller, and that's something that's easily scaled up...and it's become (you know) fairly standard in waste water treatment facilities," said Dr. Smith. "That particular facility (of course), they have up to 10,000 people a day in the Summer time...that supports the ice cream plant, 2 restaurants, the public facilities there...the specialty I have is more than..."

Dr. Smith described the 'primary, secondary, and tertiary stages,' and increase of the total capacity. He said he is not trying to be a 'monkey wrench in the works.'

"The more we can do to keep the water rates down in Urbana...the more we can keep the sewage rates down...the more it's going to help us to encourage new businesses to come here," stated Dr. Smith. "We have great water resources in the County and the City, and we really need to capitalize on it."

"On the manufacturing side—we have some major manufacturers that are going to be discharging in there—With your technology, how would you handle that?" asked Mr. Fields.

"I understand that—and I understand that's why you're doing expansion," said Dr. Smith, elaborating on the idea of expansion/capacity.

7.

(\*This Board of Control item was added just prior to the Meeting)

The Board of Control recommends Council authorize the Director of Administration to accept the base bid from Wagner Paving, Inc. for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Phase 1 (COTF-099)-Trail Construction, and to enter into a unit price contract in the amount of \$437,355.51. This was the lowest responsible and responsive bid of 2 bids received. This project is funded 75% by ODNR Clean Ohio Trail Fund. The remaining 25% match is being provided by the Simon Kenton Pathfinders (Bid Tabulation was attached)

Mr. Doug Crabill said, "There were 2 bidders on this—this opened yesterday (Monday)—that's why you have it tonight."

He explained the bidding process and recommendation.

"75% of the project is paid with the Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant that we have—25% is local match," stated Mr. Crabill. "Construction should start late in August, and be completed by (I believe) November 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline that we set when we advertised

this project. This has to be done by the end of the year—December 31<sup>st</sup>, at the very latest (the grant will expire at that time).”

Mr. Lokai sought clarification of total figures (noting the typeset was small), and Mr. Crabill announced the comparison figures.

Mr. Lokai questioned, “What’s the track record on Wagner (Paving Inc.)?”

“They do a lot of ODOT work—they’re a larger company,” said Mr. Crabill. “We haven’t had a lot of experience with them, but they’re going to do our paving program in late August...so that will be our first experience...but so far (in dealing with them) they’re very professional.”

“Do you know what their history is on change orders?” asked Mr. Lokai.

Mr. Crabill answered, “No, I don’t.”

Council President Hess mentioned the flagmen line item, but noted the City is simply administrating the funds (not paying for this item).

Council unanimously accepted BOC item #7.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mr. Bill Kelley (DP&L) provided a presentation to Council regarding, “Investing in Reliability.”

Mr. Kelley provided the following information: Overview/Reliability Efforts (with facts-see handout in Council files), Line Clearance (System Inspections/Tree Trimming), Distribution Line Patrol (Inspections, Deficiencies, Condition), The Pole Inspection Program, Distribution Underground Devices (Inspect Condition and Security of Transformers, Pedestals, Risers, Switchgear), Substation Inspections (Monthly Inspection of Transformers, Circuit Breakers, Relays, Switches) and Substation Security, and Capital Investments (Examples and Benefits).

He noted a new circuit will be added to Urbana (largely related to the Paper Plant that is coming). Plans are currently being formulated.

Mr. Kelley emphasized, “We don’t just work during storm activity, and wanted you to know that.”

Mr. Lokai discussed the different color lines in the street related to service being done, and asked, “What color paint do you put on the street for electric?”

“Red—I believe,” Mr. Kelley said.

Ms. Brenda Elias, 627 So. Main, addressed Council regarding a previous complaint made about property encroachment. She noted she was under the assumption that Mr. Evilsizor said there was money available to expand the apron in the described area near Henry. Ms. Elias pointed to Mr. Al Evans as her Councilman, and said she has previously spoken with Mr. Evans, Mr. Evilsizor, and Mr. Colin Stein.

Ms. Elias said she ‘learned the City is supposed to maintain that alley.’

Mr. Evilsizor requested Ms. Elias’ telephone number following the meeting, and said he would get an update from staff.

Mr. Evans said, “Brenda—thank you for coming. I know it took a lot of courage to get up there and speak—you did very well.”

Ms. Elias submitted a petition with 17 signatures to the City Council Clerk noting complaint : 122 Henry St., owner’s automobile obstructs entering or leaving alley behind S. Main that leads to South Elementary School (\*See Files)

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Third Reading –**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4364 -**

Mr. Lokai moved to place ORDINANCE NO. 4364 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Evans seconded.

Roll call vote to approve:

Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes (5-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Lokai requested the definition of ‘declaring an emergency’ in the Ordinance, and asked if it will be ‘effective tomorrow.’

“I believe so,” said Mr. Crabill.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2340 –**

Mr. Fields moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2340 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Lokai seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Fields, yes (5-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill explained the Resolution, and noted ‘the loan will essentially pay for the project.’

“So you’re thinking ahead,” said Mr. Evans.

“It’s easier to pass it, than have to ask for it later,” Mr. Crabill replied.

“Good job,” Mr. Evans added.

**Second Reading –**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4366 –**

(\*Read and declared a Second Reading).

**First Reading –**

There were no First Readings at this Meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Fields

- Questioned, “Where are we at on the BMX?”

Mr. Evilsizor noted the effort is ‘on hold,’ and said, “It’s an effort that we’ll be there to try to work with them, but we’re kind of (I guess) relying on the private group to kind of—get as much done as possible.”

“I talked to some of them that said they haven’t heard anything else from the City,” said Mr. Fields.

“It’s their project—it’s not ours, it’s theirs,” said Mayor Ruth Zerkle.

“Well, I understand that, but we had the property out there,” said Mr. Fields. “So—the big hang up right now is the dirt, right?”

“The dirt, and the lay out...and uh (you know) I guess making sure that there’s a good commitment from a private group to help make it work, and help maintain the operation when it gets up and running,” Mr. Evilsizor replied.

Mr. Evans

- Expressed appreciation to Administration for emails/updates

Especially commended Mr. Chris Stokes and the Pool Staff; Noted he has received numerous positive comments regarding the Pool

“I think what we’ve got out there—we’re moving in the right direction out there at the Pool,” he said.

Council President Hess raved about the recent (Police) Pool Party, and

remarked, “Everybody that was out there saw Mr. Thorpe dancing to the music—it was worth going, just to see Bob Thorpe! It was a wonderful thing!”

- Mr. Brugger - Thanked Mr. Evilsizor for the follow up on the street openings  
Noted Dr. Smith’s comments were intriguing, and asked that Dr. Smith return to next week’s Work Session to elaborate on the topic further (15-30 minutes)
- Mr. Shaw - (To Mr. Williams) asked in the absence of Mr. Bill Bean, to provide a financial update  
Mr. Williams said, “We are at \$292,000 today—with a forecast of \$337,000 for the month—so we are very close (after 9 days) to making the whole month. This month we are in very good shape—in Bill’s absence.”
- Mr. Lokai - Complimented Mr. Hall regarding information received ahead of time; Commented regarding keeping Work Sessions to less than an hour as ‘good time management’ protocol  
Noted he has had similar comments regarding the BMX; Said he talked to ‘some people at Walmart that were very upset with Urbana, but they said that when they went to another city—that city opened the door, and gave them everything....but they said the problem in Urbana was they had the land, and they went out to get it...and they wanted \$60,000 to \$70,000 for it! They wanted another organization come up with the money (and they don’t have the money), so they didn’t have the money so they went to some place that gave them the land...and if somebody within the City of Urbana has a track of land they would’ve given to them without having to pay \$70,000...they would consider it...but they are trying to run a non-profit organization...”
- Mr. Crabill - Discussed the Tree Program (taking orders for Fall), and orders for the trees for the ‘Emerald Ash Borer Tree Restoration Grant’  
Orders are due August 15<sup>th</sup> – Call #652-4305 for more information
- Mr. Chad Hall - Asked Dr. Smith and the Council to participate in the discussion planned for the upcoming Work Session
- Interim Police Chief Matt Lingrell –  
Council President Hess expressed appreciation for the well attended (300-500 people) Police Pool Party
- Mr. Bruce Evilsizor requested a short Executive Session on ‘Labor Negotiations.’  
Mr. Evans moved to excuse Mr. Bill Bean and Mr. Robert Thorpe from this Meeting; Mr. Shaw seconded. All were in favor of excusing both gentlemen.
- Council President Hess –  
Noted the Audit Meeting at 3:00PM, Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and announced a request for (2) Council Members to attend  
Announced school starts in 2 weeks, and asked everyone to ‘be very, very careful’  
Announced ‘The WWTP’ as a Work Session topic; Requested other WS topics from Council/Administration

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Shaw moved to adjourn to Executive Session (8:06PM) to discuss ‘Labor Negotiations’; Mr. Fields seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger (5-0)

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**Council Clerk**

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**Council President**