



URBANA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

President Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

City Staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Mayor Bill Bean, Police Chief Matt Lingrell, and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb

President Called Roll: Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, absent; Mr. Davis, present; Ms. Truelove, present; Mr. Thackery, absent; Mrs. Collier, present; and Mrs. Bean, present.

Minutes

Ms. Truelove moved to put the minutes of June 18, 2024 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded.

No comments/questions from Council regarding the minutes.

Voice vote on approval of the minutes: all ayes; nays none.

Communications:

1. Affordable Gas + Electric's June 24, 2024 Press Release: New Electric Aggregation Rates to Begin in December (see attached)

Council did not move to remove the communication from the Consent Agenda.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council increase blanket purchase order number 2024-00359 to Cherokee Run Landfill in the amount of \$10,000.00 for sludge disposal. The blanket purchase order was approved for \$50,000.00 by Board of Control earlier this year. This expense will be charged to the Sewer Fund and is in the 2024 budget. **VOTE: 3-0**

Mrs. Bean moved to put this request on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Ms. Boettcher stated that when the water reclamation facility is unable to land apply sludge, it has Cherokee haul the sludge away. She added that if the City is unable to land apply the sludge in the fall after the crops come off, this amount would cover the costs.

No comments/questions from Council.

Roll call on approval: Mr. Davis, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Passes 5-0.

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading:

Ordinance 4429-24: An ordinance adopting the tax budget of the City of Urbana, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025; submitting the same to the County Auditor. (Three readings required, public hearing required)

Mrs. Collier moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Ms. Boettcher stated the City is looking at estimated revenue of \$8.5 million and expenditures of \$8.3 million for 2025. She added that the City does this every year in preparation for appropriations in the fall.

Mrs. Bean thanked Ms. Boettcher in her preparation of this matter.

Roll call on approval: Ms. Truelove, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. and Mr. Davis, yes.

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Ordinance 4608-24: An ordinance to vacate unimproved Richmond Street (20' wide)(containing 0.180 acres, of which 0.046 acres being in Section 24, and 0.134 acres being in Section 30, more or less) beginning at its intersection with Railroad Street (40' wide) and legally described within the description and detailed within the plat submitted to supplement the original petition filed by Bryan S. Hunt, legal counsel and authorized representative for the petitioner, Urbana Ohio Investors Group 2, LLC. (Three (3) readings and public hearing required.)

Mrs. Bean moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated this ordinance involves lot splits and clarifying parcels. He stated that a portion of Richmond Street was never developed by the City. The City has been working with a developer's attorney and the City has no public use in these sections. He stated the City agrees that it makes sense to vacate the described length.

Ms. Truelove thanked Mr. Brugger for clarifying. She stated she now understands what is going on.

President Paul declared this ordinance to have had its first reading.

First Reading:

Ordinance 4609-24: An ordinance to approve and adopt the Urbana North Main Street Corridor Plan as an official planning guide of the City of Urbana, Ohio. (Three (3) readings and public hearing required)

Mrs. Collier moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Ms. Truelove seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated the summary of 54 pages gives you the guts of the project. He stated the City wanted to address zoning and land use along North Main. He explained this is more of a snapshot of what could be done as opposed to what you have today with the current mixed uses. She summarized the project as more of a planning tool.

Ms. Truelove stated she likes the plan and is excited. She hopes to live long enough to see it happen.

Mrs. Bean stated it is going to be a really good tool.

President Paul declared this ordinance to have had its first reading.

Department Liaison Reports: None

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Truelove thanked the street crew for filling in her space. She added it is a lot better with the trucks going through.

Mrs. Bean stated that June 25th was the Special Olympics run. CRSI went out with about 35 people to cheer them on.

Chief Lingrell stated the second annual Citizens Police Academy will start on September 5. He urged everyone to spread the word.

Chief Ortlieb gave kudos to UPD for Safetytown. He enjoys participating in that. He also added that inspectors will be at the fireworks on July 6^{th} the entire time to make sure they are in compliance.

Mr. Brugger stated that Public Works has been working on sewer and water digs and will hopefully have everything caught up by end of the month. He stated the City has finished chip sealing at the cemetery. It required a lot of asphalt that people wouldn't necessarily recognize. He added that the asphalt paving for Lincoln & Lafayette should take place in about two weeks.

Ms. Truelove asked what the City was doing on Gwynne street currently. Mr. Brugger answered curbs and gutters.

Mr. Feinstein also wanted to plug the citizens' police academy. He stated the Law Department's Executive Assistant partook last year.

Mayor Bean stated that on July 4th, the 26th annual car show and Rotary Club BBQ chicken will be held. He stated that fireworks will be held on July 6th at Grimes Field. Finally, he stated that on July 13th, the City will have the Art Affair on the Square in conjunction with second Saturday.

Mr. Brugger added that during the week of July 8th the contractor at the airport will begin work on the taxi lane project.

President Paul stated there has been a request for work session on different day than regular Council meetings to talk about the overlay district. He stated there has been questions around signage and window covers.

Council decided to hold a work session on July 23rd.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Ms. Truelove seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNED AT 6:21 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING July 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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