

**CITY OF AUBURN
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2009**

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 7:00p.m.

PRESENT: T Berola, Boyd, Gillock, Kessler, Landers, Powell, Sample, Stamer, Svetlik, Warwick

ABSENT: C Berola

I. CLERK'S REPORT – SAMPLE

- The minutes from the Public Hearing, which was held for the Tax Levy on December 15, 2008, were presented for review and approval. Motion by Warwick second by Kessler to approve the Public Hearing minutes. Approved by voice vote. Council minutes for the December 15, 2008 council meeting were presented for review and approval. Motion by Landers second by Kessler to approve the December 15, 2008 council minutes.
- A thank you note was read from the family of Joshua Brooks.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT – BOYD

- The bills list was presented for review and approval. Motion by Landers second by Kessler to approve the bills list. 7-0-1

AYES: T Berola, Gillock, Kessler, Landers, Stamer, Svetlik, Warwick

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C Berola

III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – LABARRE

- Labarre reviewed a letter written to Alan Curtiss from Environmental Management. Per Labarre the letter advised Curtiss that the Auburn City Council concluded that its current ordinance was adequate and declined to vote on a new ground water ordinance.
- Labarre reviewed a letter to Robert Plummer of Timberbrooke Properties. Labarre advised that only the real estate that will be owned by the City will be eligible for tax exempt status on materials.
- Labarre reviewed a letter written to Attorney John Myers and Larry McClelland. The letter stated the drawing Labarre was given does not provide enough information to draft the necessary easements.
- Labarre presented Resolution #45-09 (Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission) for review and approval. Motion by Warwick second by Kessler to authorize Mayor Powell to sign this resolution. 7-0-1

AYES: Warwick, Svetlik, Stamer, Landers, Kessler, Gillock, T Berola

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C Berola

- Labarre presented a Rental Agreement between the City of Auburn to the Auburn Area Ambulance Service. The agreement was reviewed and a general discussion was held. Per Labarre the \$10.00 rent was put in for insurance coverage. \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance will be required. Mayor Powell will present this agreement to the Auburn Area

Ambulance Service for review. This will be addressed at the next scheduled council meeting.

- Labarre addressed the property at 927 W Jackson. This property was declared a nuisance at the last council meeting. Per Labarre the walls have been torn down and a new building permit has been submitted and signed. A general discussion was held. Stamer asked McClelland when he was going to start building and if this was his next project. McClelland said this would be his next project but he could not give a start date due to weather conditions. Labarre said everything the council requested is done except the foundation and if the council still wanted to, they could fine as a nuisance property. Warwick asked when he was going to build and take other parts of the foundation down. McClelland said it may be 90 days before he can work on this due to the weather. Labarre asked what the council wanted to do. Per Labarre the council could say the project was done or postpone for a certain amount of time. Stamer asked if McClelland honored the December 31, 2008 date when taking down the walls. Motion by Stamer second by Warwick, that a fine should not be imposed because the walls were down before the December 31, 2008 required date. 6-1-1

AYES: T Berola, Gillock, Kessler, Landers, Stamer, Svetlik
NAYS: Warwick
ABSENT: C Berola

IV. VISITORS

- Charlene Moore asked who needs to get the required information, in reference to the waterline running south off of Van Buren. Labarre informed her that an engineer will need to do this. Per Labarre either the home owners or Larry McClelland will need to pay for this. After the information is obtained the City engineer will give the go-ahead and then send to the EPA.
- Kessler asked Larry McClelland what his intention was with the waterline. McClelland stated he had none at this point. Mayor Powell said any subdivision developer does the easements. Labarre asked if the city attorney should do the easements. Kessler stated the main will be the property of the city and he thinks this is worth our attorney drawing up. The City should review not draft the easement. Karhliker said the subdivision must come with a plan to the City of Auburn. The plan will then go to the City engineer for review. A general discussion was held. Karhliker stated the operating permit is the key permit for the City of Auburn. Labarre asked if the City wanted him to participate in drafting the easement or just review. Landers stated that he had spoken to one of the property owners and that the owner was going to require a bond on property and that any crop damage be reimbursed if applicable. Per Landers all parties should sign off on it after work is completed. T Berola asked what should happen if the property owner will not sign off on it. Labarre said this might be resolved if the document stated that any complaints must be made within thirty days after the project is completed. Karhliker stated easements will always find people who are not happy. Stamer asked if an example for "standards of remediation" could be obtained. Kessler asked Larry McClelland what his plan was for the water line off of Van Buren and if he had started to pursue. McClelland said he will talk to Joe Greene. Mayor Powell reminded everyone that there is a time frame which was set up by the EPA. Stamer asked that the minutes state that Martin Engineering be contacted for a copy of standards of remediation. Karhliker said he would contact Martin Engineering.

V. MAYORS COMMENTS

- Mayor Powell informed the council that Annette Brooks will be returning to work next week.
- Mayor Powell reviewed a response that Edna received regarding recycling. The response stated that We Care Recycling in Carlinville offered to provide recycling services. The charge would be \$50.00 per roll-off. Flowers Sanitation agreed to transport the roll offs to We Care for \$125.00. The total cost per pull would be \$175.00. Per Mayor Powell the city is only reimbursed for these costs every other year at a rate of 80%. Per Mayor Powell there would be two to three pulls per month. At 3 pulls per month the cost would be \$6,300.00 per year. Mayor Powell said that this additional cost was not included in the budget. A general discussion was held. Powell said that Edna asked about adding .25 to .50 cents on each utility bill. Kessler asked that Edna find out if this is the year we get reimbursed. Stamer asked about doing a three month probationary period because we did not put any money out for November or December. T Berola said the City needs to watch the revenue stream. Per Berola businesses have closed decreasing revenue. Per Berola the City needs to be fiscally responsible due to loss of revenue. Berola suggested a citizen survey to see if they would be willing to have costs added to utility bills. Stamer asked if there was a way to see if people that recycle would be willing to pay more than .50 cents per month. Stamer said that people would not want a charge added to their monthly utility bill. Landers asked about having a recycling day each month. Mayor Powell said he would check to see if this would be a viable option.
- Mayor Powell gave an update on Kruse's Auto Business. Per Powell the acquisition of the proposed site is almost finalized. Karhliker said he is working on getting water there. Per Karhliker an engineer will need to loop main around the outer limit. Karhliker said a 10 inch main could be ran under RT 4 west to the property line or to the county road going south to the junction. Powell said the city cannot get sewer there at this point and the business will use septic. When sewer is available it would be required for the company to hook on. Barb asked if there would be enough money to do this. This money would come from the water fund not the general fund. Mayor Powell said Kruse wants to know if the City would be in support of this.
- The next council meeting will be January 20, 2009

VI. DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. CENTKO

- Jack Crissey attended two week required training. Per Centko he drove his own car. Centko asked if he would be given a mileage reimbursement for this. He was told yes.
- Motion by Gillock second by Kessler to accept the resignation of Nicole Watts.
7-0-1

AYES: T Berola, Gillock, Kessler, Landers, Stamer, Svetlik, Warwick
NAYS: None
ABSENT: C Berola

B. KARHLIKER

- Karhliker informed the council that the tiles in the Community Center have been fixed.

- Karhliker informed the council that he has pay plans for the detention pond and it will work. Per Karhliker Kessler and Mayor Powell will talk to the home owners involved. Mayor Powell said that if another development would come up, the City would require that the developer use the detention pond. Labarre said he does not know how the City could control a new developer. Per Labarre this can only be done if it is the same developer. Kessler asked if the detention pond could hold if more development was done. Karhliker said it would. Labarre said the City should state they would be interested in the pond only if new developers could use it. Kessler stated that if the City takes ownership of this pond the City will be the responsible party. Landers said the City needs to look for monetary reimbursement because they were sold a defective product.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. HEALTH & SAFETY – GILLOCK

- Gillock set a Health & Safety Committee meeting regarding communications for the Police Department for January 14, 2009 at 7:00p.m.

B. LIBRARY – WARWICK

- Warwick informed the council that a notice for a Library Board opening is posted in the lobby. The notice will be posted until January 15, 2009. Mayor Powell said the Library Board needs to refer applications to the City.
- Warwick asked about a ramp on the west door of the library. Centko said he will look at. Centko also informed the council that a foot of space is required for each inch.
- Mayor Powell asked Stamer for a report on the Economic Development Committee. Per Stamer the committee had been in force from 1995-1999. Stamer said she spoke with the former chairman. Stamer will share the information she received with the council when she gets it typed up.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Landers informed the council that there is an organization Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (IIFFC) that is a labor management organization that will help with issues such as certifying payroll at no cost.
- Landers informed the council that Josh Potts has been invited to the next council meeting. Per Landers he can provide better education on municipal finance to the city. Per Landers he can provide information on how the City could invest the Parks revenue funds safely.

Motion by Kessler second by Svetlik to adjourn at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Myra Sample
City Clerk