

City of Auburn
Council Minutes
June 15, 2009

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

PRESENT: Appelt, Gillock, Kessler, J. Powell, Johnson, Rathgeber, Tanner, Thornton, Svetlik, Berola, Warwick

I. CITY CLERK'S REPORT- Thornton

- Minutes of the June 1, 2009 were presented for approval. Rathgeber made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Warwick seconds. Minutes approved by voice vote.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT - Appelt

- The bills list was presented to the Council for approval for payment. A motion was made by Warwick to approve the bills for payment, Kessler seconds. 8-0

AYES: Gillock, Kessler, Tanner, Rathgeber, Johnson, Svetlik, Berola, Warwick,
NAYS: None

- Appelt presented the financial statement for approval by the Council. Gillock made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented, Kessler seconds. 8-0

AYES: Gillock, Kessler, Tanner, Rathgeber, Johnson, Svetlik, Berola, Warwick,
NAYS: None

III. ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Grischow

- Raylene reported on 415 Interurban, that she had checked with the States Attorney's Office and talked to Sherry Carey; she told Raylene that they did not handle the type of situations we had, but dealt with dangerous situations. The two options available to the City are placard the house and evict the tenant and the other is to file suit for the money owed to the City. After discussion, Berola made a motion to have Raylene proceed to collect the money owed. Wayde seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Berola, as Public Health Officer along with Chief Centko, will placard the house and give the tenant a reasonable amount of time to move, probably no more than 14 days.
- Raylene presented the Council with Ordinance 1292-09, which is the prevailing wage ordinance that is passed every year before July 1; this is the first reading.

IV. VISITORS

- **Harry Scheldt** from 5132 W Divernon Road was present to ask the City to do something about the ditch in front of his home which retains water and he can not mow. He said the ditch has had water for awhile and doesn't drain to the creek. Karhliker, Johnson and Rathgeber will look into the problem and see just what can be done to fix the problem.

- **Diana Coffman** was present as Library Board President, along with several Library Board members. Coffman presented a request to the Council to the delay the approval of the new library board members, to allow two of the present members, whose terms will expire July 1, 2009, to be considered as viable candidates. She listed several reasons why they should be kept on; one was that she and Ms. Warwick had written a letter on March 24, 2009 requesting they be retained. The Mayor explained to Ms. Coffman that a decision had been made to have the candidates submit letters of application with a deadline. There were 5 applications and 2 were late. The Mayor tried to explain that most people involved with the Council have deadlines to meet and if they aren't met, they are disqualified. The Mayor stated that he was trying to change

the way the appointments were made, so that he and the Council could have more information about each applicant. The appointments to the Library Board are at the discretion of the Mayor. He has final say and was including the Library Board out of courtesy. There was much discussion and disagreement on this subject. Warwick stated he knew two of the applicants and could vote for them, but he didn't know the third and could not vote for her. Bridget Butterick and Dave Hallerberg both made statements.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- After much discussion on the Library appointments and a request that they each be appointed separately the following appointments were made. The Mayor made a recommendation to appoint Melissa Warwick a member of the Library Board. Kessler made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation to accept Melissa Warwick as a Library Board Member. 7-0-1

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Tanner,
NAYS: None
PRESENT: Warwick

- The Mayor made a recommendation to appoint Amy Steele to the Library Board. Kessler made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation to accept Amy Steele as a Library Board Member. 7-0-1

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Tanner, Warwick
NAYS: None
PRESENT: Svetlik

- The Mayor made a recommendation to appoint Shirley Deheve as member of the Library Board. Kessler made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation to accept Shirley DeHeve as a member of the Library Board Member. 6-1-1

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Tanner,
NAYS: Warwick
PRESENT: Svetlik

- The Mayor brought before the Council a request from the Oasis to block off Jefferson Street beside their place of business for a Poker Run. After much discussion it was decided not to allow them to block off the street. It was suggested that Oasis rent the East Park as other businesses do when they have special events.

- The Mayor announced the birthdays,

Pat Longmeyer,	June 12	length of service 1 year 1 month
Steve Dengler	June 14	length of service 25 years
Dewaine Hoagland	June 21	length of service 10 years
Shane Sergeant	June 27	length of service 3 summers

VI. DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. CENTKO

- Centko stated that he had applied for a \$10,000.00 grant for in-car cameras. The police department's matching funds will be 25 percent.
- Centko discussed the Starcom radios that are going to go into effect in the next several months. He already has two in his possession and is in the process of ordering 4 more. He stated that the City is ahead in this new technology.

B. KARHLIKER

- Karhliker stated bids were in for the tree at 725 West Adams, actually the corner of 8th and Adams. At this time Johnson presented the two bids for the trees:

Carter Tree Service	\$600.00
Hemberger Tree Service	\$1200.00

Johnson made a motion to accept the bid from Carter Tree Service in the amount of \$600.00 to remove the tree, Warwick seconds.

- He also stated the bids were available for the oil and chip.

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Tanner, Warwick,

NAYS: None

C. POWELL

- Connie asked that Edna be allowed to attend an Adobe Acrobat 8.0 Basic & Advanced class at the Capital City Training Center at the cost of \$425.00 After a short discussion Warwick made a motion to approve Edna going to the class and also to pay her mileage to the class, Berola seconds. 8-0

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Tanner, Warwick,

NAYS: None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION – BEROLA

- Berola had nothing at this time

B. PUBLIC WORKS – JOHNSON

- Johnson had the bids from Illinois Road Contractors for oiling the roads in the amount of \$113,865.51 and from Schmedeke Trucking in Morrisonville for aggregated crushed stone in the amount of \$26,796.30. Johnson made a motion to accept the bids from IRC and Schmedeke, Kessler seconds. 8-0

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Tanner, Warwick,

NAYS: None

C. PUBLIC UTILITIES – WARWICK

- Warwick stated that there is a verbal agreement with the Township Garage to annex into the City. The City will be checking with Otter Lake to see the amount of water used and what it would approximately cost for sewer.
- Warwick brought to the attention of the Council the New Wave rate changes.
- Warwick stated that we still had only one person who signed the agreement on the 4th street water line. It was the recommendation of the Committee to go ahead and run the water line, as it would benefit the City to do so and the cost should not exceed \$2,000.00. Warwick made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to run the water line, not to exceed \$2,000.00, Kessler seconds.

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Tanner,
Warwick,
NAYS: None

- Warwick discussed the letter the Mayor and Council received from Jim McClelland. One of the first questions Warwick asked was “Has J McClelland hooked on to the sewer yet? “ and was informed “no.” Also, he stated the Council has already informed Mr. McClelland that the City was not going to pay Joe Greene’s bill. He felt McClelland and Greene should resolve the payment between themselves.

D. HEALTH AND SAFETY – GILLOCK

- Gillock requested an executive session to discuss a contract from the FOP. Rathgeber made a motion to go into Executive session at 8:15, Kessler seconds. Voice vote passes.
- Kessler made a motion at 8:30 to go back into regular session, Gillock seconds. Voice vote passes motion.
- Gillock made a recommendation to the Council from the Health and Safety Committee to accept the contract between the FOP and the City for the time frame of May 1, 2009 thru April 30, 2012. Warwick made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation to accept the contract, Rathgeber seconds. 8-0

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Tanner,
Warwick,
NAYS: None

E. HEALTH OFFICER – BEROLA

- Berola stated he felt the City should start the fine process on Ray Landers as the foundation had not been fenced or the two buildings finished as Mr. Landers stated at the last meeting the items would be done. Berola made a motion to have Chief Centko hand deliver a letter to Mr. Landers and, after 24 hours of receipt of the letter, if Mr. Landers has not completed fencing the foundation, the \$100.00 a day fine will be assessed, Warwick seconds.

AYES: Berola, Gillock, Johnson, Kessler, Rathgeber, Svetlik, Tanner,
Warwick,
NAYS: None

- Berola stated that the Barton property on 1027 West Adams has not completed any clean up and the fines were to start May 25, 2009. He will check with Connie to see if they have started.
- Berola stated there has been no clean up on the Narmont property, 13750 State Route 4, but he has heard they are still seeking bids. He stated that the fines were to start June 19, 2009. Berola feels if they have not contacted the City with a time line as to when the buildings are down, the fines should be assessed as of June 19, 2009. Mayor Powell will contact the Narmont’s or their representative as to what is happening.
- Berola suggested that the Council invite the owner of the 104 Store to attend the next council meeting to inform the council of his plans for the trailer on the corner of 11th and Jackson as he previous stated he was going to remove it.
- Svetlik asked Berola about the debris behind the Margo’s new brown shed, he will check into this.

F. PARKS - SVETLIK

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- Svetlik stated that the guys at the garage found all the signs that were needed at the parks and had them installed. She thanked them for a job well done and stated no money was spent from the budget for signs.
- There will be a Parks Committee meeting on July 7, 2009 at 7:00.

G. LIBRARY/ TECHNOLOGY – WARWICK

- Warwick announced a Library Board meeting for June 16, 2009 at 7:00. He informed the council that this Saturday the Library was hosting an opening day for the Summer Program. There will be refreshments and entertainment.
- He stated there will be a technology meeting in the near future to discuss the progress of Chris Bridges.
- He also stated he thought the assistant librarian had resigned, but wasn't for sure.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

IX. NEW BUSINESS - None

- The Mayor stated that this would be the last meeting for Kessler until he returns from deployment and wished him well.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Rathgeber made a motion to adjourn at 9:25, Kessler seconds.
- Voice voted closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary E. Thornton
City Clerk