

**City of Auburn**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 5, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Berola with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance of all present.

Motion made by Alderman Marquis to appoint Alderwoman Sheppard as temporary clerk for the meeting, second by Alderman Hemmerle.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
PRESENT: None  
ABSENT: Garrett

Alderwoman Sheppard took roll. Present Alderman Hemmerle, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Karhliker, Alderman Marquis, Alderman Powell, Alderman Royer, Alderwoman Sheppard, Mayor Berola, Treasurer Williams. Also present were Superintendent Henson and Attorney Moredock.

Absent: Alderman Garrett, Chief Campbell, and Office Manager Ponsler

Alderman Marquis made a motion to allow Alderwoman Sheppard to take minutes in the absence of the clerk, second

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
PRESENT: None  
ABSENT: Garrett

Danny Deheve was present to discuss the properties on Springfield Street that he received letters about that needed cleaned up. He informed the council he has been working to clean everything up around his work schedule. He did request additional time to try to keep cleaning up the property. He will work with Alderwoman Sheppard on the progress.

Inquired with the council on the standing water problem by the back alley by the culvert. It floods the all the time. Superintendent Henson informed Mr. Deheve that the city was doing work in the area and would like at the area of concern.

Jessica Lance from Bewitching Botanicals was in attendance and asked the city to look down the back alley by her business where her meter is located. As trash collects her dumpster there is a large pothole developed and she is asking the city to determine if there is anything that can be done to fix that area as it is so close to her meter.

Ms. Lance also informed the council about events to take place in the fall. The first event will take place on October 16, 2022 (Witches Night Out). She is requesting to have the square blocked off in the

horseshoe) Madison, 4<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson to be blocked off). Last year there were issues with the large crowd and traffic direction. With the success last year, she anticipates a larger turn out. She would like further information once the ordinance is passed pertaining to police protection to ensure the event is covered as needed. Ms. Lance also is requesting electricity for the vendors that have requested it due to it being a night market to allow for proper lighting.

The Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival will be planned for October 29, 2022, on the city square with Madison, 4<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson to be blocked off for the event.

#### **City Clerk's Report:**

Alderman Sheppard presented the June 20, 2022, meeting minutes for the council's review and approval. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Alderman Karhliker.

Alderman Royer stated that the document is saved in Teams as 06/06/20, but the header on the minutes is 06/20/22. Asked that the file name be changed to match the actual date.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Garrett

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Williams presented the bills list from June 21, 2022, to July 1, 2022. Alderman Royer had a question about a bill spread over a number of accounts for Civicplus. Treasurer Williams stated that \$252.47 is for 9 copies of zoning book board updates and 3594.09 was for supplement 49 to the city code book, ordinances from last fiscal year to codify each. Alderman Royer had concerns with the way the bill was paid cutting across multiple funds and thought it should be deducted from an Administration line given the type of expense.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Sheppard

NAYES: Royer

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Garrett

Treasurer Williams provided the May 2022 cash report for the council review and approval. Alderman Royer made a motion to approve the May cash report, second by Alderman Karhliker.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard

NAYES: Garrett

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

Treasurer Williams also presented the budget report through June 30, 2022.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Moredock presented for First Reading, Ordinance 1518-22, Appropriations Ordinance. There will be a public hearing prior to the next council meeting.

Attorney Moredock presented first reading of Ordinance 1519-22, Ordinance Regulating Police Presence at Community Events. This involves serving alcohol on city right of way. The cost incurred by the city is adjusted based on the collective bargaining agreements, whereas right now it would be 50.00 an hour, but if that amount does not cover the overtime rate of any officer, it would have to be adjusted accordingly. If the city is unable to provide an officer, the city will provide the vendor 15 days' notice to contact so they can go to another agency and find another police officer and they will be responsible for paying that officer.

There could be a review of an event, even if there is no alcohol served, based on size it may be recommended to have an officer present given recent shootings. That is not written into the ordinance now but could be done administratively based on the size of the event expected.

Alderman Johnson asked the attorney to add within the ordinance that if the city cannot provide an officer and the vendor must do so on their own, they at least meet with the Chief to ensure the security of the event to go over details specific to the event.

Alderman Karhliker asked if the city would allow our officers to take sick time to get hired back to do this. They are using their time and getting paid, but also getting paid to be hired for security on this event. Attorney Moredock would investigate this but thought it would be up to the discretion of the Chief to not allow that time to be taken off, but Attorney Moredock will check into this.

Attorney Moredock has been in contact with Steve Baker of Springfield Plastics regarding annexation. Discussion had been done with other alderman in determining what the sales tax numbers would actually be for that location should it be brought into the city. The one issue arising is obtaining agreements from other parcel owners to annex into the city. Another option would be to enter into an annexation agreement with Springfield Plastics that if they were to become contiguous to the city, they would be required to annex in. For sales tax purposes, they would be treated as if they were in the city.

Alderman Johnson and others met in person and over the phone with Steve Baker and ISO representative regarding the amount of water needed. In order to meet the needs of the business, there would have to be some kind of storage facility either underground or above ground. An above ground tank would be upwards of 4.5 million.

The numbers Springfield Plastics provided on sales tax for the last few years was millions. Alderman Johnson felt it was, a percentage of the sales tax would have to be negotiated to go back to their business.

#### **Department Heads**

Superintendent Henson provided a price quote from Ruby Electric for a generator at the community center. Mayor Berola stated that with the last storm and power outage, it caused the community center to be out as well. The community center can serve as a cooling or heating center as well as a place for those with medical conditions to come to charge up equipment.

The price quote is for 11,500 with 850.00 extended warranty. Superintendent Henson recommended to not move forward with maintenance as the city already has two other generators with two different companies doing maintenance. He would like to combine all of them to have one company handle.

Motion made by Alderman Marquis to approve a generator at the community center with a cost not to exceed 12,350.00 that includes the 10-year warranty, second by Alderman Karhliker.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
PRESENT: None  
ABSENT: Garrett

Superintendent Henson informed the council that Petersburg Plumbing will be in town this week to begin patching all areas in which work was done for the water project.

Alderman Johnson had no report for the Administration Committee.

Alderman Karhliker reported that Divernon Road Bridge is still in the process and no additional information has been received regarding Safe Routes to Schools.

Alderman Johnson reminded the council about Reimbursement Request #9 was submitted prior to the council meeting to meet the deadline from the state for their end of fiscal year shut down and audits. Even though it has been previously approved, Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve the IEPA Reimbursement Request #9 in the amount of \$329,203.48, all of which is being paid out by the loan, second by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
PRESENT: None  
ABSENT: Garrett

Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve IEPA Reimbursement #10 in the amount of 92,508.15 all to be paid out of the loan, second by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
PRESENT: None  
ABSENT: Garrett

Alderwoman Sheppard had no report for Health and Safety.

Alderwoman Sheppard has allowed an extension on 416 West North.

Alderman Johnson made a motion to declare 1020 West Jackson a nuisance and will allow until July 12, 2022, before a fine of 100.00/day will start, second by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
PRESENT: None  
ABSENT: Garrett

Alderman Sheppard inquired about multiple letters being sent out for the same concerns at the same property. Attorney Moredock stated there was a chronic nuisance ordinance that would address this and allow for a citation to be issued if it was within a certain amount of time. That documentation will be sent to Alderman Sheppard.

Alderman Hemmerle discussed the quote from Goodman Fence for the repairs at Leonard Field. Superintendent Henson stated the city garage staff met with Goodman Fence and reviewed the damage. The city garage will plan to make repairs to the fence without approving the quote.

Alderman Royer updated the council that the drinking fountain for the square has been ordered and when it comes in, he will work with the garage to install.

It was approved previously that two picnic tables would be ordered each year to replace old ones. Alderman Royer reached out to the same vendor used last year and the cost would be 2454.12. He stated no vote would be needed as it was previously approved.

All the sound system minus the mics is installed at the city square. The only thing they are waiting on is the wireless item that feeds to the internet to stream music and that should be available this week.

Alderman Royer brought to the council's attention that the bike club on the square was allowed to close the road for an event they were having recently. They had alcohol and it was outside. After following up with Office Manager Ponsler, it was noted they had not come into the office to apply for a license.

Attorney Moredock will draft a letter noting that the establishment is in violation of serving liquor.

Alderman Royer made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm, second by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Garrett