

City of Auburn
Monday, November 2, 2020
Minutes

Mayor Berola called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present in Council Chambers: Chris Warwick, Jason Garrett, Larry Hemmerle, Rod Johnson, Bill Karhliker, Joe Powell, Ben Royer, and Tracy Sheppard

Absent: Clerk Julie Barnhill, Attorney Greg Moredock

Department Heads in Council Chambers: Chief Dave Campbell

Present via ZOOM Teleconferencing: Mayor Tom Berola, Superintendent TJ Henson, Office Manager Kristy Ponsler

I. Mayor's Comments

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The mayor asked for a motion to allow Treasurer Chris Warwick to serve as clerk for the council meeting. Voice vote was taken and all were in favor.

II. Visitors/Public Comments

No Visitors or Public Comments present.

III. Zoning

Alderman Sheppard had no report as the zoning meeting in October had been cancelled.

IV. City Clerk's Report – Barnhill

A. October 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Warwick presented the October 19, 2020 meeting minutes for the Council's review and approval.

Motion by Alderman Royer second by Alderman Garrett to approve the October 19, 2020 meeting minutes. (7-0-0-0)

AYES: Sheppard, Royer, Powell, Karhliker, Johnson, Hemmerle, and Garrett

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

V. City Treasurer's Report – Warwick

A. Bills List October 20, 2020 to November 2, 2020

City Treasurer Chris Warwick presented the Bills List for October 20, 2020 to November 2, 2020 to the Council for their review and approval.

Motion by Alderwoman Sheppard second by Alderman Royer to approve the Bills List for October 20, 2020 to November 2, 2020. (7-0-0-0)

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

VI. Attorney – Moredock

A. Second Reading, Ordinance 1487-20 – Amending the Liquor Code to Prohibit Occupancy of Licensed Establishments During Certain Hours

Attorney Moredock was not present. Mayor Berola provided an update provided by Attorney Moredock where he had discussed with Springfield city attorneys the differentiation between consumption and when a brewer has to taste their product. Tasting of the product was considered manufacturing and not consumption. Attorney Moredock did say that if the city wants that specifically enumerated in our ordinance, the council could table the ordinance until the next meeting and have Attorney Moredock add it or the council can interpret that manufacturing does not count as consumption. It would be up to the council on how best to proceed.

Alderwoman Sheppard made the motion to table the ordinance until the next council meeting, second by Alderman Garrett.

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

NAYES: Royer

ABSENT: None

The Mayor will get in contact with Attorney Moredock to specify that language in the ordinance prior to the next council meeting. The ordinance will be placed on the next agenda.

VII. Department Heads

A. Police Department – Campbell

Chief Campbell introduced the newly hired Police Officer Garrad Straube. Next week the new officer will officially be on his own on patrol.

B. Public Works – Henson

Everything is on schedule with the facilities plan. The water main from 5th Street to Park Street is in the ground and has passed all the tests. The city has taken possession of the water meters and that work will begin at the start of December.

The Mayor asked Superintendent Henson to contact Ameren about a streetlight out on the corner of 8th and Washington. It is a very dark intersection and would like to see fixed as soon as possible.

C. City Office – Ponsler

City Office Manager Ponsler had no report.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Administration – Johnson

Alderman Johnson had no report other than to schedule an Administration Committee meeting to discuss Personnel at the garage. Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Royer would like to add to the agenda the discussion of potential annexation.

B. Public Works – Karhliker

Alderman Karhliker – No Report

C. Public Utilities – Johnson

Alderman Johnson had no report.

D. Health & Safety – Sheppard

Alderman Sheppard had no report.

E. Health & Housing – Sheppard

Alderman Sheppard had no report.

F. Parks – Hemmerle

At the last meeting, the committee discussed the lights at East Park. Superintendent Henson indicated all poles belong to Ameren and further

discussions will be had with Ameren on how to brighten the park better. No additional report at this time.

G. Economic Development Committee

Treasurer Warwick had no report.

IX. Other

X. Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Garrett second by Alderwoman Sheppard to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Ponsler

Deputy Clerk