



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

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

City Staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, Police Chief Matt Lingrell, Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

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

Champaign County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau Update – Sara Neer

Ms. Neer gave an update on events and activities associated with the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Neer also gave a description of some of the subcommittees, including:

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This includes the Champaign County Young Professionals. Once a month, they plan quarterly networking events. They also plan the newly started cash mobs.

Leadership Champaign County

They feature different industries and how show how the County works
They also plan ribbon cuttings for new businesses, including the Brewery which had 13,000 views on Facebook.

Champaign County Safety Council

This group meets monthly and has about thirty members.

Local Ag Council

This group recently made the film “Diversity in Champaign County Agriculture”, which is also available on their Youtube Channel.

Some events coming up soon include their golf outing, which occurs every spring and is their major fundraiser, and their annual dinner, which this year will be at Woodruff Farm on October 26th with a casino night theme.

Ms. Neer also gave an update about the Visitors Bureau, which is funded through lodging taxes. The Bureau recently published videos with the assistance of Ohio, Find it Here.

The Bureau assists with Shop Downtown Urbana by facilitating monthly meetings and helping financial statements. Also featured are the Second Saturdays with merchants reporting record sales on those days. Finally, the Bureau has a Feature Friday, featuring different Champaign County attractions with behind the scenes.

Mr. Paul asked about stats regarding the locality of internet site visits. Ms. Neer stated the Chamber hits are mostly local and the Visitor’s Bureau has a lot of traffic from Dayton and Columbus.

Minutes

Mr. Scott moved to put the minutes of September 5, 2023 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mrs. Bean seconded.

No comments/corrections from Council.

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

Communications:

1. 2023 Career Expo Flyer (See Attached)
2. Communication from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control dated September 1, 2023, regarding the new liquor permit application for Hermanos Escamilla II, LLC dba El Herradero Mexican Grill 1228 Scioto St. (See Attached)
3. Cedar Bog Nature Preserve Event Invitation (See Attached)

Mrs. Bean moved to place the communications on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated that there are two more available days for the hazardous waste disposal. Those wishing to partake do need to make an appointment.

Mrs. Bean stated regarding Expo flyer that all junior high and high school students in Champaign County will be attending.

Mr. Crabill stated that the Liquor permit is for the old Frisch's. He added that the owner currently has a restaurant in Piqua.

Voice vote on acceptance of communications: All ayes, nays none.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council increase purchase order number 30871 to Truitt Roofing in the amount of \$19,550.00 for additional time and materials associated with the replacement of rotten roof decking, broken drains, and tapered drain panels. The purchase order was approved by Board of Control on March 15, 2023 for the amount of \$39,950.00, and charged to the Sewer Fund. (See attached photos.) **VOTE: 3-0**

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

Mr. Hall stated this is for the old administration lab building at wastewater plant. He stated the roof had been redocked with wood. The original roof deck had drains that needed to be extended. He added that in the demo, the City noticed several drains had been separated. They became easily noticeable and explained why they were having leaks. The City is trying to move as quickly as possible as the roof deck itself was not sealed.

Mr. Scott asked if Council does not approve this item, where would the financing come from. Mr. Hall stated there were budget line items that the amount could be pulled from to still be in budget.

Mr. Paul asked if the roof was back to original layer. Mr. Hall confirmed it was, stating it was back to concrete with a small membrane.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

Footnote – Purchase Orders \$2,501 - \$50,000 for June, July, and August 2023 (see attached)

Mr. Paul asked, referring to the June footnote, about First star safety and the street pavement markings. Mr. Crabill stated it was to touch up existing striping.

Citizen Comments:

Rick Cordle (1001 S. Main St.) – Mr. Cordle stated the S. Main St. and Broadway traffic is a mess. He would like to see Broadway become a one-way street with the exit out the back side. He added winter will be a nightmare with plowing. Mr. Cordle also stated that side-by-side is driving goes into his yard. Due to traffic, vehicles are not able to get out between 2:30 and 4:30. He stated he has talked to the Engineer and feels he keeps getting the run-around. He is afraid of kids getting hit and also is concerned with water drainage.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading: None

Second Reading:

Ordinance 4596-23: An Ordinance accepting the annexation of two tracks (AKA Parcels #K41-11-11-11-00-009-00 and K41-11-11-11-00-010-00) and consisting of approximately 7.622 Acres, more or less, to the City of Urbana, Ohio. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Crabill informed Council that this annexation involved the property at S & L Home Center. Council has previously approved ordinances connecting the sanitary sewer, issuing the statement of services and the land use and zoning buffers. The annexation has been approved by the County Commissioners. Now, this ordinance requires three readings, followed by a thirty-day waiting period before being recorded.

No comments/questions from Council.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have had its second reading.

First Reading:

Ordinance 4597-23: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration to enter into a pre-annexation agreement with the landowner of approximately 36.021 +/- acres of land located on Ohio State Route 29 near Dugan Road, Parcel Nos. K41-11-11-11-00-025-00 and K41-11-11-11-00-023-00, which is contiguous with the boundaries of the City. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Crabill these are the two parcels behind Kroger. They have been listed for sale for a few years. He added the owners would like to sell and develop the properties in some way. If someone comes

along and wants to develop the land, this ordinance allows the procedure to already be in place. He added Council passed a resolution in 2018 that includes the East water tower in an annexation.

Mr. Paul asked if someone decided to buy the property, do they have to annex. Mr. Crabill stated the marketing has been more for larger development. He added to utilize in a substantial way, it would need to utilize City utilities. Mr. Paul stated he understood, but wanted to know if this ordinance forces a buyer to have to annex. Mr. Crabill stated the properties are geared for development

Clete – this makes more palatable for developer if legwork already done. Doug – idea is that this step is already taken.

Marty – why not just annexed in. Doug – City not interested unless developed due to increase costs

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

Resolution 2673-23: A resolution confirming the appointment of a new member of the Salary Commission. (One reading required)

Mr. Paul moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Feinstein the Salary Commission was created by charter. He added that the Mayor selects an individual, who is confirmed by Council

Mrs. Bean stated that Zac is a pretty stand-up guy

Mr. Paul added that he knows Zac and agrees. He asked considering his vocation, he was wondering if there was any possibility of conflict. Mayor Bean answered that he asked Mr. Fiely that, and he said no.

Roll call on passage: Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Resolution passes 6-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Ms. Collier informed Council that the Safety Committee met on Thursday, September 14th at 5:00 pm in the training room. She described the meeting as interesting.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Jumper stated she wished to piggy back on the South Main Street topic. She stated that traffic is still going down South High even though it is closed. She also noticed it appeared to be a Jack Hanna wildlife preserve at UU. She would like to know what is happening there.

Mr. Scott commented that it looks like a busy weekend in Urbana with the chili cookoff, hoopla parade and one more weekend of the fish and shrimp festival.

Mr. Paul stated he received an email from a resident about the deer issue. He noted that there has been feeding deer out of cars and on the bike trail. He stated maybe ODNR has ideas.

He also asked about the Vietnam traveling wall. Mr. Cultice stated it arrives Thursday with an escort to the old armory. There will be a public ceremony Saturday morning at 10:00 am. The City has invited nine different Vietnam groups. The wall leaves Monday morning at 9:00 am. It will be manned 24 hours a day during this time.

Mr. Paul also stated the parade is Saturday at noon. There will be between 40 and 45 groups. He also added that Balloon Fest was a great time and congratulated Mrs. Collier.

Ms. Truelove formally request work session and asked to speak about communicating with citizens. She also added that it feels like an obstacle course trying to travel South High Street on a daily basis.

Mrs. Collier stated that Miami Street looks great.

Mrs. Bean asked Mrs. Collier how many people were signed up for Saturday. Mrs. Collier stated there were 23 cooks and about 32 vendors.

Mr. Brugger stated the City hopes to tighten up the construction zone soon. He added that most of the paving is done and the roof on 100 N. Main St. is pretty well done. He also stated that soon we'll see construction work start on the Willman project.

Mayor Bean reiterated the Chili Cookoff and Hoopla Parade. He added that the festivities will include a children's area, dj and music, games and contests, and a dunk tank.

Council Clerk Steffan asked President Hess to finalize the work session for Tuesday, October 24th. Mr. Paul moved to hold the work session on October 24th. Ms. Truelove seconded. Voice vote: all ayes, nays none. Work session approved.

The first topic for the work session will be regarding communication to citizens. President Hess stated the remaining topics will be due on October 3rd.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 6-0.

ADJOURNED AT 7:04 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk

Council President