



APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024**

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

City Staff attending: Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb, Police Chief Matt Lingrell, Water Superintendent Joe Sampson, Champaign County Municipal Court Judge Gil Weithman

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

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of November 19, 2024 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Scott seconded.

No comments/questions from Council regarding the minutes.

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

Communications:

1. Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2024 (See Attached)

Council did not move to remove the communication from the consent agenda.

U.S. EPA's Get-the-Lead-Out Initiative – Joe Sampson and Kerry Quinn

Mr. Sampson stated that in 1921, President Biden led the Infrastructure law, including the removal of lead out of houses. Because of this, the City has had to complete steps to stay in compliance. Mr. Sampson stated the City had its inventory for the EPA, but it did not fit the desired format. He added that the EPA went to a third party, GLO (Get the Lead Out), to assist in getting inventory together to submit to EPA at no cost. Mr. Sampson added that there will be date in the future that will require Urbana to remove all lead lines. GLO will help write the plan. At this time, it is unclear if it will only be service lines on the City side or also include lines into houses. Mr. Sampson stated that the EPA should assist with funding to do these required projects.

Mrs. Bean asked how much piping is being affected. Mr. Sampson responded that he will have a better idea once inventory is done, but he expects the number to be around 25-30%.

Mr. Thackery asked about the potential timeline of the project. Mr. Sampson stated how long the project lasts remains to be seen.

Mr. Brugger added that this specific issue has been a discussion the City has had with the group. He stated the challenge is the City does not have a specific date. He added that theoretically, the plan may be required by 2027, with the work to be completed in the 10 years after that. Mr. Brugger also commented that the City might have material and contractor issues when it actually

is time to get the work done. He stated that what we don't know is a little bit scary. Mr. Sampson stated we know it's coming but don't know how we will get there.

Mr. Brugger asked what is the City testing at for lead levels. Mr. Sampson stated fifteen parts, which is well below the threshold.

Mr. Scott asked if this will be a government mandate where they are telling the City we have to pay for it. Mr. Sampson stated not necessarily, as we will do the work but they have to figure out how to help us.

Mr. Sampson also informed Council that his last day as Water Superintendent is the end of December. He introduced Kerry Quinn, who has been hired to take his place. He stated it has been the greatest seven years of life and he has been proud to work for the City of Urbana.

President Paul added a note that Joe Biden has been president since 2021, not 1921.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading:

Ordinance 4391-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Service Divisions Public Employees of Ohio Teamsters, Local Union No. 284, and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated Council has had the summary for the past few meetings. He appreciates Ms. Boettcher, Human Resources Manager Cat Jones, and Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall working as a team.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Resolution 2433-24: A resolution to appropriate money for the several objects and purposes which the City of Urbana, Ohio must provide for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. (Three readings required)

Mrs. Bean moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Ms. Boettcher stated this is the annual appropriations budget for 2025 to cover operating expenses, capital improvement, and debt services. She informed Council this is a balanced budget as expenditures are less than the revenue.

Mr. Thackery thanked Ms. Boettcher for her work on the budget.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Second Reading:

Ordinance 4390-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Firefighters and the Urbana Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 595, and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated the firefighters and the captains negotiated together. He added the underlying theme is keeping up with the market and trying to avoid all the training and hiring. Mr. Brugger Mr. Brugger went over the summary of all the terms that had changed from the previous contract.

Council did not have any comments/questions on this ordinance.

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

Ordinance 4392-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Fire Captains & Lieutenants and the Urbana Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 595, and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Council received the synopsis of this ordinance with the previous ordinance.

President Paul asked if the Quartermaster would be a title for an employee or a vendor. Chief Ortlieb responded that the fire division was working on SOPs where an employee would take a uniform concern to an officer, who would then take it to a shift leader acting as the quartermaster to determine if needs replaced. Once a determination would be made, it goes to the vendor who becomes the quartermaster.

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

Ordinance 4395-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Police Patrol Officers and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated the patrol officers and sergeants negotiated together, in which they brought forward five articles for negotiation. He added the Union ratified the contract on November 7th. Mr. Brugger stated the summary attached shows the changes from this contract and the last contract. Mr. Brugger proceeded to read the changes.

Council did not have any comments/questions on this ordinance.

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

Ordinance 4396-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Police Sergeants and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Council received the synopsis of this ordinance with the previous ordinance.

Council did not have any comments/questions about the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 4612-24: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration to enter into a pre-annexation agreement with Urbana0624C, LLC. (Three readings required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Crabill informed Council he passed out a copy of the survey plat before the meeting. He indicated there are two larger parcels that are part of the agreement: one owned by Organ Farms, LLC and the other by the Board of County Commissioners. He also added this agreement includes the Madison Champaign ESC and Vancrest. He noted the actual annexation request was received yesterday and Council should expect to see ordinances at the next meeting to provide services and zoning buffers. He added the the City will also be looking at the land use and PUD in the future.

Mr. Thackery asked about a corner of the Organ Farms land not being annexed. Mr. Crabill confirmed that was correct, and that it maintains a connection with the township across the road.

Mrs. Collier asked if Vancrest and the MCEC will be required to hook up to City services. Mr. Crabill replied that they already were.

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

First Reading:

Ordinance 4388-25: An ordinance authorizing the Indigent Defense Agreement with the Champaign County Commissioners to allow the City and County to receive partial reimbursement from the Ohio Public Defender Commission for the indigent expenses in the Champaign County Municipal Court. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Feinstein stated this is a housekeeping ordinance that occurs every year. He Stated the U.S. and Ohio Constitutions require trial rights for defendants facing the loss of their freedom. One of these is the right to an attorney. Mr. Feinstein stated the County Commissioners provide funding for violations of state code by indigent defendants. He explained that this is an agreement of cooperation for the City to provide for violations of local code if the Public Defender Commission does not cover the expenses. Mr. Feinstein stated he does not know if it has ever actually happened where the City needed to do so.

Council did not have any comments/questions about the ordinance.

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

Department Liaison Reports:

Mr. Davis informed Council that Pointe North has received insurance. The agreement with the City was signed yesterday and operations will ramp up after the holidays.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Truelove stated the Arboretum ceremony was quite nice

Chief Ortlieb stated he has been working with the dispatch center regarding an automated system that will help with efficiency.

Mr. Brugger stated leaf pickup will continue until the City runs out of leaves. He added the Compost facility will remain open through this Saturday.

Mr. Brugger also stated there was a decent turnout at the Arboretum ceremony. He mentioned there were representatives from the Tree Commission and Cemetery Board and believes the family was pleased.

Mayor Bean stated that last Friday night, the City lit the Christmas tree and held the horse parade. He mentioned he was invited for the good citizenship awards for K-5 at the elementary school and almost all of them saw the horses and were thrilled with the parade.

Chief Ortlieb asked about the audio on the City Council recordings. Council Clerk Steffan stated that he had been working with the City IT, but unfortunately could not get the problem resolved.

His next step is to work with the sound installation company, but due to the Thanksgiving holiday, could not get in here to take a look.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Ms. Truelove seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

ADJOURNED AT 6:45 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
December 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President