

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, May 5, 2020**

APPROVED

President Pro Tem Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Law Director Mark Feinstein, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, absent; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, absent; Mr. Thackery, present; Mr. Ebert; present, and Mrs. Collier, absent.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: Mayor Bill Bean stated that the National Day of Prayer was established in 1775, and in 1952 declared by President Truman as an annual event and in 1988 President Reagan permanently declared the first Thursday in May to be observed as a “National Day of Prayer”. Mayor Bean stated that we all need to look inward to each other and to look to ourselves and our community, to get along and survive what is going on right now.

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2020.
Mr. Fields moved to put these minutes on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2020.
2. Oakdale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2020.
3. Division Activities Report, January through march.
4. Letter to ODNR, Division of Wildlife, from Director of Administration, terminating Fishing Agreement.

Mr. Ebert moved to put all of the communications on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. Terran Corporation - \$52,924.00 (Capital Improvement Fund – Landfill)

Mr. Hall stated this was in the budget for \$40,000.00 to take care of monitoring and homeowner well sampling. He added that the City would save money and receive better data by going through Terran Corporation for that it would be using the same lab as the City uses for the landfill.

Mr. Thackery asked how much the City would be saving. Mr. Hall advised \$10,00.00-\$20,000.00. Mr. Fields asked if this was a yearly expense and Mr. Hall advised that it was. Mr. Hall also advised that if the City does not do the sampling, the City is not in compliance with the State.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this item on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lindsey Evans – 111 Madison Ave., spoke about her disappointment with the City and its lack of communication regarding the Covid-19. She further stated there were other City's around the area issuing letter regarding the same. She advised that she would like to see more leadership from the City.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

Resolution No. 2580-20

A Resolution to approve water tap-ins for Dwight E. Pence and Phyllis A. Pence at 1675 East US Highway 36 (Parcel #K41-11-11-11-11-00-007-00) and 1693 East US Highway 36 (Parcel #K41-11-11-11-11-00-008-00) as an extraterritorial customer. (Suspension of rules requested by utility services applicant)

Mr. Crabill stated that these are residential homes that are now rented out. The applicant would like to connect the properties to the water and sewer lines. He added that it was contiguous to the City and that annexation will be a requirement. He also added that he would be working with the applicant to help them along with the process, and that the applicant would like to connect as soon as possible.

Mr. Fields asked if the applicant would be responsible for the tap-in fee? Mr. Crabill stated that they would be responsible for the fee, and the monthly amount would be doubled until the properties are annexed into the City.

Mr. Thackery moved to Suspend the Three Reading Rule. Mr. Ebert seconded.

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for the suspension of rules: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mr. Ebert, yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Ebert moved to put this resolution on floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields seconded.

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mr. Ebert, yes.

Resolution passed 4-0.

Resolution No. 2581-20

A Resolution to approve sanitary sewer tap-ins for Dwight E. Pence and Phyllis A. Pence at 1675 East US Highway 36 (Parcel #K41-11-11-11-11-00-007-00) and 1693 East US Highway 36 (Parcel #K41-11-11-11-11-00-008-00) as an extraterritorial customer. (Suspension of rules requested by utility services applicant)

Mr. Thackery moved to Suspend the Three Reading Rule. Mr. Fields seconded.

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for the suspension of the rules: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Paul, yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

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

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Paul, yes.

Resolution passed 4-0.

Resolution No. 2582-20

Declaring the necessity of constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bumbalough stated this was the next step for the sidewalks, curbs and gutters program. Following Council's approval, another letter would be going out to property owners giving them another 30 days to comply. Mr. Bumbalough advised that the City is at about a 30% completion rate right now. He also added that adding property owners that desire the City's contractor to do the work brings the total to about 70%.

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

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; and Mr. Thackery, yes.

Resolution passed 5-0. (Mr. Scott entered into the meeting)

Second Reading –

Third Reading –

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Thackery requested a little leniency with the re-opening of businesses with regard to an opportunity to advertise in the downtown area. He added that the sidewalks on Scioto Street were looking great. He also advised that he saw the street cleaner out, went around a vehicle, that vehicle moved, and the street sweeper came back and swept where the vehicle was previously.

Mr. Ebert said that he has seen a lot of talk on social media about the closing of Pointe North.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that the Water/Sanitary Sewer Project was a good project for this year, and the bids came in under \$200,000.00 that was budgeted.

Mr. Feinstein spoke of the Charter Review. He stated that any changes that are desired to go to the ballot, must be received by the Board of Elections by August 5, 2020. He stated that he would like to have a "Go to Meeting" with the Charter Review Committee and would be bringing the changes to Council.

Mr. Crabill spoke about the Census. He stated that currently, the State has 61.9% self-responses, Champaign County is at 65% and the City of Urbana is at 63.7%. He also spoke about attending a seminar referencing Adora, which references outdoor dining. He said this may be something the City might be able to implement and would advise Council of his findings after the seminar.

Mr. Brugger discussed Pointe North. He stated there would be a full article coming in the paper. He further stated that the City went out on a limb and trusted that people would do the right thing. He said that most did, but some didn't, and they utilized Pointe North as a dump site.

Mayor Bean added that he thought Point North was a good idea. He said that it is a nature preserve, for that there are birds, finches, cardinals, wild flowers, etc. He said this was a beautiful place to go and would be great for the citizens. He also stated that it was up to the citizens to police it and to take care of it. He stated that there were "Mudders" that were going through the fields and destroying them. He also spoke about the need for people to get out there and do the census. He told everyone to be safe and to take care of one another.

Mr. Brugger added with regard to the census, the grants that the City search for, includes numbers of citizens (count), and if you respond and do the census, it benefits the City in the grants sought.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn and Mr. Ebert seconded.
Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

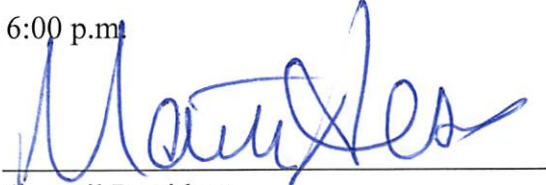
Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURN AT 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
May 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President