

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**



President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, and Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, and Water Superintendent Joe Sampson.

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

MINUTES

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

Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL

1. Environmental Engineering Service - \$63,270.00 (Water Fund)

This purchase order would be for engineering services for a water meter replacement project changing from touch read to automated meter reading (AMR)

Mr. Paul asked how long would this project take from start to finish. Mr. Sampson replied 6 months. Mr. Paul also asked if there were recommendations from others. Mr. Sampson stated yes, a lot. President Hess inquired if they would be replacing the meters in the house. Mr. Sampson stated that it depended on who received the bid as to where the meters would be located. President Hess also asked how many water pits are still in town and Mr. Sampson advised approximately 200. Mr. Fields asked if the meters are battery operated. Mr. Sampson responded yes. Mr. Hoffman stated that he felt this was a good project for the City. Mr. Paul said that he wanted Council to understand that this is step one and if it passed, the City would be moving forward with this project.

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

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

Motion passed 7-0.

**2. LJB Inc. - \$234,952.00 – Stage 1 for preliminary engineering services
(Stormwater Operating)**

This contract references the South High Street Improvements Project. Tasks 2.3.C and 2.7.B or \$15,504.00 of these preliminary engineering costs will be charged to Stormwater Operating with the balance of \$219,448.00 of these costs being charged to the General Fund – Miscellaneous Non- Departmental.

Mr. Bumbalough stated this was a great project for the City. He stated the City acquired 3.1 million in grant money and also stated there would be another grant application for the stormwater construction in 2023. He also advised that this would be part 1 of this cost. He said this was a larger undertaking for the City, in that a total of the project would be in the amount of \$6.5 million dollars by the time it's said and done. Mr. Scott reaffirmed that this was the preliminary phase in the amount of \$500,000.00, and Mr. Bumbalough added that the construction costs would be estimated in the amount of \$5 million. Mr. Thackery asked if the University once was a part of this. Mr. Brugger stated that they were on a party of support, noting financial. Mrs. Collier asked why this wasn't in the budget. Ms. Boettcher explained that it wasn't in Capital Improvement, for it would have depleted the paving budget. She also stated that in moving forward, this would be to be looked at carefully and decide where to fund the project. Mr. Bumbalough stated that this project could possibly draw in another university. He added that \$5 million is for the construction costs and that the grant monies will go toward it as well as a loan for water and sewer. Mr. Paul asked if there were projects that were not going to be done this year so that this one could be started? He also asked if this wasn't passed tonight would it mess up the time line. Mr. Bumbalough stated that although time is cramped, Christmas would be the deadline. He added that there are 12 months to get the environment done, and then comes the right of way. Mr. Hoffman stated that obviously, the project was more enticing when the university was there. Further he sated that he thinks this is a necessary project for the City. He added that we are getting a lot of bank for our buck. He added that Council should be prepared to take this all of the way and that he was for this project. Mayor Bean stated that the City has been looking at this project for over 5 years. Further he stated that he like it because of what it is going to do for that part of town. He also said that something is going to have to happen to the university property and that street needs the infrastructure. He added that the longer the City waits, the more expensive it will be. He added that he was all for it and the City has the funds to start it. President Hess asked how will the City pay back the \$2 million. Ms.

Boettcher stated that with OWDA loans, and the water sewer revenue, it could be spread out over multiple budget years. She added that it would take a piece of the pie each year, and also the local portion would be coming out of the next 4 years. President Hess asked Ms. Boettcher how much was in the Stormwater fund. Ms. Boettcher stated that \$90,000.00 was in the Stormwater Operation, and that the Stormwater Capital has approximately \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00 for which the current revenue is placed there. Mr. Paul stated that he was not uncomfortable with the project, he just wanted to understand the numbers. He added that the City would be jumping in with both feet if this was to be passed.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this item on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Collier seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

Resolution No. 2589-20

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Administration and the Director of Finance of the City of Urbana, to apply, accept and enter into a cooperative agreement for construction of the Water Meter Replacement Project between the City of Urbana and the Ohio Water Development Authority, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sampson stated that construction should begin by February.

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

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes.

Resolution passed 7-0.

Second Reading –

None

Third Reading –

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Scott spoke about the crew that did the ditch work by the oil place on SR 29. He wondered why if it was in the right of way, why didn't the shopping center pay for it. He added that the City requires citizens to fix their curb and gutters, and why not this. Mr. Brugger stated that this was all part of the stormwater project, to keep water where it should be. He added that the City doesn't require these people to fix this.

Mr. Brugger stated that a lot of paving has been going on in the City, such as across the street in the parking lot. He added that the regarding the construction on Scioto St., a couple of water main breaks occurred. He stated that this shows how fragile the old system really is. He also stated that the final mosquito spray would be next week.

Mayor Bean thanked Council for passing the expenditure for South High Street. He added that this is the further of Urbana. He also advised that Thursday, at 1:30 p.m., at the Community Room at the County Building, they would be celebrating Constitution Day, and there is a very nice ceremony presented and invited everyone to attend.

President Hess advised that a citizen told him that he was not allowed to cut down brush that was on his property on Boyce St. He stated that this citizen told him that Mr. Bumbalough advised him that he could not. Mr. Bumbalough advised that he never said that, and President Hess said that he would inform the citizen that he was able to cut down the brush. He also spoke about the land on Julia Street and stated that someone has shown some interest in building a house back there and wondered if this could be done. Mr. Crabill stated that this would have to be looked into and asked President Hess to have that person of interest contact the City.


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

Motion passes 7-0.

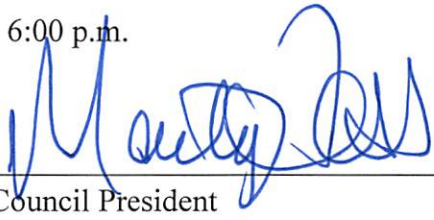
ADJOURN AT 7:03 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President