

 APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, present; Mr. Paul, absent; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mr. McKee, present; and Mr. Piper, present.

MINUTES of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2019 were presented for approval, in addition to Work Session Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019. Mr. Thackery moved for the approval of said minutes and Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Oak Dale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2019.
2. Charter Review Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019.

Mr. Hoffman moved to accept all of the communications. Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none. Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. P&R Communications Service, Inc. - \$84,537.48 (Police Capital)

Lt. Josh Jacobs stated the current radio system for the Police Division is having a lot of issues. He said they have had this same radio system since the mid 1970's. The system has had multiple complete system failures. He further stated they contacted P&R, for they work the Champaign County Dispatch Center as well as the western side of the State of Ohio. P&R came and looked at the system and advised that the parts for repair are too hard to find. He further stated they set up a demonstration and advised the entire system needed to be replaced. Lt. Jacobs also stated if they would be able to have the entire system replacement, it would be consistent due to the new equipment. P&R would also be a 24/7 contact for the Police Division should anything ever go wrong. He also stated that this would not change anything for the dispatch center or the Fire Department. This would be for the Police Division radio system only, which includes the cruisers, and all the hand held radios. He also added they were advised the antenna is too low.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.
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MONUMENT SQUARE DISTRICT UPDATE

Vickie Deere-Bunnell provided some literature regarding the Monument Square District. She spoke about the upcoming Rock the Monument Four Miler Run/Walk event and stated the proceeds would go toward the construction of the public restrooms that were in the planning stage. She advised that the restroom project would happen she just wasn't exactly sure when. She also stated there was a design for the restroom facilities included in the literature provided to Council. She said the construction of the restrooms would have sealed cement floors with a cemented/corrugated tin for walls with a drain in each one. She also added that everything would be automated and the restrooms would not be open in the evening hours. She said the restrooms would be located on the south side of Legacy Park. Mr. Brugger added the City would provide utilities to Legacy Park per the agreement between the City and Monument Square District. Mrs. Deere-Bunnell added this would be a very controlled restroom facility. She also commented the City was limited on place to use the restroom and the restroom project was not funded by the City whatsoever, that all the funding is from donated monies. She also advised the Art Affair event is still going to take place, they were just not sure if it may have to be moved down a block.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

First Reading –

Ordinance No. 4429-19

An Ordinance adopting the tax budget of the City of Urbana, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020; submitting the same to the County Auditor.

Mrs. Boettcher stated per 705.17 in the Ohio Revised Code, it is required to show probable revenues for the City from every source. She added the estimate for the revenue for the General Fund is in the amount of \$7,039,000.00, with estimated expenses of \$6,930,796.00, leaving \$108,204.00 in the black. She added that the bulk revolves mostly around the General Fund. She also stated there would be a Public Hearing at the next Regular Council Meeting.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

Ordinance No. 4506-19

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the enactment of a new five dollar (\$5.00) Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax according to the terms and conditions of Section 4504.173 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Crabill advised the State passed a tax on gas of \$0.10 per gallon which would provide \$250,000.00 for the City to use for roads and bridge, etc. He said that road work is not getting any cheaper. He also advised that there is approximately 11,439 registered vehicles in the City which would bring in approximately \$57,195.00 for roads, bridges, etc. He also stated the funds would be directed to the Street Fund. He said there were Street Maintenance Projects for this year, amounting \$405,000.00. In 2018, the City had street paving and maintenance totaling \$250,000.00. In 2010, street paving and maintenance was done totaling \$53,000.00. He also stated if the City were to be consistent and spend \$250,000.00 per

year for Street Maintenance Projects, it would take twenty four years to complete the \$6,000,000.00 street construction/maintenance study done by Midwest Pavement Analysis Design, LLC, completed in 2017. He further stated that should Council decide to pass this Ordinance, the tax would be collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and then transferred to the City Street Fund monthly. He also added there would be a Public Hearing on this issue at the next Regular Session Meeting.

**Second Reading –
Ordinance No. 4506-19**

An Ordinance to modify Section 521.08(d)(1) of the Urbana Codified Ordinances to include lawn clippings in the definition of “Litter,” and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Piper stated there are more and more people blowing grass in the streets.

Mr. Feinstein stated that the penalty for this would be a maximum fine of \$150.00 plus Court costs. He also stated, that generally speaking, for a first time offense, the Court would charge a \$35.00 fine and Court costs, totaling about \$132.00. He also stated, should Council choose to put this on the books, it addresses the concern Council has for the danger of blowing grass clippings into the road. Should Council not choose to put this on the books, nothing will ever be done with this issue.

President Hess stated he felt this would be the second law they would never be enforced and he felt was a waste of time. He spoke about the ordinance regarding the pooper scooper.

**Third Reading –
None**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Piper advised Administration of a pot hole on Gwynne Street. He also said that he has received a lot of phone calls referencing a property on Gwynne Street. Mr. Brugger advised that this property was going through the foreclosure process.

Mr. Brugger stated the City Pool opened last Saturday and there was an issue on Memorial Day, but the issue had been repaired and they were up and running and are in full swing. He also stated that Vickie Deere-Bunnell and Pat Thackery were great ambassadors of what is going on downtown regarding the Roundabout. He stated he appreciated all the support that has been given and advised that the City would get there and the end product would be something the City could be proud of.

Mayor Bean said that he sees that the citizens have been understanding the square and seem to be about to get around it. He also said the Sowles Hotel was sold and they were beginning to work on it.

Mr. Hoffman spoke about the new website for the City. He advised that everyone should check it out and that it was very functional.

President Hess spoke of the retirement of Firefighter Dean Edwards and that his retirement party was scheduled for tomorrow afternoon in the Fire Department bay area between the hours of 1300-1600. President Hess also discussed an item mentioned in the Charter Review Meeting Minutes, the changing of the venue of BZA appeals from Champaign County Common Pleas Court to Champaign County Municipal Court. Mr. Brugger advised the Charter does not address the function of the BZA, only the Ordinance does. Mr. Feinstein added the better way to change the venue of the appeals process is to change it within the Charter first.

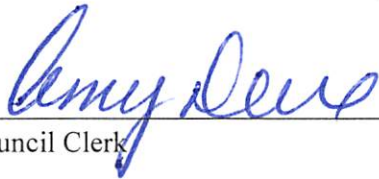
Mr. Fields moved to adjourn and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 6-0.

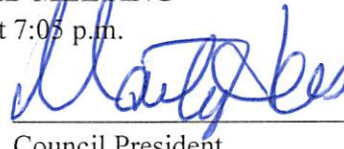
ADJOURN AT 7:37 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 18, 2019, at 7:05 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President