

**City of Aurora, Ohio  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2016**

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, February 8, 2016 for the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Jack Wilk, Troop 575, led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Reva Barner  
Kathi Grandillo  
Harold Hatridge  
George Horvat  
John Kudley, Jr.  
Dennis Kovach  
James Vaca  
Scott Wolf

Absent: Amy McDougald

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor  
Dean DePiero, Law Director  
Timothy Clymer, Finance Director  
John Trew, Director of Public Services  
Karen Aldredge, Chief of Staff  
Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building  
Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development  
Brian Byard, Police Chief  
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council  
Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council

*For clarity all items appear in the meeting minutes in the same order as they appear on the meeting agenda.*

**Consideration of Minutes**

**MOTION: Approval of the January 25, 2016, Meeting minutes**

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0-1 roll call vote. Ms. Grandillo abstained.

AYES: Barner, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Grandillo

**Bradley Cromes, Portage County Treasurer**

Portage County Treasurer Mr. Bradley Cromes, reviewed the accomplishments of his office since his appointment in January 2015. He discussed the goals he set for 2016 and the county's Home Improvement Program.

**Recognition of Charlene Westfall**

Mayor Womer Benjamin recognized Ms. Charlene Westfall who was recently crowned Miss Ohio Collegiate 2016. She said Ms. Westfall is a high honor student and singer at Aurora High School. She said she is a member of the National Honor Society, an Irish dancer, and volunteers at Independence Village and

Freedom Greyhound Rescue. In honor of Ms. Westfall's distinguished recognition Mayor Womer Benjamin presented her with a proclamation.

### **Mayor's Report**

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the State of the City Luncheon will be on February 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Bertram Inn. She said Aurora's .9 mill Road and Bridge levy renewal will be on the March 15 ballot. She said it is not a tax increase as it is a renewal. She explained the importance of the \$500,000 that the levy generates and how critical it is to the city's Road Program. She said the city usually spends more than \$500,000 each year on the roads and bridges.

Mayor Womer Benjamin provided a brief recap of those she met with and functions that she attended since the last meeting of Council.

Mr. Vaca said residents in Ward 2 do not understand why the bridge on Crackle Road is deplorable. He suggested the Mayor meet with Geauga County officials to get the bridge fixed.

### **Law Director's Report**

(Attached)

Mr. DePiero commented on the ABR Management administrative appeal. He said the record has been filed with the Portage County Common Pleas Court. He expects a briefing schedule from the court later in the week.

Mr. DePiero stated he is a member of the Northeast Ohio Law Director's Association. He explained there are times they are asked to sign on to a friend of the court brief. He said there are currently a few cases that deal with governmental immunity and the defense of the governmental immunity concept which is important to all cities. He said Aurora and 30 other communities are signing on to a friend of the court brief in the defense of this very important local concept

### **Council President's Report**

(Attached)

### **MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinances 2016-011 and 2016-016**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

### **Citizens Comments - Legislation**

Ms. Deb Conti, S. Chillicothe Road – commented on Ord. 2015-155 thru 2015-158 – she said with regard to the remodeling rates and increases for residents she would like the increases not to be so high. She said any dollar that is spent on homes adds up very quickly. Ord. 2016-016 – she said it is wonderful when government recognizes an individual's right to speak. She said she hopes the chairman of the Committee of the Whole will pursue the amendment and allow the citizens the right to speak.

Mr. George Mazzaro, Eldridge Road – commented on Ord. 2015-155 thru 2015-158 – he said he read the memo of February 8, and it clearly proves that the city does not know what is going on as far as what they are charging people. Ord. 2016-007 – he said he does not understand the change and it troubles him. Ord. 2016-015 – he thanked the Chief for finding the lowest bid. He said the State bid is not always the lowest bid. Ord. 2016-016 – he said there is less citizen input available than there was 20 years ago at Council and committee meetings. He said there needs to be more attention to what goes on in the community.

Ms. Januska commented on Ord. 2015- thru 2015-158 – she said the average increase is 15% which has been over 20 years. She said a section has been added to the code addressing those with low incomes and

they are eligible for a reduction in Building Department fees. She said the majority of the increases affect industrial and commercial and not the residents. She said the city is trying to keep up with the standards of the cities around Aurora and what Aurora needs to be.

Mr. DePiero commented on Ord. 2016-007 – he explained it is best to keep the dates in the ordinance for historical reference.

**Councilman Remarks – Legislation**

Ms. Barner commented on Ordinances 2015-155 thru 2015-158 – she said she realizes there has to be protocol for the resident making improvements but suggested adjustments be made for the aesthetic improvements. She said so does not know if there is anything that could be revised with industrial and commercial fees. Ord. 2016-013 – she said she appreciates the efforts in the Robinhood and Sherwood area. She said the residents will be appreciative and hopefully there will be a solution to the ongoing problems that they have had. Ord. 2016-015 – she said Solon is notorious for coming up with the lowest bids for vehicles.

Mr. Vaca commented on Ordinance 2015-155 thru 2015-158 – he said he hopes that each year the fees will be adjusted in accordance with the cost of living increase.

Ms. Grandillo commented on Ordinance 2015-155 thru 2015-158 – she said the Planning Commission studied the proposed increases. She thanked the Building Department for looking at this as it was way overdue. She said Aurora is the lowest in the neighborhood and way behind the other cities.

Mr. Wolf commented on Ordinance 2015-155 thru 2015-158 – he thanked Ms. Januska and the administration for the inclusion of a means test amendment. He said it will cover the residents that might be at risk and have fixed incomes.

Mr. Kovach commented on Ord. 2015-155 said a person on a fixed income will not be able to do much as far as improvements. He asked how the application from individuals on fixed incomes will be reviewed.

Ms. Januska said the LIHEAP rules were looked at. She explained the program assists low income individuals with paying their utilities. She said if the resident can bring in their utilities bills and show that they are in that program then they are eligible. She said they did not want to ask for financial information so they felt this to be the best way.

Mr. Hatridge commented on Ord. 2015-155 thru 2015-158 – he said people need to understand what they are getting for the permit fee. He said when a job is finished an inspector comes to your home to inspect the work and that is worth a lot.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance 2015-155**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 157.05 "APPLICATION FEE" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2015-155**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2015-156**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1101.09 "FEES, DEPOSITS, GUARANTEES" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2015-156**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2015-157**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1135.04 "ZONING FEES" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2015-157**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2015-158**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE CURRENT SECTION 1329.01 "FEE SCHEDULE" AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1329.01 "FEE SCHEDULE," SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2015-158**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-003**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO REFLECT A 2.5% INCREASE TO THE BASE SALARY OF THE LAW DIRECTOR, CONSISTENT WITH OTHER NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CITY CHARTER

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-003**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Kovach seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-005**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH, INSITE ADVISORY GROUP, LLC, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUED ASSISTANCE WITH THE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

To second reading

**Ordinance 2016-006**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-052, WHICH APPROVED THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE VILLAS OF BERTRAM, PHASE I, BY CORRECTING THE SPELLING OF "HILLARY" LANE TO "HILLIARY" LANE

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-006**

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-007**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 125.01 "AUDIT COMMITTEE-COMPOSITION; TERM; VACANCY" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-007**

Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-008**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 177.01 "TREASURY INVESTMENT BOARD-ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP; DUTIES" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-008**

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-009**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 FORD EXPLORER FROM LIBERTY FORD FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AT A COST OF \$27,963.68, LESS THE TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$1,650.00 FOR A 2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE CITY, FOR A NET COST OF \$26,313.68, WHICH IS LESS THAN THE STATE BID LIST, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE FIRE PARAMEDIC LEVY FUND (#39) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-009**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-010**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HEJDUK-COX AND ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,431.00 TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR PHASE III OF THE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO BEGIN PHASE III OF THE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT WHEN WEATHER PERMITS

To second reading

**Ordinance 2016-011**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "A" TO AURORA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 161, "EMPLOYEES GENERALLY," TO REFLECT CHANGES IN COMPENSATION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE AND/OR TO PLACE THOSE NEWLY HIRED INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE ON EXHIBIT "A" AT THE COMPENSATION SPECIFIED FOR THEM, APPROVING SUCH COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **(CELLURA, LEANZA, SCOTT)**

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-011**

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-012**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION 2015-166 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REVISED HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE RECEIVING STATE FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S CHIP PROGRAM

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-012**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-013**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,400.00 TO PREPARE THE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS, MONITOR THE BID PROCESS, AND PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR THE SHERWOOD DRIVE STORM

SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE STORMWATER CAPITAL FUND (#79) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO COMMENCE WORK BEFORE THE SPRING SEASON

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-013**  
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-014**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MIRIFEX/ACE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179.07 PER MONTH FOR A RICOH MP C4503SP COPIER FOR THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (#78), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ENSURE THE NEW COPIER WILL BE INSTALLED BEFORE THE CURRENT COPIER LEASE EXPIRES ON MARCH 14, 2016

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-014**  
Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-015**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (3) 2016 FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTORS FROM LIBERTY FORD FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT A COST OF \$82,895.04, LESS THE TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$24,500.00 FOR (2) FORD TAURUS SEDAN INTERCEPTORS AND (1) FORD EXPEDITION CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE CITY, FOR A NET COST OF \$58,395.04, WHICH IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT ON THE STATE BID LIST, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-015**  
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2016-016**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.06(C) "COUNCIL RULES-RULES OF CONDUCT-CITIZEN PARTICIPATION" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PERMIT CITIZEN COMMENTS, SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR, AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions**

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 6-2 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Wolf

NAYS: Barner, Vaca

Ms. Deb Conti, South Chillicothe Road, asked why the rules were being suspended.

Mr. Kudley explained any changes to Council Rules must be in place by the first meeting in March. He said the issue was debated at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. He said he believed information provided by Ms. McDougald was not totally accurate so he asked Deputy Clerk Colleen Martin to do research. He said her research indicated the cities with the Committee of the Whole that allowed citizen comments meet on a separate night from their council meeting. He said therefore, their agendas are set that there is no time limit. Mr. Kudley explained Aurora's Committee of the Whole meets prior to Council and the agendas are determined on a Thursday. He said he discusses with the clerks what would be the best time to begin the Committee of the Whole meeting. He said the starting times vary. He said even though he is opposed to having it set on the agenda, he feels leaving it to the discretion of the Chair is a good compromise.

Mr. George Mazzaro, Eldridge Road, said for every city you would find that does not permit citizens to speak he will find two that do. He said if you go back 20 years citizens had more time to speak. He said citizens should be permitted to speak whenever possible.

Mr. Vaca said he voted no because the information received at the Committee of the Whole is new; it is the first time committee members are seeing it. He said he still feels Council should say no to the amendment.

Mr. Wolf provided clarification of the comparison of the cities. He said there are four cities that allow citizens comments at the discretion of the Chair; five cities that do not allow it at all; and four cities that permit comments with or without a time limit. He said he feels Council has reached a fair compromise. He said if it is important enough that people want to talk and that we are going to change our rules; than it is important enough to put it in place now so the discretion starts at the next meeting. He said if it not important than there is no need to pass the amendment.

Mr. Kudley stated during the Council meeting citizens had five minutes to talk about legislation at the beginning; two minutes at the end of the agenda; there were 11 suspended ordinances where comments were permitted. He said there were a total of 13 different opportunities where a citizen would have had the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Ms. Grandillo said she does not have a problem with people speaking. She said she does understand the time constraints and she is one of those individuals that has a job and would miss a lot of information if the meeting started at four. She said the amendment is a very good compromise. She said she spoke with Ms. McDougald and she seemed pleased with the compromise.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-016**

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Wolf

NAYS: Vaca

**Citizens Comments**

Mr. George Mazzaro, Eldridge Road, said the property for the soccer fields must be rezoned. He said if it is not he will take the city to court. He said Aurora is the only community in the county passing the library

levy and it is about time Aurora has their own levy for their own library. He stressed the importance of a library in the community.

**Councilman and Committee Remarks**

Mr. Wolf stated with respect to the soccer complex; the property on Townline Road is permitted active use with the purchase agreement. He said he is sure the administration when the time comes, will request a conditional zoning certificate to use that property for active use.

Mr. Vaca said it is unfortunate that Aurora supports the library and the rest of the county does not. He said the Governor has cut cities back so far it is hard to survive.

Mr. Kudley said the covenants that control the Portage County District Library make it impossible for Aurora to succeed. He said even though there are two libraries that are independent within Portage County; the way it is set up it is illegal for Aurora to break away and form their own library system.

Mayor Womer Benjamin stated with respect to Hartman Farm and any other project the city does, the zoning requirements, Planning Commission requirements, and any other requirements are followed. She said this project has not been undertaken but the city does hope to start a portion of it this year. She said it is zoned residential; however, a conditional zoning certificate for an outdoor athletic facility will be pursued when the city is ready to proceed.

Ms. Barner asked when the 1815 building will open. She congratulated the School of Music and wished everyone a happy valentine's day.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the folks of the city have gone out of their way to assist these businesses to get done what they needed to get done and get the proper approvals. She said both the School of Music and the 1815 Tavern have their city approvals to open.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

George Horvat, President

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council