

City of Aurora, Ohio
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2016

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, May 23, 2016 for the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Council Vice President Dennis Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Present: Reva Barner
 Kathi Grandillo
 Dennis Kovach
 John Kudley, Jr.
 Amy McDougald
 James Vaca
 Scott Wolf

Absent: Harold Hatridge
 George Horvat

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
 Dean DePiero, Law Director
 Timothy Clymer, Finance Director
 John Trew, Director of Public Services
 Denis Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building
 Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development
 Robert Hagquist, Police Lieutenant
 Donna Hawks, 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 May 9, 2016, Meeting minutes

Mr. Wolf moved: Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Kovach abstained.

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

Special Recognition – TBD Robotics Team

Mayor Womer Benjamin presented a proclamation to the Aurora High School TBD Robotics Team for their recent “best in the world” accomplishment.

Mayor’s Report

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin said pursuant to EPA mandates, the city recently hired an outside contractor to manage the city’s backflow preventer inspection program and to report to the city regularly. She said it is required by the EPA that backflow preventer devices are inspected annually. Mayor Womer Benjamin said she attended the Phillips Parkway extension dedication in Streetsboro. She said the annual Memorial Day ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 30, 2016 with the parade to follow at 10:00 a.m. She stated the Portage County Board of Elections is looking for additional poll workers. She said applications and a

copy of frequently asked questions are available in her office. Mayor Womer Benjamin reminded everyone the Deed House dedication will take place on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Triangle. She said the Aurora Garden Club has donated baskets of flowers to place along the path in front of the Deed House.

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

Mr. Kudley said as President, of the Aurora Historical Society, he is extremely excited with the upcoming dedication. He said he is extremely happy with the cooperation between the Historical Society and the City. He said Mayor Womer Benjamin has gone out of her way to make sure everything is in place for the exterior of the Deed House and Pioneer Park. Mr. Kudley thanked the City for their cooperation with the project.

Law Director's Report

(Attached)

Council President's Report

(Attached)

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinances 2016-062 thru 2016-066

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

MOTION: To schedule a public hearing for Ordinance 2016-065 Annual Tax Budget on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Citizens Comments - Legislation

Ms. Deb Conti, S. Chillicothe Road – commented on Ord. 2016-060 – she said she could not figure out where the entrance will be located for the proposed business.

Mr. George Mazzaro, Eldridge Road – commented on Ord. 2016-052 – he said he hopes Council took the time to read the document. Ord. 2016-056 & 057 – he said he is happy to see the Sutton family will receive the award for the insurance. Ord. 2016-059 – he said it is well overdue. Ord. 2016-061 – he said the process has to be followed. He said Council is responsible for the property and according to the Charter the Service Director is in charge of all the city property. Ord. 2016-062 – he said the position of the Deputy Clerk needs to be filled as quickly as possible. He said the Clerk of Council's salary should be higher than it is.

Councilman Remarks - Legislation

Ms. Grandillo commented on Ord. 2016-060 – she said the entrance to the Tire Max will be off of Aurora Common Circle.

Ms. Barner congratulated the Robotics Team.

Mr. Vaca commented on 2016-049 – he suggested to Council they vote on the legislation this evening.

Legislation

Ordinance 2016-049

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING THE COST OF ABATING CERTAIN NUISANCES TO PROPERTY OWNERS, AS INDICATED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER FOR THE ASSESSMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE 2017 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

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 2016-049
Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. McDougald seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2016-052

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 PORTAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY FEMA

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 unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2016-052
Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2016-056

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND RENEWING THE CURRENT POLICY WITH HCC/U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE CO. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE CITY'S PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD JUNE 1, 2016 TO JUNE 1, 2017 THROUGH EDWARD SUTTON INSURANCE AGENCY, THE PREMIUM FOR WHICH SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT \$126,786.00, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01), WATER FUND (#70) AND SEWER FUND (#72), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT POLICY EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2016

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-056
Ms. McDougald moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2016-057

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF ILLINOIS NATIONAL INS. CO. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE CITY'S CYBEREDGE SECURITY AND PRIVACY LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD JUNE 1, 2016 TO JUNE 1, 2017 THROUGH EDWARD SUTTON INSURANCE AGENCY, THE PREMIUM FOR WHICH SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT \$5,883.00, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT POLICY EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2016

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 2016-057
Ms. McDougald moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2016-059

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THAT THE POSITION OF PLANNING AND ZONING INSPECTOR BE REINSTATED TO FULL-TIME WITH A SALARY RANGE OF \$33,949.00-\$70,000.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE DIVISION OF PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING

To second reading

Ordinance 2016-060

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR A COMPARABLE USE FOR THE VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT AURORA COMMONS CIRCLE, SOUTHWEST OF PNC BANK, IN A C-3 PLANNED COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTER ZONING DISTRICT

To second reading

ORDINANCE 2016-061

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR A PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITY FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 325 TOWNLINE ROAD (HARTMAN PROPERTY) IN A R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT

To second reading

Ordinance 2016-062

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PART-TIME DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL POSITION WITH A SALARY RANGE OF \$21.00-\$25.00 PER HOUR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO BEGIN THE SELECTION PROCESS

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 2016-062
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2016-063

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 **(GAVIN, SLECHTA)**

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 2016-063
Ms. McDougald moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2016-064

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,870.00 TO PROVIDE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATER BOOSTER STATION UPGRADE PROJECT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE WATER CAPITAL FUND (#71), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2016-064

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. McDougald seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2016-065

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE BUDGET MUST BE ADOPTED BY JULY 15, 2016 IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.28

To second reading

Ordinance 2016-066

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE QUOTATION OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACK DOHENY COMPANIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,075.35 FOR THE REPAIR TO THE CITY'S VACTOR TRUCK, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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 2016-066

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Citizens Comments

Mr. George Mazzaro, Eldridge Road, said a lot of the fire hydrants need to be done. He said he does not know why the city is using the streets signs they are putting up. He said he would like to see the consultant's report on the storm water problems.

Councilman and Committee Remarks

Ms. McDougald thanked all that have served in the armed forces and wished everyone a very happy Memorial Day. She said she went to Christ Community Chapel's open house. She said it is a fantastic facility and will serve the community well.

Mr. Vaca said he would like to know the status of the storm water survey and the street survey. He said SR43 looks fantastic. He said the planter boxes look terrible and need to be cleaned. He said some have dead trees. He suggested planting Knockout Roses as they require very little care. He wished everyone a

grand and safe Memorial Day.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the city has just started planting this past week because the weather has not be conducive to doing so. She said she will speak to the arborist about the dead trees. She said 4-5 hanging baskets are being added to the Geauga Lake area on SR43 this year. She said the Geauga Lake storm water report is in the final stages. She said she just received the rankings on the streets and the three worst streets in Aurora are Sherwood, Robinhood and Sussex Roads.

Ms. Barner thanked the Mayor and Ms. Januska for their help with the dumpster. She said she is very excited with the Deed House and asked if there is any security involved. She asked how many residents took advantage of the home construction. Ms. Barner again congratulated the Robotics Team. She wished everyone a very happy Memorial Day.

Ms. Grandillo commended the city arborist for putting together a mulching party for Sunny Lake. She wished everyone a happy Memorial Day.

Mr. Kudley said the Landmark Commission approved historic marker applications for Ebenezer Sheldon which will go alongside the walk to the Deed House pending the approval of the Ohio History Connection and the other is a Geauga Lake marker that will be located on the GLIA property and it will recognize the park as well as the Geauga Lake community.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Dennis Kovach, Vice President

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council