

CITY OF AUBURN

113 E. Elm, Auburn MI 48611

Regular City Commission Minutes

August 19, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Auburn City Commission met at the City Hall Building, 113 E. Elm Street, Auburn. Mayor Kilbourn called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: K. Charbonneau, G. Warner, J. Dzurka, R. Williams, L. Kilbourn, J. Rahl

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: David Haag, Steve VanTol, Bryna Mieske, Ashlie House, Ann Machelski, Jeff Gillman, Andrea Collins.

**MAYOR KILBOURN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

R. Williams/ J. Dzurka moved to excuse the tardiness of Commissioner J. Rahl. Yeas 5, Nays, 0. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Kilbourn requested under New Business Line Item D. City Commission Application be swapped with Line Item A. Ruth Street Extension to Garfield Road, and to add the Consumers Energy Contract under new business to the agenda. R. Williams/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the agenda as amended. Yeas 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 15, 2019.**

J. Dzurka/ J. Rahl moved to approve the July 15, 2019 Minutes, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**BAY CITY WESTERN ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE, AUBURN WILLIAMS PARKS AND RECS CHECK REPORT, TREASURERS REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT, JUNE UCR REPORT, JULY UCR REPORT**

J. Dzurka/ K. Charbonneau moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Yeas 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Kilbourn opened Public Comment at 7:09 P.M.

Ann Machelski wanted to let the Commissioners know how great Midland Road and Garfield Road looks. Ann stated she had a concern regarding the DPW wages being so low.

Jeff Gillman stated that Midland Road and Garfield Road look great, but he noticed during the Midland Road project there was some concerns with how the traffic control was being handled by the construction workers.

Mayor Kilbourn closed Public Comment at 7:12 P.M.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. AMENDING CHAPTER 113 PROHIBITION OF MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND FACILITIES ORDINANCE**

Mayor Kilbourn opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 P.M.

No Public Comment was made

Mayor Kilbourn closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 P.M.

R. Williams/ J. Dzurka moved to amend Chapter 113 Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments and Facilities Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: J. Rahl, J. Dzurka, K. Charbonneau, R. Williams, L. Kilbourn, G. Warner. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CITY COMMISSION APPLICATIONS**

The City Commissioners took turns asking questions of the applicants. R. Williams/ J. Dzurka moved to appoint applicant Ryan Gwizdala as the new City Commissioner. Roll Call Vote, Yeas: J. Dzurka, J. Rahl, R. Williams, L. Kilbourn, G. Warner, K. Charbonneau. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

### **B. FIREWORKS ORDINANCE**

J. Rahl/ J. Dzurka moved to hold a public hearing for the Fireworks Ordinance at the next City Commission meeting on September 16, 2019. Yeas 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

### **C. 221 CHURCH STREET**

David Haag provided the Commissioners with an update on the status of 221 Church Street.

### **D. RUTH STREET EXTENSION TO GARFIELD ROAD**

Mayor Kilbourn presented the Commission with an idea to extend Ruth Street to Garfield Road. Discussion was made on different options to extend Ruth Street to Garfield Road, no decisions were made.

### **E. TRAFFIC SIGNS**

J. Dzurka/ K. Charbonneau moved to approve \$20,000 towards the required signs on Midland Road. Roll Call Vote, Yeas: R. Williams, R. Gwizdala, L. Kilbourn, J. Rahl, K. Charbonneau, G. Warner, J. Dzurka. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

### **F. WAGES & BENEFITS**

DPW Supervisor Ashlie House presented the City Commission with an extensive wage study to try and acquire a better wage for her employees. R. Williams/ J. Rahl moved to approve the \$17 an hour hiring. Roll Call Vote, Yeas: R. Gwizdala, J. Rahl, J. Dzurka, L. Kilbourn, G. Warner, K. Charbonneau, R. Williams. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

### **G. CONSUMERS ENERGY CONTRACT**

R. Williams/ K. Charbonneau moved to approve the Consumers Energy Contract for the LED lighting. Yeas 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Administrative Report**

J. Dzurka/ K. Charbonneau moved to approve the Administrative Report. Yeas 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

### **B. DPW Directors Report**

K. Charbonneau/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the DPW Directors Report. Yeas 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

### **C. DDA Directors Report**

J. Dzurka/ K. Charbonneau moved to approve the DDA Directors Report. Yeas 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

## **FINANCIALS**

K. Charbonneau/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the Financials. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: L. Kilbourn, R. Williams, J. Dzurka, G. Warner, K. Charbonneau, R. Gwizdala. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Kilbourn opened Public Comment at 9:18 P.M.

Ann Machelski wanted to thank the Commissioners for their decision on increasing the DPW wages.

Dennis Maida stated the DPW Crew does a great job.

Andrea Collins shared her concerns with the Ruth Street project.

Mayor Kilbourn Closed Public Comment at 9:20 P.M.

## **MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

K. Charbonneau had concerns with the newspapers that they throw in the driveways. K. Charbonneau also stated he attended the Rec Board meeting and there is a lot of weeds in the pond and the Rec Board would like to remove the weeds. Advice was given that the Rec Board should contact the DNR office. G. Warner stated Ashlie did an awesome job with the wage study, however there are still some concerns with where the money will come from. R. Gwizdala shared that he feels Ashlie presented a great case for her workers. L. Kilbourn shared the Mayor of West Branch would like to consider doing a Mayors Exchange sometime in September or October if anyone would be interested in helping with that. R. Williams wanted to thank Ashlie for doing a great job on her wage study.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kilbourn Adjourned the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

Recorded by Clerk  
Bryna Mieske

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_