

CITY OF AUBURN
113 E ELM STREET
AUBURN, MICHIGAN 48611

Regular Commission Meeting
October 3, 2011

Auburn City Commission met at the City Hall Building, 113 E Elm Street was called to order by Mayor Eric Larsen for a regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jim Dominowski, Ken Charbonneau, Ann Machelski, Brian Raab, Matt Hardy, Eric Larsen.

ABSENT: Amy Rezmer. Raab/Hardy moved to excuse Rezmer for work reasons. Yeas: All Nays: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jo Ella Krantz, Karen Bellor, Officer Poltorak, Tom Ittner (Ittner Bean and Grain) and several residents of the community.

Mayor Larsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Hardy/Raab moved to approve the October 3, 2011 as printed. Yeas: All Nays: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 REGULAR MEETING:

Hardy/Charbonneau moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2011 as printed. Yeas: All Nays: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Hardy/Raab moved to receive the consent agenda. Downtown Development Authority July 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes, Downtown Development Authority August 23, 2011 Meeting Minutes, Auburn Planning Commission September 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes, Western High School October 7, 2011 Homecoming Parade Request.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Machelski/Hardy moved to open floor to public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Comments/Concerns were made regarding eligibility of a couple of citizens running for the Charter Commission in addition a statement was made by Jan Dzurka to the Commission and the Mayor regarding the bickering over the Police Department and impact that is made on the image of Auburn. Hardy/Charbonneau moved to go out of public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Raab/Machelski moved to Open the Public Hearing for the Ittner Bean & Grain Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate. Yeas: All Nays: None

Mayor Larsen read the synopsis prepared by the City Administrator to the Public which explained the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate request. Tom Ittner explained his request

informed all that he has hired one new employee. He also said that he liked doing business in Auburn and would like to continue to do so.

B. Raab/Machelski moved to Open Public comment: Yeas: All Nays: None.

Sue Emerson asked if the employee that was hired was a family member and he said no.

C. Comments Opposed: None

D. Comments in Favor:

- i. Jim Dominowski said that they this has been a long term good business for the community and they have his support.
 - ii. Brian Raab agreed with Jim that they have been in business here a long time and they have done nothing but contribute to the community and they have his support also.
 - iii. Ken Charbonneau stated that whatever we can do to make it better that is what we should be doing.
 - iv. Mayor Larsen stated that the fact that it is growing and hiring people is a good idea.
- E. Determination of Fact: Mayor Larsen stated basically that it has been that it is a good idea and asked if there were additional comments from the crowd, which there were none.
- F. Board Comments:
- i. Refer to Comments in Favor.
- G. Hardy/Raab moved to adopt the Resolution Approving the Application of Ittner Bean and Grain, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Yeas: All Nays: None

VI. New Business

A) Raab/Charbonneau moved that we decline the Terrorism Insurance Coverage. Yeas: All Nays: None

VI. Hardy/Raab moved to receive the City Administrator's report: Yeas: All Nays: None

VII. Bills Submitted for Payment

Raab/Hardy moved to pay the bills submitted for payment. Roll call Vote: Yeas: Charbonneau, Machelski, Raab, Hardy, Dominowski, Larsen. Nays: None

VIII. Public Comment

Charbonneau/Machelski moved to open the floor to Public Comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Comments/concerns were made regarding the Mayor doing a great job, questioning when the Police audit was going to be complete. Hardy/Charbonneau moved to go out of public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

IX. Mayor and Commissioner's Comments

Machelski stated that she thought the auditor should have had the Police report done more than just one meeting ahead of the Election. She also stated that what was really nasty was the way Consumers had the trees cut and that something should be done about it. Thought maybe a couple should have just been taken down and replaced.

Charbonneau/Hardy motioned to reopen the floor to public comment to discuss the tree trimming. Yeas: All Nays: None

Russ Williams informed the Commission and residents about how hideous it looks but noted that he worked for Detroit Edison and if they don't have the trees trimmed that they have five times the power outages easily but when it comes to having power at the end of the day it is a very necessary thing to do. Diane Heffron said that they had a tree completely taken down but the stump was still there. She contacted Consumers Power and they told her to get an estimate and send it to them that they would pay it. Paul Schubert said that he did receive a notice and when they did come back they came to the door because they didn't want to take their equipment to the trees in the back without permission. Matt/Charbonneau motioned to re-close the floor to public comment. Yeas: All Nays: None

Dominowski said that he had been in email contact with JoElla, Eric and the CPA that is doing the audit and he assured him that he would have the numbers for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Raab/Hardy moved to adjourn at 7:26 P.M. Yeas: All Nays: None

APPROVAL

CLERK

MAYOR