

CITY OF AUBURN
113 E ELM STREET
AUBURN, MICHIGAN 48611

Regular Commission Meeting
November 14, 2011

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ann Machelski, John McNally, Amy Rezmer, Matt Hardy, Russ Williams, Ken Charbonneau, Lee Kilbourn.

ALSO PRESENT: Jo Ella Krantz, Karen Bellor, Josh Elliot from Campbell, Kusterer & Co., CPA's and several residents of the community.

Mayor Kilbourn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Hardy/Machelski moved to approve the November 14, 2011 as printed. Yeas: All Nays: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2011 REGULAR MEETING:

Machelski/Hardy moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2011 as printed. Yeas: All Nays: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

McNally/Hardy moved to receive the consent agenda. Downtown Development Authority October 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes, Planning Commission November 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes, October 2011 Bay County Sheriff Deputy Activity Report, September 2011 Auburn Police Activity Report. Yeas: All Nays: None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Machelski/Hardy moved to open floor to public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Comments/Concerns were made regarding the Auburn Police car being out of Auburn, facebook comments and if Taxes went down 1 mill in the past year. McNally/Charbonneau moved to go out of public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

- A. Machelski/Charbonneau moved to accept the 2010-2011 Auditors report. Yeas: All. Nays: None
- B. Charbonneau/McNally moved to accept the Mayors recommendation to appoint Amy Rezmer as Mayor Pro-Tem. Yeas: All. Nays: None.
- C. Hardy/Charbonneau moved to accept the Mayors recommendations for the following committees to be: Finance Committee - Rezmer, Charbonneau, Williams, Personal Committee - Hardy, McNally, Machelski, Auburn Williams Fire District Board - Machelski, Parks and Recreation -

Charbonneau, Planning Commission – Rezmer, Auburn Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee – Williams/Mayor Kilbourn, DDA – by statue – Mayor Kilbourn. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

VI. Administrator's Report

McNally/Hardy moved to accept administrator's report. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

VII. Bills Submitted for Payment

Hardy/Charbonneau moved to pay the bills submitted for payment. Roll call Vote: Yeas: McNally, Rezmer, Hardy, Williams, Charbonneau, Machelski, Kilbourn. Nays: None

VIII. Machelski/Hardy moved to switch the November 14, 2011 agenda to move item XII. Mayor and Commissioner's Comments to item XIII and move item XIII. Public Comment to item XII. Yeas: All Nays: None

IX. Public Comment

Machelski/Charbonneau moved to open the floor to Public Comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Comments/concerns were made regarding interest on the water fund, how much is owed to the street fund, thanks to all that ran for election, Mayor to take charge and proceed in a professional manner, clarification of who runs the City and a challenge to the new Mayor and the commission to put all this other stuff behind and lead the Citizens of Auburn into positive beliefs. Hardy/Machelski moved to go out of public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

X. Mayor and Commissioner's Comments

Mayor Kilbourn stated that he wants to see harmony among the city employees and commissioners and I would like us to work together to move forward. I believe one of the ways to accomplish this is by following the rules established. The Charter provides the commission and the mayor the responsibility to set the tone of the city by adopting rules, laws and policies. It also designates the administrator to carry out the day to day operating of the city including oversight of the department heads and the employees. The Personnel Rules further describe the proper chain of command and the process employees should take if they have a grievance. I believe the best way to stop the rumors that result in harming everyone is to follow the rules that are in place.

He would ask that anytime a Commissioner is approached by a City employee expressing a concern or grievance, that you first direct that employee to their department head or to the Administrator to start the dialog. And second, to further notify the Mayor and the other Commissioners of the concern so that everyone's actions are transparent and straight forward. It is important that no one perceives that one employee has special rights or receives favors from the Mayor or a Commissioner. And as part of this here, I would like to see it the City Commission adopt this as part of their bylaws so that everybody knows what is going on.

Charbonneau/Hardy motioned to table until the next meeting the Mayor's request to add to the City Commission procedures "anytime a Commissioner is approached by a City employee expressing a concern or grievance, that you first direct that employee to their department head or to the Administrator to start the dialog. And second, to further notify the Mayor and the other Commissioners of the concern so that everyone's actions are

transparent and straight forward. It is important that no one perceives that one employee has special rights or receives favors from the Mayor or a Commissioner. Yeas: All. Nays: None Charbonneau stated that it looked like we are all back on the right track. Macheliski stated that it is time to put an end to the way our meetings have gone lately. First if anyone has a question or complaint about an employee or a commissioner, we should give them an answer as soon as possible. It may need to go before the personnel committee if necessary. In the past, some of the same questions and accusations were asked at nearly every meeting. It is my understanding that we do not intend to get rid of our Auburn Police Department. We will find out the cost of hiring either full or part time officers or using the sheriff deputy as we are doing now. If anyone does not agree, now is the time to let us know. I think a lot of our residents and some of our board feel that we have become a joke as a board and the time has come to stop this. Williams thanked everyone who supported him throughout the election and stated that he does intend to bring some unity and move forward in a professional manner. That is what he is here for and he hopes to do the best. McNally said from what he was hearing he is hoping that we can have this Police thing behind us by the 1st of the new year and after that we need to get back to program we had to take care of the streets. He would like for the City Administrator and staff to see where our finances are and get back on this program if possible by summer.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Hardy/Macheliski moved to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. Yeas: All Nays: None

APPROVAL

CLERK

MAYOR