

CITY OF AUBURN
113 E ELM STREET
AUBURN, MICHIGAN 48611

Regular Commission Meeting
August 15, 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: Matt Hardy, Jim Dominowski, Ken Charbonneau Ann Machelski, Brian Raab, Amy Rezmer, Eric Larsen.

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

Mayor Larsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Hardy/Charbonneau moved to approve the August 15, 2011 agenda as printed. Yeas: All. Nays: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2011 REGULAR MEETING:

Hardy/Jim moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2011 as amended to include under VI. New Business, Item #2 at the end of the paragraph add “and to compare costs before the November election”. Yeas: All Nays: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Raab/Machelski moved to receive the consent agenda. July 2011 Auburn Police Department Monthly Activity Report, July 2011 Bay County Sheriff Office Monthly Activity Report, Disability Services Resource Center Annual Tag Days Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24, 2011. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hardy/Machelski moved to open floor to public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Comments/concerns were made regarding how much we paid monthly to the County for Sheriff Deputy services. Also suggested was that we have our two DPW employees work overtime to get the brush cleaned up. Hardy/Machelski moved to go out of public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

V. Unfinished Business

- A) Mayor Larsen moved to open floor to public comment for the Ittner Bean & Grain Request to Establish an Industrial Development District.
- B) Megan Trask from Bay Future discussed the current request for Ittner Bean & Grain to Establish an Industrial Development District and noted that this has been requested and approved by the Commission previously on another parcel. Hardy asked if this request would create any additional jobs and Megan explained that

we will not know until the application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate was received.

C) Board Comments: Dominowski said that he thought it was a very good idea. It would be very easy for Ittner Bean and Grain to take business elsewhere. Machelski also agreed that it would be a good idea because Auburn is Farmland

D) Machelski/Raab motioned to establish an Industrial Development District located at 304 Park Ave., Auburn, MI 48611. Parcel ID #150-024-200-070-00. Legal boundaries at: COM 730.75FT E & 1076 FT N OF W ¼ COR OF SEC TH N 15 FT TH E 582.37 FT TH S 200.35 FT TH W 262.94 FT TH N 185.16 FT TH W 270 FT TO BEG.SEC.24.T14N.R3E. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

VI. New Business: None

VI. City Administrator's report: None

VII. Bills Submitted for Payment

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

VIII. Public Comment

Machelski/Hardy moved to open the floor to Public Comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None. No comments were made. Hardy/Machelski moved to go out of public comment. Yeas: All. Nays: None.

IX. Mayor and Commissioner's Comments

Rezmer sent an email to the Commission inquiring about the water/gas issue on nine mile in which she thought the DPW Director was going to respond to but she was informed that he had been busy. She questioned if there were going to be any expenses incurred by the City and what the process is to notify both water and gas residents when there were going to be planned outages. It was stated that the DPW typically goes door to door to notify residents and that we have a written notification as well. Mayor Larsen explained what had happened that day was MISS DIG was called and were there and the DPW started digging, noting that he had pictures before, during and after as to what had occurred to back up the DPW. Mayor Larsen said that the gas line came from out beneath the road and down the sidewalk and arched an enlarged arch down across the sidewalk back around and over and it should not have been done that way. It should have been teed off 90 degrees in a couple of certain areas so when MISS DIG marked it on the sidewalk and the other sidewalk normally what MISS DIG does is draw a line between the two and that is where it is at. What happened was Consumers put it down originally they put a big arch in it so anybody would have hit it. We have pictures of the arch and everything else that was there. Charbonneau was also there to see the arch and we documented the whole deal. We documented with photos and how they put it together afterwards as well. If Consumers wants to come back at us all we are going to do is get the pictures out and ask them why is placed the way it was originally. Rezmer said that she thought the reason that you call MISS DIG was so something like this does not happen. Mayor Larsen explained that MISS DIG is not a guarantee, they say within six feet of where ever their flags are located, it is their best guess. Rezmer asked if there

would be any costs to the City for lost gas or having their workers out here for repairs and turning the residents gas back on and what the process typically is when something like this happens. The City Administrator and Mayor Larsen stated that the DPW knocked on doors of water customers but did not know who was affected by Consumers Power. Mayor Larsen also stated that there is a formal process in place now with Al and Eric now that when MISS DIG is called they have a log book and paperwork that needs to be filled out in addition to photographs. Everything is documented from the beginning to the end and it will be put into a computer file so that they can refer back if need be. Rezmer addressed her concerns with all of the residents that were not notified. Larsen also noted that when they put the valve in there were a couple of problems with the gaskets/rings and at 2 a.m. the DPW had to find a place where they could get some rings which they will stock up on going forward. Dominowski noted that the corner needed to get repaired quickly. Hardy asked about the status of hiring a part time DPW and the City Administrator stated that is was being worked on. Machelski asked if there were enough residents interested in running for the Charter Commission and if so were they all individuals that were on the original list.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Raab/Hardy moved to adjourn at 7:22 P.M. Yeas: All Nays: None

APPROVAL

CLERK

MAYOR