

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm with Council President Darryl Neher presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 27, 2014

Roll Call: Ruff, Sturbaum, Sandberg, Granger, Neher, Mayer, Rollo, Volan, Spechler,
Absent: None

ROLL CALL

Council President Neher gave the Agenda Summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes for the Special Sessions of March 12, 2014 and Regular Sessions of March 26, 2014 and July 2, 2014 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marty Spechler said he had been asked if he planned to run for re-election in next year's municipal election. He said he felt that people should focus on this year's election and the important positions that were in play. He said it was wrong to divert attention from the November election and there'd be plenty of time after that for politics.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Volan said he had talked with Dave Rollo about conducting joint constituent meetings. He said they planned one at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 4th at the Bloomingfoods at Elm Heights. He welcomed anyone from council districts 4 or 6 to come ask questions and learn about city council issues.

Dave Rollo asked people to come to the meeting, to bring questions and comments about the city budget or infrastructure.

Tim Mayer noted the passing of Al Ruesink, a professor at IU. Mayer said he worked with Ruesink in the Green Acres Neighborhood Association, and that he would be missed.

Mayer also welcomed new residents to the City of Bloomington and asked that they drive carefully while they enjoy the community.

Dorothy Granger announced a Non-Lethal Deer Conflict Management Forum at 6:30 to 8 pm on Tuesday, September 9th at the Convention Center. She said representatives from the Humane Society of the United States would be present and invited folks to hear what they had to say.

Susan Sandberg reminded folks of the upcoming Labor Day Weekend that annually honored workers. She also noted it was the annual Fourth Street Arts Festival and invited people to an upcoming Cardinal Stage production of "1776."

Chris Sturbaum noted he'd been challenged in the recent viral ALS fundraising 'Ice Bucket Challenge' by a carpenter. He said ALS research had raised \$94.3M since it started. He said he had made his donation, made a challenge to anyone who was watching the council meeting. He then announced that this meeting recording would be his video, and then proceeded to douse himself with a huge glass of water and ice. The stunned audience applauded.

Rollo added an additional comment about Professor Ruesink and said he knew him in graduate school and admired his work. He also mentioned the passing of Professor James Goodson, an advocate for birds in Griffy woods and had most recently made statements to the council on their behalf. Rollo extended sympathies to the families of these men.

Darryl Neher noted that on Saturday, September 6th at 11:00 am in the McCloskey Room, he would be holding a constituent meeting for District 5.

There was no report from the mayor or city offices at this meeting.

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

Marc Haggarty said he was not really pleased with the council's work, their communication with the public and with him specifically. He said public comments were often limited and often the issues were never addressed. He said IU was over- represented on the council, on boards and commissions and in government.

There were no appointments to Boards or Commissions at this meeting.

There was no legislation for action in this segment of the meeting.

Ordinance 14-15 An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 01-04, Establishing the McDoel Conservation District, Ordinance 08-04, Establishing the Prospect Hill Conservation District, Ordinance 11-05, Establishing the Garden Hill Conservation District and Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" – Re: Exempting Changes in Paint Color from the Certificate of Appropriateness Requirement, Re-titling Maps and Amending the Municipal Code to Reflect the Full Historic District Status of these Districts

Ordinance 14-16 To Designate an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA) – Re: Property Located at 304 W. Kirkwood Avenue and Identified by the Monroe County Parcel ID Numbers 013-08290-00, 013-44860-00, 013-44850-00, 013-08300-002300 (Elmore Y Orrego, LLC, Petitioner)

There was no public comment at this portion of the meeting.

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator, noted that there was a letter that had been requested from the council, and noted the appropriateness of a motion to allow that letter to be written and signed by the president of the council.

It was moved and seconded that the council authorize President Neher to sign a letter on behalf of the council that endorsed the Bean Blossom Bicentennial Conservation Area. Volan read the draft letter and gave his reasoning for making the exception to the normal process of the council.

It was moved by Rollo and seconded by Granger that the letter that was proposed be amended by adding a sentence (to be drafted by Rollo) reflecting the ecological diversity of the area.

The motion to amend the letter received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

The motion to authorize Neher to sign the letter as amended for the entire council received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
- PUBLIC

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 14-15

Ordinance 14-16

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Darryl Neher, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington