

Minutes
Year End Meeting of the Aurora City Council
City/Town Government Center
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Worshek; Councilors Gregor, Lakso, Cromley

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Clerk; Wayne Thuringer, Aurora Public Works Director; Paula Chapman, Aurora Librarian; Mike Kearney, Aurora City Attorney

Meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Worshek at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to approve the following consent agenda items:

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| 5. Approval of Minutes – | Special City of Aurora Council Meeting – December 3, 2018
Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting – December 4, 2018
Approve with corrections. Payroll \$109,806.27
Special City of Aurora Council Meeting – December 13, 2018 |
| 6. Approval of Receipts – | December 2018 – \$108,644.54 |
| 7. Approval for Payment – | Disbursements for December 2018 – \$590,891.60
Payroll for December 2018 – \$64,420.50 |
| 8. Correspondence – | Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities – Request for annual dues. Council previously determined to not renew membership.
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources – Withdrawal of Wetland Credits for Mesabi East Public Schools.
Joe Pelawa, Bolton and Menk – Engineering firm.
Minnesota Department of Health – Quarterly Report, TOC/Alkalinity Monitoring for the Control of Disinfection Byproduct Precursors.
Mediacom – Rate adjustment.
Dr. Marvin Miller, CN EcoConnexions America in Bloom – Notification of grant program to promote beautification through the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. |
| 9. Travel and Training – | Becky Lammi – MCFOA Annual Conference, March 19-22 in St. Cloud. |
| 12. Community Comments – | 10/30/2018 – Lighting in Pine Grove Park.
<u>Resolution:</u> There is a safety hazard from exposed wires underground; the lighting system has been shut down, as it requires complete replacement. Issue has been presented to Council, resolution pends Council action. |

11/06/2018 – Reflectors on Road – 430 Railroad Ave.

Resolution: The Council has approved purchasing and installing a street light for the new road.

12/17/2018 – Noise complaint – 401 Erie St.

Resolution: The ERPD investigated and determined the source of the noise is zoned industrial; there are no constraints on noise in industrial zones.

12/31/2018 – Ownership of property – 26 W. 3rd Ave. N.

Resolution: The Clerk's Office investigated and the City owns no parcels near the address; owners are responsible for snow removal.

12/31/2018 – Snow Pile – 105 W. 3rd Ave. N.

Resolution: Public Works has received the complaint and is investigating.

01/03/2019 – Snow Removal in Pine Grove Park.

Resolution: Public Works has received the complaint and is investigating.

13. Reports from Boards and Commissions –

Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority – October 15, 2018

Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority Special Meeting – October 24, 2018

Range Association of Municipalities & Schools – October 25, 2018

Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority – November 19, 2018

East Range Joint Powers Board – November 27, 2018

Aurora Volunteer Fire Department – December 12, 2018

Aurora Volunteer Fire Department Election of 2019 Officers – December 14, 2018

MOTION CARRIED.

AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH	\$ 1,623.24
AMPTEK INC.	\$ 719.08
APG MEDIA OF MN	\$ 183.17
AT & T MOBILITY	\$ 544.85
AURORA HRA	\$ 2,042.90
AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 116.88
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	\$ 533.44
BIWABIK PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$ 9.89
BLACKHAWK ELECTRIC INC.	\$ 460.00
BOBCAT OF DULUTH INC	\$ 225.34
BRADACH LUMBER	\$ 154.14
CARQUEST AURORA	\$ 27.25
CHAD LAVALLEY	\$ 79.95
CHRIS VREELAND	\$ 201.18
CINTAS	\$ 46.80
CITY OF HOYT LAKES	\$ 350.00
Civic Systems, LLC	\$ 15,184.00
CLAREYS SAFETY EQUIPMENT INC	\$ 109.72
CLIMATE AIR, INC.	\$ 2,422.60
COLDSRING MEMORIAL	\$ 1,200.00
COLOSIMO, PATCHIN, KEARNEY	\$ 1,125.00
CORE & MAIN LP	\$ 2,535.75
CULLIGAN OF NORTHEAST MINNESOT	\$ 37.75
CW TECHNOLOGY	\$ 2,529.48
DEMCO INC.	\$ 116.63
DVS RENEWAL	\$ 38.00
EAST RANGE JOINT POWERS BOARD	\$ 3,750.00
EAST RANGE POLICE DEPT	\$ 33,505.16
EAST RANGE SHOPPER	\$ 807.56
ECOLAB	\$ 322.62
Embarass Vermillion Credit Union	\$ 150,000.00
FIRE SAFETY USA, INC.	\$ 135.00
FRED FAUST	\$ 99.44
FRONTIER	\$ 1,010.22
GALE	\$ 26.39
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$ 13.50

GUARDIAN PEST SOLUTIONS INC.	\$ 35.00
HAWKINS INC.	\$ 918.89
HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$ 375.00
K & K CLEANING	\$ 495.00
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KS EMBROIDERY	\$ 2,543.10
LAKEHEAD CONSTRUCTORS	\$ 34,879.92
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	\$ 161.60
MAIL FINANCE	\$ 217.80
MENARDS - VIRGINIA	\$ 70.00
MESABI EAST SCHOOLS ISD 2711	\$ 3,268.59
METRO SALES	\$ 335.68
MIELKE ELECTRIC WORKS	\$ 36.95
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	\$ 5,505.79
MINNESOTA POWER	\$ 10,000.14
MINNESOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$ 349.80
MN DNR ECOLOGICAL & WATER RES.	\$ 1,055.68
MN PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY	\$ 8,587.83
NEO SOLUTIONS INC.	\$ 787.50
NORTHERN STATE BANK	\$ 5,786.26
NORTHERN STATE BANK	\$ 23,814.00
PERMAR SECURITY SERVICES	\$ 3,722.00
PETTY CASH	\$ 37.70
PORTABLE JOHN	\$ 101.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC. - 40	\$ 109.66
PRINTING SYSTEMS INC.	\$ 544.07
RANGE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 492.68
RANGE PAPER	\$ 249.78
RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	\$ 2,423.00
SERVICE SOLUTIONS INC	\$ 178.00
SHARON GRESLEY	\$ 23.44
SHRED RIGHT	\$ 15.00
ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	\$ 204.03
ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	\$ 260.00

ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR3	\$ 13,522.50
SYNCHRONY BANK AMAZON	\$ 200.48
TOMAHAWK FORD	\$ 13,324.75
TOWN OF WHITE	\$ 1,967.81
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$ 809.00
U. S. POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 250.00
U.S. POSTMASTER 1	\$ 208.66
U.S. POSTMASTER 1	\$ 144.00

UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$ 1,011.69
US BANK	\$ 227,295.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 225.00
USA BLUE BOOK	\$ 1,022.92
VERIZON	\$ 15.21
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 35.01
WISCONSIN CENTRAL	\$ 327.79
ZIEGLER INC.	\$ 164.96

APPEARANCES / PUBLIC FORUM

Mark Fredin

Mark requested waiver of the security deposit and rental fee for the Community Center for firearms safety class this spring. Classes will be held for about eight to ten weeks, from about 5 to 7 pm, and beginning in March.

Motion by Lakso supported by Gregor to waive the security deposit and rental fee for the Spring 2019 firearms safety class. MOTION CARRIED.

Rudy Ceglar

Rudy has concerns about the trash at 102 W. 3rd Ave. N. He believes it to be a safety issue. He submitted another complaint on 01/07/2019. The council said they would look at the complaint and ERPD's response. Rudy also had concerns on the old potato warehouse across the street from the fire house, especially the height of the grass.

Butch Ceglar

Butch cited the City Ordinance about the height of weeds and grass not exceeding 8 inches in height.

REPORT FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Library – Paula Chapman

Arrowhead Library System staff are busy lining up Minnesota Legacy programs for 2019, and the first event of the year will come to Aurora this Friday! Minnesota author Chad Lewis will present "Supernatural Lake Superior" at the library on Friday, January 11, at 10:30 am. With bizarre tales of UFOs hovering the water, phantom ships disappearing into thin air, haunted businesses along the shore, deadly sea serpents, mysterious creatures, and sinister men in black, this program will change the way you view the majestic lake. This event is funded through Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. I am pleased to announce that Aurora's own Jennifer Osufsen has just published her latest book, Timejacked! She donated a signed copy to the library—and it is currently checked out.

Later this month, on January 21, this year's Adult Winter Reading Program, called "Curl Up With a Good Book" will begin. Adults don't need to come to any programs or make a major commitment to participate in this low-key program! They can simply sign up to receive a reading record and small incentive packet, enter drawings each time they read library books (or audiobooks, ebooks, or magazines), and, if they feel like it, complete punch-card activities to enter another drawing. The program will conclude on March 8, and it is open to adults, and teens age 16 and up.

Public Works – Wayne Thuringer

RFPs are out on the Waste Water Plant digester; the site has been visited by 3 prospective firms. The contents are slowly being hauled out.

Recreation – Chris Shuck

Chris said the winter sports are going well; there is a good guy at the rink and elementary and county league basketball is taking place.

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Gregor –

Kudos to the Public Works Department on snow removal over the past week. Former Mayor Dave Lislegard was sworn in to his new position today. Lake Connections fiber network was sold to a Nebraska company. Requested a moment of silence for Tom Rukavina. He also stated the ERJPB is working on a broadband project and encourages everyone to register their home-internet speeds – an ad can be found in the shopper.

Councilor Lakso –

Lake Connections has been sold; the government stands to lose \$40 million on the deal; they're hoping to get something out of it. We're stuck with Mediacom. Councilor Lakso had a question for Paula – does the library record the programs put on? Paula stated some are recorded, and some do not; Chad Lewis has given permission to record his presentation.

Councilor Cromley –

Kudos to the Public Works Department on snow removal. Remember calendar parking! St. Louis County Chief's Association – there is a Fire Fighter's Day on the Hill on 01/29/2019. An election was held at the Fire Hall – thanks to those who dedicate their time. The Department is down to 16 members – please apply. There will be more traffic at the Fire Hall as there is training being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for area Fire Fighters. Lights on the outside of the fire hall have a quote to be repaired with LEDs.

Acting Mayor Worshek –

Everything has been covered. Kudos to Wayne and the crew.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Gregor supported by Lakso to request the clerk work with Councilors Gregor and Lakso to compose a letter requesting intentions and inviting Pinpoint Holdings to a meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Cromley supported by Gregor to approve address change form 430 Railroad Avenue to 430 West 7th Avenue North. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek supported by Cromley to approve the Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek supported by Gregor to table the Town of White Water/Wastewater Management Contract. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor supported by Cromley to approve purchase of lights for Pine Grove Park from Minnesota Power in the amount up to \$10,000 with the expectation of a \$500 rebate per light. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Worshek supported by Cromley to approve RAMS dues in the amount of \$700.00 for 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor supported by Cromley to approve Aurora Chamber of Commerce dues in the amount of \$250.00 for 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lakso supported by Gregor to approve the Control Company Contract Renewal for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants maintenance and monitoring for 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek supported by Cromley to approve Resolution 2018-40 Accepting Resignation and Declaring a vacancy on the Aurora City Council. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor supported by Worshek to approve resignation of Aurora Fire Fighter Ben Dickinson. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor supported by Cromley to approve reduction of Clerk's Office part time staff position to 14 hours per week.

Ayes: Cromley, Worshek, Gregor

Nays: Lakso

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek supported by Cromley to authorize not waiving tort liability limits for 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor supported by Lakso to approve Resolution 2018-41 Designating the City of Aurora's Polling Place. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek supported by Cromley to approve Public Works Staff members Kent Dickinson and Aaron Carlson work with Pepsi Challenge on 03/02/2019, weather permitting. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek supported by Gregor to have the City Clerk draft a letter of support for the Iron Range Brownfields Coalition. MOTION CARRIED.

No action on St. Louis County Fair financial support request.

Moved by Worshek supported by Gregor to table the hiring of a Youth Activates Coordinator with the Town of White, Biwabik, Hoyt Lakes, and Mesabi East Schools. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor supported by Cromley to hire Chris Baudhuin for the 2018-2019 basketball season at a rate of \$15.00 per game.

Next Regular Meeting: TBD

Moved by Cromley and supported by Gregor to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

David Worshek, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Lammi, City Clerk