

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilors Worshek, Lislegard, Cromley, Mayor Hess

ABSENT: Councilor Lakso

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Soular, East Range Police Chief; Linda Cazin, Interim City Clerk-Treasurer; Mike Kearney, City Attorney; Wayne Thuringer, Public Works Director

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve the following minutes as presented: Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting held on March 13, 2017. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Cromley and supported by Worshek to approve the receipts for March 2017 in the amount of \$105,179.19 as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to approve the disbursements for March 2017 in the amount of \$173,033.03 and Payroll in the amount of \$65,724.49. MOTION CARRIED

AMERICAN BANK	31.20	EAST RANGE FIRE DEPT COALITION	50.00
AMERICAN BANK	149.00	EAST RANGE JOINT POWERS BOARD	100.00
AMERICAN BANK	144.01	EAST RANGE POLICE DEPT.	30,576.64
AMERICAN BANK	15.01	EAST RANGE SHOPPER	602.74
AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH	674.25	EMERGENCY RESPONSE SOLUTIONS	96,488.85
AT & T MOBILITY	335.51	FRONTIER	1,069.86
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	380.72	G & K SERVICES	46.80
BLACKHAWK ELECTRIC INC	112.50	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	4.05
BRADACH LUMBER	265.08	GUARDIAN SOLUTIONS INC.	35.00
CARQUEST AURORA	98.88	HAWKINS INC	1,556.78
CENGAGE LEARNING	64.32	HENRY'S WATERWORKS INC	1,041.41
CHRIS SHUCK	67.98	K & K CLEANING	755.00
CHRIS VREELAND	201.18	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	34.99
CHRISTENSEN PARTS SERVICE INC	151.87	LAURSEN ASPHALT REPAIR EQUIP.	607.75
CITY OF HOYT LAKES	350.00	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	292.65
CLAREYS SAFETY EQUIPMENT	3,610.00	MAIL FINANCE	204.75
CLIMATE AIR, INC.	2,779.92	MENARDS - VIRGINIA	90.78
COLDSRING MEMORIAL	229.00	MESABI DAILY NEWS	192.40
CULLIGAN OF NORTHEAST MN	37.75	METRO SALES	362.24
EAST RANGE DAC	50.00	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	4,257.69

MINNESOTA POWER	8,518.32	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	3,014.83
MINNESOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS	349.80	SHRED RIGHT	15.00
MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	345.00	ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	4,423.92
PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, INC	690.70	SYNCHRONY BANK AMAZON	224.64
PORTABLE JOHN	231.00	TACONITE TIRE SERVICE INC	288.76
PRINTING SYSTEMS INC	416.12	THE CONTROL COMPANY	480.00
RANGE OFFICE SUPPLY	133.76	TOWN OF WHITE	2,422.00
RANGE PAPER	1,411.60	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	250.00
RAPID ROOTER SEWER & DRAIN	570.00	USA BLUE BOOK	413.91
REVIZE LLC	700.00	VERIZON	15.11

MOVING PERMITS

NONE

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to add the Part-Time Seasonal Maintenance Worker Position to the Special City Council Meeting agenda. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to receive and file the following correspondence: Iron Range Tourism Bureau, thanking the city for the opportunity to present information about the organization to city officials and staff; League of Minnesota Cities Loss Control Consultant regarding Data Security Survey; League of Minnesota Cities regarding loss control recommendations to help guide risk management efforts; St. Louis County Iron Range Youth In Action Program thanking the city for supporting the 2017 Make A Difference Conference; St. Louis County Environmental Services Department 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Community Collection Schedule; Minnesota Arrowhead Association 2017 NE Minnesota Tourism Conference – April 20, 2017 – Minnesota Discovery Center; RAMS Weekly Update. MOTION CARRIED

Troy Walsh Loss Control Specialist LMCIT met with Paul Desilets IT Consultant to complete a basic Data Security Survey. Paul was present to go over the Loss Control Audit concerning Data Security. He highlighted what they went over. There were several areas of concern. Sample policies were provided for reference.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to appoint Mike Kearney, Linda Cazin and Mayor Hess to work with Paul Desilets to come up with policies for data security in the City of Aurora. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Hess and supported by Lislegard to decipher the list of recommendations received from the League and direct it to the responsible departments to respond and have the attorney and everyone look at it. MOTION CARRIED

TRAVEL AND TRAINING REQUEST

NONE

PUBLIC FORUM

Brian Larson MnDOT District One Project Manager discussed the proposed changes MnDOT is considering for the Hwy. 135/County Road 100 intersection near Aurora. He explained the cross-hatched, free right turn lane areas would be removed along with the grass median island. The Council and Police Chief expressed their concerns. He will take back for consideration the perspective of the city.

Dewey Rudolph and Lance Fondie were present addressing the Ranger ATV drive through town. They are requesting the city approve the County resolution to allow the use of all-terrain vehicles on county roads within the city. All other cities in the area have approved the resolution.

Moved by Hess and supported by Worshek to establish a committee consisting of Chief Soular, Dave Lislegard and Dave Cromley to come up with a recommendation for the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Erika Bradach and Bobbi Mineheine, Celebrate Aurora “3rd of July Style” request for the Kids Games. They were requesting the city give an additional amount of money to cover the kid’s games. Since they got a late start forming a committee they were unable to raise enough money to cover the event.

Moved by Hess and supported by Lislegard to approve an additional \$1,500.00 to the 3,500.00 previously approved for a total of \$5,000.00 to Celebrate Aurora Committee for Kids Games on the 3rd of July. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Paula Chapman reported March’s full calendar of special events went well! Minnesota History Player Arn Kind is always a delight to host—and his WWI history program for was quite informative. You know someone has done a good job when more students respond on surveys that a 2-hour program was too SHORT than said it was too long. Mesabi East 5th and 6th graders seem to be interested in history and they gave a useful list of topics they would enjoy learning more about through future programming.

We will hold a variety of events with local partners in April, but I would like to highlight the Aurora Friends of the Library’s spring mini book sale. The sale, with hundreds of hardback and paperback fiction and nonfiction books, as well as magazines, for adults, along with some children’s nonfiction and magazines, will be held at the library during regular library hours on Thursday, April 20; Friday, April 21; and Monday, April 24.

Chief Soular reported a busy couple of weeks at the police department. Thanked resident who reported seeing a suspicious vehicle parked outside his residence at 2:15 a.m. which led to the arrest of five individuals who were tampering with vehicles. They were the same individuals who did Fayal Township, Kinney and Biwabik. It is an ongoing investigation. Did get them charged with what was done in Aurora. Proud of officers and citizen.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Hess reviewed the list of reports from Boards & Commissions.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to receive and file the following reports from Boards and Commissions: East Range Joint Powers Board – February 28, 2017 Minutes; Aurora Volunteer Fire Department – March 8, 2017 Minutes; Aurora Housing & Redevelopment Authority – February 21, 2017 Minutes; Library Board Minutes – March 28, 2017 Minutes; Planning & Zoning – March 28, 2017 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to approve the recommendation that Jennifer Osufsen be appointed to fill the vacant Library Board position. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Cromley and supported by Worshek to approve the Residential Improvement Permits for: Susan Nelson – 12 North Main Street – replace windows, replace roof, new door and screen door on house and Barrett Honkola – 130 Linda Drive – replace roof on garage. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve the recommendation that Keith Berdice be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission. MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Worshek questioned if anything has been heard about the CDBG grant. He talked to Brian from the County about the tracks. He has been here and checked out the tracks. He is working with Town of White on the intersection so that is moving forward. Mike Gornik and Chuck Williams are to handle the pigeon situation. The Hiring Committee is close to making an offer for City Clerk position. Councilor Lislegard and I are working with Town of White on cleaning of city hall. Need to set up negotiations for the non-union contract. Aurora sign coming into town looks bad. Get costs to do something with the sign.

Councilor Lislegard talked with Brian from St. Louis County about CN Railroad and he said it was not their responsibility but the counties to get the intersection fixed.

Councilor Cromley reported to watch out for crosswalks, kids are using them.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Congressman Nolan will be meeting in the Hoyt Lakes Community center to give an overview of the budget and field any questions on April 7 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Volunteer Recognition Social will be April 29th at the Community Center from 2:30 – 5:30 - a Volunteer Proclamation was in the Shopper. A Sexual Assault proclamation was also in the Shopper.

I would like to talk about the pigeon problem. It is not just a city problem. Businesses and residents need to help with the problem.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Butchie Ceglar questioned why there isn't a reporter from the Mesabi Daily News.

Rudy Ceglar questioned why the Planning & Zoning hasn't done anything with the structure on E. 3rd Ave. N. Is there an ordinance on how many vehicles are allowed on a lot?

The City scheduled the week of May 11th for Spring Curb Side Pickup as recommended by Public Works Director Thuringer.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to direct Dave Lislegard and Linda Cazin to meet with Greg Allen to resolve school issue. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Hess and supported by Worshek to schedule a Special City Council meeting for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of: hiring, non-union contract, loss control, part-time temporary employee position and dog ordinance. MOTION CARRIED

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Cazin, Interim City Clerk-Treasurer