

Minutes
Special Meeting of Aurora Council
Video Conference - Zoom
Thursday, April 16, 2020
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor, Councilors Jofs and Honkola

ABSENT: Councilors Worshek and Lakso

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Administrator; Tim Soular, East Range Police Department Chief; Mike Kearney, Aurora City Attorney

A special meeting was called to order by Mayor Gregor at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Gregor gave an overview and introduction on the blight efforts in the City of Aurora.

Chief Soular outlined the history of the East Range Police Department's blight work. He indicated at least eighty (80) properties have been recently identified within city limits. Chief Soular reviewed the criminal procedure versus the administrative procedure.

Hoyt Lakes Councilor Dan Pop reviewed the process Hoyt Lakes completed over the past several years. He indicated a need for a blight officer and council liaison to manage the ongoing issues. It is not practical to rely on the East Range Police Department. A team of volunteers assisted in clean up; offered assistance to residents at no cost to the property owner. Mr. Richard Hess towed vehicles.

City Administrator Lammi outlined the previously presented ordinance. She also indicated it is possible to adopt the Hoyt Lakes ordinance as a whole. The process needs to be linear and progressive – clear steps and procedures.

City Attorney Kearney reviewed the past criminal prosecution efforts and the shift in home ownership. He also discussed the process for the area judges; State Statue does not seem to be working.

Several citizens indicated they had issues with the number of vehicles in town. Animal waste in yards was brought forward as a concern. Vermin is another issue facing a home owner.

City Administrator Lammi reviewed the concern from request procedure and the procedure for approving an ordinance.

Moved by Jofs and supported by Honkola to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Jofs, Honkola, Gregor

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso, Worshek

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

ATTEST:

Doug Gregor, Mayor

Becky Lammi, City Administrator