

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilors Worshek, Lislegard, Cromley, Lakso, Mayor Hess

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Kauppi, City Clerk-Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve Ordinance No. 80 that allows for the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays by off-sale licensees in accordance with state law. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to keep the street closures and routing during the Aurora Patriotic Days the same as used in past years. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Lakso to allow the Town of White to buy-in and become a partner on the new tar trailer contingent on the creation of an agreeable use schedule, an agreement concerning the sharing of maintenance costs, and the City of Hoyt Lakes approval of the new agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve the quote submitted by Gornick's Nuisance Wildlife for pigeon control in the city contingent on the city insurer's approval of \$500,000 of insurance coverage and Gornick's presentation of a certificate of insurance in that amount. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Hess and supported by Lislegard to change the official hours of city hall to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday effective August 1, 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

The city clerk provided an update regarding the house fire that occurred at 309 West 3rd Avenue North. No new information from the present owner of record has been received other than an email communication that the subject property has been sold. The city has received three preliminary quotes to remove the remaining structure and reported on the city's options currently as many legal issues remain. The city clerk is currently working with the city attorney on a legal strategy to remedy the situation.

Discussion was held on the city's responsibility for dangerous buildings. The council members were presented with informational material from the League of Minnesota Cities on the subject and legal advice from the city attorney. Discussion turned to specific concern regarding the bulging of the wall on the south side of the old Blackhawk building. Councilor Cromley had spoken directly with the building's owner and was satisfied with the plan that was being used to correct the problem. The city attorney was concerned with pedestrian traffic on that sidewalk during the Aurora Patriotic Days while

construction is ongoing. The city attorney has advised the city clerk to ask that the owner keep all safeguards in place and keep the sidewalk blocked off during this event.

Discussion was held regarding a possible land swap between the city and the Mesabi East School District. It was determined that the city would like to work with the school and that the city should meet in July to have further discussions on this topic. The city clerk will work with the school superintendent to get a joint school board/city council meeting on the calendar.

Discussion was also held regarding a possible St. James Pit Campground and whether this is something that the council is still in favor of pursuing for the city. The council agreed that this is a project that is worth pursuing, but that the priority for this project is not as high as other initiatives facing the city currently.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Lakso to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tim Kauppi, City Clerk-Treasurer