

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
TUESDAY, July 10, 2018
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilors Worshek, Gregor, Lasko, Mayor Lislegard

ABSENT: Councilor Cromley

ALSO PRESENT: Wayne Thuringer, Public Works Director; Linda Cazin, Interim City Clerk; Mike Kearney, City Attorney; Tim Soular, Police Chief; Paula Chapman, Librarian

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lasko to approve the following minutes as presented: Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting held on June 5, 2018; Special City of Aurora Council Meeting held on June 14, 2018; Special City of Aurora Council Meeting held on June 25, 2018; Special City of Aurora Council Meeting held on June 27, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to approve the receipts for June 2018 in the amount of \$89,377.59 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lasko to approve the disbursements for June 2018 in the amount of \$322,630.94 and Payroll in the amount of \$90,088.45. **MOTION CARRIED**

American Bank of the North	\$220.23
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APG Media of MN	\$375.52
AT&T Mobility	\$269.89
Aurora Fire Department	\$264.00
Baker & Taylor	326.39
Biss Lock Inc.	\$45.00
BlueCross & BlueShield of MN & BluePlus	\$108.30
Bradach Lumber	\$154.09
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	\$15.00
CarQuest Aurora	\$6.96
Chapman, Paula	\$14.27
Christensen Parts	\$19.04

Cintas	\$46.80
City of Hoyt Lakes	\$762.50
Clarey's Safety Equipment Inc.	\$221.00
Colosimo Patchin Kearney LTD	\$470.00
Core & Main LP	\$1,192.00
Culligan of NE MN	\$37.75
Demco	\$119.62
East Range Joint Powers Board	\$3,750.00
East Range Police Department	\$30,099.00
East Range Shopper	\$277.65
Edwards Oil Inc.	\$128.30
Excel Business Systems	\$788.00
Fire Safety USA Inc.	\$690.00
Frontier	\$972.83
Gopher State One Call	\$21.60
Grande Ace Hardware	\$21.99

Guardian Pest Solutions Inc.	\$35.00
Hawkins Inc.	\$1,035.21
Hibbing Community College	\$525.00
Hill, Joseph	\$45.00
jobsHQ	\$182.69
K&K Cleaning	\$755.00
L&M Virginia	\$105.94
Lawson Products Inc.	\$501.08
Life Security and Control	\$240.00
LMCIT	\$16.32
MacQueen Equipment	\$524.81
Mail Finance	\$217.80
McMaster-Carr Supply Company	\$59.35
Menards Virginia	\$623.57
Metro Sales	\$348.64
Minnesota Energy Resources	\$1,395.41
Minnesota Power	\$8,937.01
Minnesota Telecommunications	\$349.80
Missour Turf Paint	\$329.94
MN Public Facilities Authority	\$149,481.73
MTI Distributing Inc.	\$1,248.26
Northern State Bank	\$6,250.23
NTS	\$1,904.50
Office Enterprises Inc.	\$30.50
Pace Analytical Services Inc.	\$116.80

Portable John	\$106.25
Praxair Distribution Inc.	\$103.88
Range Paper	\$2,007.84
Revize LLC	\$700.00
RMS Company	\$35.52
Service Solutions Inc.	\$89.00
Shred Right	\$15.00
Skubic Bros. International	\$498.10
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	\$357.01
TextilesPlus	\$601.00
The Control Company	\$480.00
Tomahawk Ford Inc.	\$13,359.44
Town of White	\$2,585.36
Tyler Technologies Inc.	\$5,096.54
U.S. Post Office	\$315.30
U.S. Postal Service	\$250.00
U.S. Postmaster	\$312.38
US Bank	\$77,295.00
USABlueBook	\$357.77
Verizon	\$15.40
Verizon Wireless	\$35.01
Vreeland, Chris	\$201.18
Wesco Receivables Corp.	\$170.98
Williams, Charles F.	\$17.98

MOVING PERMITS
NONE

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT
NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lakso to receive and file the following correspondence:
Serena Vergen, Executive Director AFSCME Council 65 regarding Supreme Court Case Response Plan;
Susan Brower, State Demographer, Minnesota State Demographic Center regarding Annual
Population and Household Estimates; Tiffany Bockelmann, Mesabi East Q Comp Coordinator regarding
First AGE 2 Grant Meeting; Mary Anderson, Planning Manager, St. Louis County regarding St. Louis
County Comprehensive Land Use Plan; Tom Hogan, Director of Environmental Health Division,
Minnesota Department of Health regarding Drinking Water Data Review; Celebrate Aurora, thank you
card for supporting the Celebrate Aurora Committee; Spruce Up Aurora, thank you card for supporting
Spruce Up Aurora; David Rindal, Compliance Engineer, Minnesota Department of Health regarding
Quarterly Report, TOC/Alkalinity Monitoring for the Control of Disinfection Byproduct (DBP)
Precursors. MOTION CARRIED

Andy Butler, Right of Way Agent, St. Louis County regarding Preliminary Right of Way Acquisition Notice; Council Action Required to cap old water lines kitty corner from Holiday and stub new lines, approval to remove ingress/egress into cemetery where new turn lane is to be located, approval to move the fire hydrant on corner, and to remove sidewalk located in the cemetery on east side of Main Street. **Moved to table by Worshek, supported by Gregor. MOTION CARRIED**

TRAVEL AND TRAINING REQUESTS
NONE

PUBLIC FORUM

Christine Schlotec appeared to provide notice that she is a candidate for County Commissioner. She briefly described her qualifications and the initiatives that she supports.

Paul Kess appeared to provide notice that he is a candidate for County Commissioner. He briefly described his qualifications and the initiatives that he supports.

Paul McDonald appeared to provide notice that he is a candidate for County Commissioner. He briefly described his qualifications and the initiatives that he supports.

REPORT FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Paula Chapman delivered the Library Report. Summer is moving along, and the library will offer a variety of events for children in July!

Tomorrow, on Wednesday, July 11, at 1:30 pm, the library will host a Northern Lights Music Festival "Kids for Kids" concert at the library.

Thursday, July 12, at 2:00 pm the library will hold a story club themed "There's No Place Like Home" for school-age children. A volunteer with Habitat for Humanity will share a story of helping families build homes around the world, and children will have a chance to use an assortment of craft supplies to design and construct a model home of their own. On Tuesday, July 17, at 6:00 pm, Climb Theater will present "City Mouse and Country Mouse: The Mousical"—an interactive musical play for children and their families at the library.

On Thursday, July 19, at 10:30 am, the library invites preschool children and their families to a "Trains, Planes, and Cars" story time at Carefree Living. After stories and songs, children and residents at Carefree Living will work together on a small craft project.

Friday, July 20 is the final day of this summer's reading program, and the last day for children and teens to report reading and enter prize drawings. We will contact winners of the drawings the following week, and will begin preparing Scholastic Book Fair certificates, St. Louis County Fair coupons, and summer reading program certificates for those who earned them by reading this summer. Those certificates should be available to pick up by Monday, July 30 or after.

Jan Moore delivered the Spruce Up Aurora report. She said the flowers look beautiful this year, and offers many thanks to the wonderful volunteers, despite having to go out of town to purchase flowers. Thankfully, no plants have been lost to deer at Pine Grove Park; this is the first time the park has only had to be planted once.

Mike Kearney had no items to discuss for City Attorney.

Police Chief Tim Soular reported the railroad crossing for Highway 100 is being repaired 07/23/2018; the police officers will have a presence from 6 am until 6 pm for 7-10 days at the temporary crossing. There might be cars from several departments at the crossing, including East Range, Eveleth, Biwabik-Gilbert, or St. Louis County. Chief reported that Chuck Williams is no longer the Animal Control Officer as of 07/01/2018. The East Range Police Department will be completing Animal Control duties until further notice – call the police department or 9-1-1 with animal issues. He is still working on follow up on the leaning utility pole. The school will be taking the lead on the school project; any questions should be directed to Mike Beech at 320-223-6090 or brought to his office in the school building. The school will have ongoing joint meetings.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Lislegard reviewed the list of the following reports from Boards and Commissions.

East Range Joint Powers Board – May 24, 2018 Minutes; Range Association of Municipalities & Schools – April 26, 2018 Minutes; Aurora Volunteer Fire Department; East Range Public Safety Board – May 7, 2018 Minutes; Park Committee Meeting – June 18, 2018 Minutes; Aurora Public Library Board – May 22, 2018 Minutes; Aurora Public Library Board Special Meeting – June 13, 2018 Minutes; Animal Control Report – June 2018; Planning & Zoning Commission Special Meeting – June 14, 2018 Minutes.

Zoning Permits: James & Grace Hill, EVFCU, Britt See-Benes. **Motion to approve by Gregor, seconded by Lislegard. MOTION CARRIED**

Residential Improvement Permits: Adam Ferris, Barbara Salinski, Tea Riebel/Barry Lesar. **Motion to approve by Worshek, supported by Gregor. MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Worshek spoke about the disc golf hole that needs to be repaired – Public Works stated it will be repaired once the part comes in. North Woodland Terrace Park Equipment being updated with Caring for Kids; he also discussed the great volunteer work done during the July 4th festivities; there will be a special Recreation Meeting held later in the month to discuss the budget and job description; he had questions on the project manager for the Joint Water Project, which will be discussed at a meeting later in the month; there are currently 22 shut offs for non-payment. Councilor Gregor would like to remind everyone of the East Mesabi Water Project Special Meeting be held on 07/19/2018 at 5:00 pm; he attended the League of Minnesota Cities three day conference in Warren, MN – several cities in the state are doing interesting projects, including using drones to monitor heat efficiency in the winter or capturing gas and solar energies; he also attended an University of Minnesota conference on the aging workforce; reminder of the Barber of Seville opera on Friday. Councilor Lakso proposed Planning and Zoning informational packets be made available to the community to provide information on improvements and ordinances – he stated the Planning and Zoning Committee will put these together at their 07/24/2018 meeting; there has been repeated issues with people leaving trash at the recycling center – please bring trash to the transfer station, Chief Soular stated the ERPD will place a camera and those leaving trash will be prosecuted.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor Lislegard stated the Fourth of July festivities were great, and gave thanks to the city staff along with Celebrate Aurora.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dan Goelte appeared to inquire about the sewer smell near his home. Public Works will discuss issue with homeowner and provide information on possible solutions.

Art Skelton appeared to request permission to build motocross and mountain bicycle trails, using volunteers and non-profit organizations. Giant's Ridge is investing in trail systems at this time, with 12 mile and 25 mile trail goals in the upcoming few years.

Rudy Ceglar appeared to discuss blight issues at several properties. He also discussed Planning and Zoning permit length.

Anne Clayton appeared to state she appreciates the five day work club. She said it would be easier to travel to the area if there were direct flights in to Duluth. Anne discussed blight issues on her block.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick Crum and Dennis Schubbe from Northeast Technical Services to present two separate studies – the St. James Pit Study and the Water Supply Study. NTS has contacted the mines for additional information about St. James Pit. They would like to reach out to the DNR (Erica Herr). Currently pumping water out of the pit controls basement and other flooding issues, but the City can't continue to pump forever. If the City moves forward with the East Mesabi Water Project and moves the City water supply to Lake Mine Pit, that could affect St. James. Additional information will be presented at the 07/19 /2018 East Mesabi Water Project Meeting. **Motion made by Worshek, supported by Gregor, to have NTS contact the DNR for a meeting. MOTION CARRIED**

The second study on the City of Aurora water supply will also be changed by the East Mesabi Water Project, if the water supply is changed from St. James to Lake Mine Pit.

Discussion and determination on legal representation for the City of Aurora for the East Mesabi Water Project in regards to entity creation, legal governance, and other legal issues. Mike Couri is representing the Town of White. Councilor Gregor cannot represent the City of Aurora, and the City Attorney recommends representation that has more experience in these types of projects. The two firms being interviewed are Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick out of Duluth and Kennedy & Graven out of St. Paul / Minneapolis. Mayor Lislegard recommends Fryberger, as the City has hired them before. Councilor Gregor recommends Kennedy & Graven, as they are experienced in these types of projects. Mayor Lislegard stated that any fees will come out of the East Mesabi Water Project Grant funds already available, and not out of the city budget. **Motion to table by Lislegard, supported by Lakso. MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to accept the lowest responsible bid on from Mesabi Bituminous of \$52,523.25 for the Mesabi East Road Relocation Project. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to accept the lowest responsible bid on from Mesabi Bituminous of \$259,599.00 for the 2nd Street East / South 1st Street West street project. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to authorize Linda Cazin to act as Interim City Clerk and act as signatory until the new City Clerk starts on July 9, 2018. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lisegard and supported by Worshek to authorize City Clerk Rebecca Lammi as signatory on all city accounts effective July 16, 2018. MOTION CARRIED

Sponsorship request from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for Miss Aurora and Princess Program. No action.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lakso to adopt Resolution 2018-21 Establishing Polling Places for the 2018 Calendar Year for City of Aurora Elections. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to adopt Resolution 2018-22 Authorizing the City of Aurora to Make Application To and Accept Funds From DIRRR for 2019 Grant Cycle Program. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lakso to adopt Resolution 2018-23 Authorizing the City of Aurora To Make Application To and Accept Funds From CDBG for 2018 Grant Cycle Programs. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lasko to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

David Lislegard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Cazin, Interim City Clerk