

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Clerk; Wayne Thuringer, Aurora Public Works Director; Mike Patchin and Mike Kearney, Aurora City Attorneys

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Cromley and supported by Worshek to approve the following minutes as presented: Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting – August 7, 2018, approved with corrections.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to approve the following minutes: Special City of Aurora Council meeting – August 16, 2018; Special City of Aurora Council Meeting – August 21, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to approve the receipts for August 2018 in the amount of \$124,985.68 as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Cromley and supported by Lislegard to approve the disbursements for August 2018 in the amount of \$160,150.32 and Payroll in the amount of \$86,969.90. MOTION CARRIED

American Bank of the North	\$135.83
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Amptek, Inc.	\$703.64
APG Media of MN	\$892.75
Arrowhead Library System	\$75.00
AT&T Mobility	\$221.90
Baker & Taylor	\$345.33
Barrett Honkola	\$292.50
BlueCross and BlueSheild of MN & Blue Plus	\$108.30
Bradach Lumber	\$172.85
C & C Winger, Inc.	\$572.50
C.W. Dirtworks	\$4,150.00
CarQuest Aurora	\$398.45

Casper Construction, Inc.	\$30,000.00
Casper Construction, Inc.	\$6,475.00
Cintas	\$82.24
City of Hoyt Lakes	\$649.44
Coldspring Memorial	\$480.00
Demco	\$182.75
Dianna Butzke	\$15.59
East Range Police Department	\$29,630.49
Econo Signs, LLC	\$114.32
Edwards Oil Company	\$58.48
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$695.10
Frontier	\$999.87
Grande Ace Hardware	\$123.96
Hawkins Inc.	\$1,729.52
Hundrieser Consulting, LLC	\$7,000.00
Innovative Office Solutions	\$56.61

J&R Wasterwater, Inc	\$7,052.05
Jacie Cherro	\$123.00
K&K Cleaning	\$495.00
Kristopher Dickinson	\$121.02
L&L Rentals, LLC	\$504.00
L&M Supply Virginia	\$65.83
Lawson Products, Inc.	\$410.43
Lehtinen Machine	\$138.00
Mariucci Video Productions	\$40.00
Menards Virginia	\$143.98
Mesabi Daily News	\$194.00
Mesabi East Schools	\$1,994.31
Metro Sales	\$397.44
MicroMarketing LLC	\$35.99
Midwest Playground Contractors, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Minnesota Energy Resources, Inc	\$879.55
Minnesota Power	\$9,389.38
Minnesota Telecommunications	\$349.80
MN Department of Health	\$1,416.00
MN Department of Labor & Industry	\$60.00
North Country Heating	\$220.00
Northeast Service Cooperative	\$200.00
Northern State Bank	\$6,250.24
NTS	\$1,860.50
Pace Analytical Services Inc.	\$1,312.60
Petty Cash	\$135.45
Pomp's Tire Service, Inc.	\$141.94
Portable John	\$110.00
Praxair Distribution Inc.	\$103.88
Printing Systems Inc.	\$174.93
Range Office Supply	\$123.15
Range Paper	\$596.01
Red Top Construction, LLC	\$588.00
Rick's Bobcat Services	\$950.00
RMB Environmental Laboratories	\$945.00
Rudy's Bar & Grill	\$160.70
Scott's Underground Sound	\$1,234.81
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Seppi Bros	\$1,324.23
Shred Right	\$15.00
Speedee Delivery Service, Inc	\$26.07

St.Louis County Auditor	\$13,522.50
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	\$25.00
The Control Company	\$480.00
Tomahawk Ford Inc.	\$13,767.02
U.S. Postal Service	\$250.00
U.S. Treasury	\$14.56
Utility Systems of America, Inc.	\$3,125.37
Verizon	\$14.99
Verizon Wireless	\$35.01
Vreeland, Chris	\$201.18
Wes LaValley	\$92.38

MOVING PERMITS
NONE

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT
NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to not seek renewal of membership for Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, due to budgetary constraints. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Lakso to approve the cemetery turn lane project and easement. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Cromley and supported by Worshek to receive and file following correspondence: Bruce Cluckman, Mediacom – Notice of Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action Obligations; Theresa Sunde, Mediacom – Notice of rate adjustments beginning September 1, 2018; East Range Private Forest Management Stakeholder’s Group - Healthy Forests, Healthy Habitats Workshop; Karen Zeisler, St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department – Proposed Sale of State Tax Forfeited Land. MOTION CARRIED

TRAVEL AND TRAINING REQUESTS

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to approve training / travel for Karin, Becky, Hillary, Kim, Kent, and Russ. MOTION CARRIED

APPEARANCES
NONE

REPORT FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Paula Chapman, Library Director –

Sharon Gresley began working at the library on Monday, August 28. Her previous library experience, as well as her work with early childhood education, are definite assets, and she’s making an excellent start at learning our policies and procedures, as well as our collections and our patrons.

This month, on Friday, September 14, at 1:00 pm, a member of the 3-2-1 Art Studio will visit the Aurora Public Library to present “Arthur Zar’s Amazing Zebras.” During the first half of the program, the author and illustrator will share her book, and the story of how she came to publish it. During the second part of the program, those who attend will have a chance to get hands-on! Amy will help everyone draw, and then paint, their own amazing zebra.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

No questions or concerns about submitted comments.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

East Range Joint Powers Board – July 24, 2018 Minutes; Aurora Volunteer Fire Department – August 8, 2018; Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority – May 22, 2018 & July 17, 2018; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – August 28, 2018 Minutes. **Motion to receive and file the reports by Lislegard, seconded by Lakso. MOTION CARRIED**

Zoning Permits: Thomas Sherek. **Motion to approve by Cromley, seconded by Worshek. MOTION CARRIED**

Residential Improvement Permits: Kristin Johnson, Ed Strukel, Robert & Patricia Melser, Glenn Paavola, John Greenlee & Sandra Tardiff, Vince Lacer. **Motion to approve by Gregor, supported by Worshek. MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Worshek would like to remind everyone as summer winds down to watch for busses and students. The mowing looked great all summer, Public Works had a good summer crew.

Councilor Gregor said he has reached out to the state on the joint powers agreement for the joint water project; the City will be looking for an owner's representative and has received some RFPs and firms with experience.

Councilor Cromley reports the Fire Department is fully loaded for Pumpkifest and encourages everyone to decorate poles. Engine No. 1 is getting repaired, and should be back in service in the next couple weeks. He would like to remind everyone to slow down for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Councilor Lakso was approached by a citizen about access to the north side of St. James Pit – the City has discussed putting a gate in previously, but has also repaired the holes in the fence.

REPORT FROM MAYOR
NONE

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Butch Ceglar –

He stated he had spoken with the County inspector years ago, whom stated he wouldn't like anyone to access St. James Pit on the north side.

Butch requests the City put trash cans in the cemetery for removal of planters.

Rudy Ceglar –

Requested a status update of the railroad crossing repair. COUNCIL: Repair is set to happen this year.

Dan Lubahn –

He had questions in regards to the letter submitted as community comment 13.6.

Can heavy equipment park in a residential driveway? COUNCIL: Yes, heavy equipment can park on private property.

Can houses be rented to anyone? COUNCIL: Yes, there is currently no rental ordinance in Aurora.

The City Attorney will look at what other cities do about diesel vehicles running for prolonged periods and restrictions on the size of vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS
NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Cromley and supported by Gregor to approve Resolution 2018-25 – Authorizing the vacation of a part of Railroad Avenue West, effective upon completion by the City of Aurora of the road from N. 1st St. W. to Anthony Ceglar’s property. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to approve Resolution 2018-26— Authorizing to accept conveyance of real estate from ISD 2711 Mesabi East. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lakso and supported by Worshek to approve Resolution 2018-27 – Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate and Acceptance of Dedication of Roadway Easement, effective upon conveyance of football field property by ISD 2711 to the City of Aurora. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Gregor to accept easement from ISD 2711 for recreational trail upon receipt of easement document by ISD 2711. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to approve lease of ball fields to ISD 2711, effective upon conveyance of football field property by ISD 2711 to the City of Aurora. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to approve Ordinance Number 84 – Amending Chapter 30: Council. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to approve Resolution 2018-28 Adopting Lien for Unpaid Delinquent Utility Charges. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to write off utility account numbers 119, 40.01, 808.03. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to conditionally approve payment to Hoover construction for 50% of submitted invoices once the funds are received by the City of Aurora from IRRRB. MOTION CARRIED, with Mayor Lislegard abstaining from vote.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to have a committee consisting of Public Works Director Thuringer, Clerk Lammi, and Councilor Cromley meet with Biwabik for discussion of the Biwabik Water Contract. MOTION CARRIED

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Council agreed to hear from several additional members of the public.

ISD 2711 Mesabi East Schools –

Mike Beach and Gregg Allen gave an update on the school renovations and athletics complex.

Butch Ceglar –

What is St. James Pit water level? PW: It is down 11 inches; we will continue pumping over the winter to keep it down.

AED classes by the medical officer? COUNCIL: The medical officer is working on setting AED classes up.

Corky Hayden –

He has purchased a parcel by the water tower / Family Dollar and is interested in purchasing three or four more. Has questions on road access to the parcels. COUNCIL: There is a road on the back side of the properties which currently goes to the City Public Works garage, but additional information will need to be gathered on access specific to those properties.

He would also like to purchase the lot next to Family Dollar and request it be re-zoned to a commercial lot. COUNCIL: Advised he attends the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; they will request a business plan, etc. prior to re-zoning.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

David Lislegard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Lammi, City Clerk