

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Wayne Thuringer, Public Works Director; Tim Kauppi, City Clerk-Treasurer; Mike Kearney, City Attorney; Paula Chapman, Librarian

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hess at 5:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to approve the following minutes as presented: Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting held on September 5, 2017; Special City of Aurora Council Meeting held on September 25, 2017. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve the receipts for September 2017 in the amount of \$111,386.82 as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lakso to approve the disbursements for September 2017 in the amount of \$137,766.30 and Payroll in the amount of \$75,278.08. MOTION CARRIED

ADVANCED OPTICAL	375.57	EAST RANGE SHOPPER	150.69
AMERICAN BANK 6005	50.00	FARONICS TECHNOLOGIES USA INC.	63.00
AMERICAN BANK 8217	107.37	FIRE SAFETY USA, INC.	702.50
AMERICAN BANK 8977	93.32	FRONTIER	1,090.53
AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH	897.44	GALE	25.59
AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH	53.75	GORNICKS NUISANCE WILDLIFE CO	1,950.00
APG MEDIA OF MN	18.75	GUARDIAN PEST SOLUTIONS INC.	105.00
AT & T MOBILITY	281.79	HAWKINS INC.	3,259.26
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	521.73	HENRY'S WATERWORKS, INC.	2,826.56
BRADACH LUMBER	438.03	JIM GENTINLIN	393.64
C & C WINGER, INC.	2,969.00	JPJ ENGINEERING, INC.	3,317.50
CARQUEST AURORA	196.69	JWC ENVIRONMENTAL	12,802.00
CHRIS VREELAND	201.18	K & K CLEANING	755.00
CHRISTENSEN PARTS SERVICE INC	16.32	KIM ZINSKI	289.92
CITY OF HOYT LAKES	1,250.00	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	427.04
CLIMATE AIR, INC.	298.50	LMCIT	250.00
COLDSRING MEMORIAL	229.00	MAIL FINANCE	204.75
COLOSIMO, PATCHIN, KEARNEY	470.00	MESABI MASONRY	14,895.00
CULLIGAN OF NORTHEAST MINNESOT	76.50	MESABI SIGN COMPANY, INC.	3,392.54
DISNEY EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTIONS	84.87	METRO SALES	346.30
DYNAMIC GARAGE DOOR	3,075.00	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	773.16
EAST RANGE POLICE DEPT	30,149.80	MINNESOTA POWER	8,836.05

MINNESOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS	349.80	SHRED RIGHT	15.00
MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	55.00	pSKUBIC BROS. INTERNATIONAL	45.49
NORTHERN STATE BANK	6,250.23	SYNCHRONY BANK AMAZON	87.48
NORTHLAND MONUMENTS	1,080.00	THE CONTROL COMPANY	480.00
PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, INC.	1,063.50	TITAN MACHINERY	264.86
PONTEM SOFTWARE BY RIA	956.00	TOMAHAWK FORD	13,176.73
PORTABLE JOHN	446.25	TOWN OF WHITE	2,406.39
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC. - 40	105.01	U. S. POSTAL SERVICE	250.00
PRINTING SYSTEMS INC.	687.62	U.S. POSTMASTER 1	375.16
RANGE OFFICE SUPPLY	706.12	USA BLUE BOOK	1,534.90
RANGE PAPER	136.19	VERIZON	15.21
RED TOP CONSTRUCTION LLC	510.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	27.11
ROGERS ONLINE	4,938.00	VIVID DESIGN	105.00
ROYAL TIRE, INC.	2,362.24	WM RECYCLE AMERICA	165.54
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	13.40	ZIEGLER INC.	358.43
SERVICE SOLUTIONS INC	89.00		

MOVING PERMITS
NONE

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT
NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to receive and file the following correspondence: Mediacom regarding notification of Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Obligations; Celebrate Aurora Team for donation to make the 4th of July a huge success; Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training invitation to attend the 2nd Annual Construct Tomorrow Event on October 10, 2017 at the Range Recreation Civic Center in Eveleth; Agreement between Northern Pines Medical Center and the City of Aurora to Provide Health Care Services to Low Income Individuals. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to approve the mayor to sign and return the Agreement between Northern Pines Medical Center and the City of Aurora to Provide Health Care Services to Low Income Individuals. MOTION CARRIED

TRAVEL AND TRAINING REQUESTS
NONE

PUBLIC FORUM

Bobby Jo Minehine and Ashley Berquist from Celebrate Aurora appeared to promote community events surrounding PumpkinFest on October 14th. Events include a light pole decorating contest, a 5K race along with a kid's race called the Linus Loop, a coloring contest, and a cake walk. They also promoted a pasty feed that will occur on October 30th with pre-orders for frozen pasties going on through October 24th.

REPORT FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Paula Chapman informed the city council that the Library Board received strong applications for the position of Assistant Librarian. The Hiring Committee conducted four interviews earlier today, and the full Library Board will meet next week to consider and act on the committee's recommendation.

The Aurora Friends of the Library will hold their Fall Book, Media, and Bake Sale at the library, during regular library hours, on Thursday, October 19; Friday, October 20; and Monday, October 23. The sale will feature hundreds of hardback and paperback books, as well as magazines, movies, and a few audio books and music CD's. All items will be priced by donation. Additionally, the Friends are offering a book sale only special deal on their new library book bags. Regularly priced at \$20, you can buy a bag for \$15 AND fill it once for free, during the Fall book sale only. All funds raised at the sale are used to supplement library services. If anyone would like to donate materials for the sale, we ask that you please talk to staff about what items we are currently accepting.

Last month's Legacy Fund programs were excellent, and we have another one coming up this month. On Wednesday, October 25, Johnna Morrow and Steve Sklar will share the music and culture of Australia with a program called "Didgeridoo: Musical Trees From Down Under." The Aurora Public Library is partnering with Carefree Living for this program. The program will be held onsite at Carefree Living, Aurora, so residents and staff may easily attend, and Carefree Living will provide additional seating so more community members may attend as well. This program is funded in large part by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Finally, the Aurora Library Board and the Aurora Friends of the Library plan to host an Open House in honor of Assistant Librarian Bonnie Harma on Tuesday, October 31st, from 4:00-6:00 pm which will be Bonnie's final day of work at the Aurora Public Library.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Moved by Cromley and supported by Worshek to receive and file the following reports from Boards and Commissions: East Range Joint Powers Board – August 22, 2017 Minutes; Special East Range Joint Powers Board – August 31, 2017 Minutes; East Range Public Safety Board, August 1, 2017 Minutes; Aurora Volunteer Fire Department; September 13, 2017 Minutes; Library Board-September 26, 2017 Minutes; Animal Control Officer – September 2017 Monthly Report; Ambulance Report – August 2017; Range Association of Municipalities and Schools – June 22, 2017 Minutes; Planning & Zoning – September 12, 2017 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lakso and supported by Cromley to approve the Zoning Permit for: Mary Lockwood – 49 South Erie Street, Build deck on front of house. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lakso and supported by Worshek to approve the Residential Improvement Permit for: Kim Ray – 204 West 1st Avenue North, Replace roof. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lakso and supported by Cromley to approve the Commercial Improvement Permit for: Renee Padget and Dick's Headshop – 12 East 3rd Avenue North, Repair siding. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lakso and supported by Lislegard to approve the Commercial Improvement Permit for: Robert and Deborah Johnson/Forest Garden Motel – 413 South Main, Replace roof. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Worshek reported that a new police officer with the East Range Police Department has started. He also wanted to thank Bonnie Harma for her service to the library and that there will be an official send off for her on her last day which is Tuesday, October 31st from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. He also reminded the council that there will be a Park Committee meeting on Monday, October 16th at 3:30 p.m.

Councilor Lislegard wanted to remind residents that the Aurora Community Meeting will be held at the Aurora Community Center on Thursday, October 26th. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. and the presentations will start at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Lakso encouraged the community to get out and support PumpkinFest and reminded residents that calendar parking starts November 1st and runs through May 1st. He also reminded everyone to get out and vote on November 7th.

Councilor Cromley wanted to let everyone know that there will also be PumpkinFest activities at the fire hall and that there will also be a pancake feed fundraiser in the spring. He also reported that two new fire department members have joined the crew and Tony Ponto will return to his fire duties in October.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor Hess discussed the potential water project for the city and noted that Councilor Lislegard presented the water project to the House Infrastructure Committee excellently. The mayor also promoted the Health and Wellness Fair being presented by the Town of White on October 6th.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Butch Ceglar appeared to discuss the corner on Railroad Avenue and to ask the city council to keep that project on the city's priority list whether the school's referendum passes or not. He also asked if the CPR class was going to be offered by the fire department. Councilor Cromley stated the class will happen and that the city will run an ad in the East Range Shopper to get a list assembled of those residents and businesses that are interested. Mr. Ceglar also asked why the city is considering moving its source for city water from the St. James Pit to the Embarrass Pit. Councilor Lislegard briefly discussed the water project and explained that the water in St. James is really good water, but explained the pit is unstable and that the potential new location is a better fit for the city's needs.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to approve change order #1 from Utility Systems of America, Inc for the 1st Street West Improvements Project in an amount to not exceed \$4,900. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Lakso to adopt Resolution 2017-17 Communicating Northeast Minnesota Community Concerns Regarding Devastating Impacts on MPCA's Proposed Water Quality Standard to Protect Wild Rice. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to approve the request from Josh Benda to allow the use one week of vacation in 2017 in advance of accruing it in 2018. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve the change of the date and time for the November Regular Meeting and to also meet as a canvassing board to canvass the results of the 2017 General Election to Monday, November 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to schedule a Special Meeting for Monday, October 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tim Kauppi, City Clerk-Treasurer