

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018
5:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Kauppi, Aurora City Clerk/Treasurer; Mike Larson, SEH, Inc.; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering; Craig Anttila, Ed Kippley, Jodi Knaus and Jon Skelton from Town of White

A special joint meeting with the Town of White was called to order by Mayor Lislegard at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to accept the lowest responsible bid for site development for Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union from Mesabi Bituminous in the amount \$214,000. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was had with the Town of White regarding the East Mesabi Water Project. Mayor Lislegard summarized the meeting that they had with Jeff Freeman and the staff from the Public Financing Authority. He stated that the meeting went very well and was very informative. Mike Larson from SEH, Inc. gave an update and next steps on the combined project. He explained that the water project was currently ranked #11 on the project priority list (PPL) and probably would not move too much from that spot in the near future but that several of the projects ranked ahead of our project should be completed soon that would allow our project to move up on the list. Mr. Larson explained that our project is in a good spot and was currently listed on the senate bill at \$4 million dollars. He further explained that while that number can change, it is good just to get in the door as once a project is funded, it has a good chance of receiving continued funding until it is ready to be completed. Jon Skelton stated that it is important for the Town of White and City of Aurora to begin looking at attorneys who can draft the proper legal agreements and set up the proper legal structure for governance of the new water facility. Mike Larson explained that once it is learned what is happening with the bonding bill, the group will need to proceed with land acquisition and testing phases of the project. Both the Town of White and City of Aurora thanked Mr. Larson and SEH, Inc. for all of their help and that another joint meeting would be scheduled once this year's bonding decision is made.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to have Councilor Doug Gregor and the City Clerk contact Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A. about the next steps in the water project. MOTION CARRIED

Town of White adjourned their portion of the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to approve the recommendation from the Interview Committee to offer the position of Accounting Clerk to Hillary Hartleben at a starting wage of \$23.50 per hour plus standard city benefits subject to background checks, reference checks, and drug testing. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Gregor to approve a posting seeking additional applications for temporary summer labor positions and to set Monday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m. as the date and time for the temporary hiring committee to review and recommend the additional hires to the city council. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lakso and supported by Cromley to approve that the City of Aurora host the Erie Traveling Exhibit in the Aurora City Hall starting on June 6th. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to adopt Resolution 2018-16 authorizing the sale of the lot located at 109 W 2nd Avenue North. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to adopt Resolution 2018-17 authorizing the sale of the lot located at 309 W 3rd Avenue North. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to authorize the city clerk's office to invoice the City of Biwabik for water used by Biwabik water customers at the normal out of city limits rates with businesses being charged for metered water rates. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to table the discussion and any decision regarding the review and approval of an updated City Clerk/Treasurer job description until the next special meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Lakso to create a committee of the following members to identify talking points and create an agenda for meeting with Mesabi East School regarding the athletic facility project: Dave Worshek, Dave Cromley, Kent Dickinson, Tim Soular, and Tim Kauppi. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Gregor to establish a special meeting for Monday, May 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of approving the job description for a City Clerk or City Administrator and to approve the recommendations from the Hiring Committee for Temporary Employees regarding temporary summer laborer positions. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to transfer up to \$133,000 out of the utility improvement fund and into the general fund to pay for the street and storm sewer projects on 2nd Street East and South 1st Street West. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lakso and supported by Worshek to authorize JPJ Engineering to design and go out for bids for the street and drainage projects located on 2nd Street East and South 1st Street West. MOTION CARRIED

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

David Lislegard, Mayor

Tim Kauppi, City Clerk/Treasurer