

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Kauppi, Aurora City Clerk/Treasurer; Steve Scheuring; Roxi Jensen, Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union, Pete Auvinen, Kraus-Anderson; Curt Anttila, East Range Joint Powers

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

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation to approve the building permit for a new, one-level, 4,300 square foot facility for Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union to be located at 600 West 3rd Avenue North in Aurora. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to set a Special Meeting of the Aurora City Council for Thursday, June 14th at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation on the variance application submitted by Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union. MOTION CARRIED

Steve Scheuring was present to support his application for a conditional use permit to operate a snowmobile racing event in November of each year and to operate year-round the Planet X testing facility that employs numerous people in the area. Testing of snowmobiles mostly occurs throughout the winter and to a lesser extent in the summer. Testing hours are generally 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Both the racing event and the testing facility utilize a snow track that is created on land owned by Steve Scheuring in the Industrial Park and it was noted that the snowmobiles used in the racing circuit he is involved with is going from modified snowmobiles to stock snowmobiles which should cut down on the noise levels produced. Mr. Scheuring was also present to support his excavation/construction business that includes gravel work, storm runoff, an MPCA approved demolition site, and earthwork in general. Mr. Scheuring has included with his permit extensive communication with the relevant regulatory agencies that supports his activity.

Moved by Lakso and supported by Worshek to approve the application for a conditional use permit submitted by Steve Scheuring on behalf of Scheuring Speed Sports and Rock, Snow, and Fire, LLC. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was had regarding a request made by Steve Scheuring to purchase city-owned land that is connected to land that he already owns in the Industrial Park. A map was provided to the council that showed the approximate borders of what Mr. Scheuring is proposing to purchase from the city and he explained that the land that he is seeking to purchase was not suitable for building. His stated that his purpose in purchasing the land is to gain better access and control over the water pit that is used to make snow for the Scheuring Speed Sports business. The council asked if there was any plans to greatly alter the land in that spot and noted that the storm drainage from the new athletic facility at Mesabi

East School would be draining in that direction and eventually into that pit. Mr. Scheuring indicated that would be beneficial to his purpose and that he would not interfere with the school's drainage. Based on the discussion, the council agreed that it is willing to entertain the purchase request but there is some uncertainty if this land has already been surveyed or not. The council indicated that this fact should be determined first, and a survey should be brought back for their review if one has already been created. If a survey has not been done, then this request should be brought back to the council for further discussion and direction as to the next steps in the process.

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to table accepting the lowest responsible bid for infrastructure on the Lakehead Constructors construction site until the June 5th meeting. MOTION CARRIED

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

David Lislegard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tim Kauppi, City Clerk/Treasurer