

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Clerk; Wayne Thuringer, Aurora Public Works Director; Paula Chapman, Aurora Librarian; Mike Kearney, Aurora City Attorney

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Cromley and supported by Gregor to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 5. Approval of Minutes –** Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting – September 4, 2018 - Approve with corrections. Receipts - \$124,985.68.
Public Hearing – September 4, 2018
Special City of Aurora Council Meeting – September 18, 2018
- 6. Approval of Receipts –** September 2018 – \$110,586.48
- 7. Approval for Payment –** Disbursements for September 2018 -- \$247,623.72
Payroll for September 2018 -- \$80,790.77
- 8. Correspondence –** Karen Zeisler, St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department – sale of tax forfeit land, parcel numbers 100-0048-00520, 100-0048-00530, and 100-0077-00555.
- 9. Travel and Training Requests –** Hillary Hartleben – Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association Government Accounting class in Arden Hills, MN on October 23, 2018.
Jim Gentilini – American Water Works Association Northwest District Water Operator School in Detroit Lakes, MN on October 23-25, 2018.
- 12. Community Comments –** 08/10/2018 – Blight complaint on 17 S. 4th St. W.
Resolution: Public Works will mow when it is no longer raining.
09/20/2018 – Mattresses in alley behind 313 W. 3rd Ave. N.
Resolution: Mattresses have been removed.

09/26/2018 Blight and drainage complaint on W. 2nd Ave. N.

Resolution: ERPD has received the complaint and is investigating.

13. Reports from Boards and Commissions –

East Range Joint Powers Board – August 28, 2018
East Range Joint Powers Board Special Meeting – September 17, 2018
Aurora Volunteer Fire Department – September 12, 2018
Aurora Public Library Board – August 28, 2018
Aurora Public Library Board – September 25, 2018
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – September 25,

2018

Zoning Permits:

Residential Improvement Permits:

- Tyler Johnson & Desirae Johnson – 106 E. 3rd Ave. N.
 - Replace shingles and gutters.
- Steve Ceglar & Deanne Ceglar – 201 E. 4th Ave. N.
 - Replace shingles on house and garage.
- James M. Lakso – 502 N. Main St.
 - Replace shingles, 2 windows, rain gutters, & downspouts on garage.
- Rinzie Garman – 17 S. 3rd St. W.
 - Replace shingles on house.

Commercial Improvement Permits:

- Roger Johnston (East Range Shopper) – 96 N. Main St.
 - Replace shingles.

MOTION CARRIED.

American Bank of the North	\$ 439.29
American Bank of the North	\$ 12.85
American Bank of the North	\$ 50.00
American Bank of the North	\$ 107.36
American Bank of the North	\$ 241.32
American Bank of the North	\$ 20.40
American Bank of the North	\$ 392.01
American Bank of the North	\$ 102.00
APG Media of MN	\$ 477.65
Arrowhead Library System	\$ 71.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 217.36
Aurora's Firefighter Relief Association (Reissued check)	\$ 425.00
Baker & Taylor	\$ 441.71
Biss Lock	\$ 135.00
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN & Blue Plus	\$ 108.30
Bobcat Of Duluth	\$ 363.65
Bradach Lumber	\$ 51.67
CarQuest Aurora	\$ 183.16
Cintas	\$ 93.52
City of Hoyt Lakes	\$ 1,526.82
Colosimo Patchin Kearney LTD	\$ 1,577.50
Culligan of Northeast MN	\$ 76.50
Dave Cromley	\$ 244.16
East Range Joint Powers Board	\$ 3,750.00
East Range Police Department	\$ 31,422.34
East Range Shopper	\$ 233.71
Edwards Oil Company	\$ 70.68
Essentia Health	\$ 464.00
Frontier	\$ 1,000.58
Gale	\$ 151.77
Gopher Sate One Call	\$ 28.35
Guardian Pest Solutions	\$ 35.00
Hawkins Inc.	\$ 694.16
J.P. Cooke Company	\$ 112.51
Jeremy Tynjala (Reissued check)	\$ 15.77
JPJ Engineering Inc	\$ 1,291.68
K&K Cleaning	\$ 495.00
Kristopher Dickinson (Reissued check)	\$ 83.77

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L&L Rentals, LLC	\$ 1,342.95
Lakehead Constructors	\$ 99,827.00
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League of MN Cities	\$ 45.00
Life Security & Control	\$ 160.00
MacQueen Emergency Group	\$ 11,782.48
MailFinance	\$ 217.80
Menards Virginia	\$ 39.99
Metro Sales	\$ 379.65
Minnesota Energy	\$ 850.31
Minnesota Power	\$ 9,020.62
Minnesota Pump Works	\$ 12,956.19
Minnesota Telecommunications	\$ 349.80
MN Association of Cemeteries	\$ 225.00
MN Pollution Control Agency	\$ 390.00
National Pen Company, LLC	\$ 312.10
Northern State Bank	\$ 6,250.24
OSI Environmental Inc.	\$ 100.00
Pontem Software	\$ 956.00
Portable John	\$ 170.00
Praxair Distribution Inc.	\$ 107.34
Range Office Supply	\$ 213.57
Range Paper	\$ 264.59
RMB Environmental Laboratories	\$ 1,351.00
Russell Weisser	\$ 100.00
Service Solutions, Inc.	\$ 178.00
Sherwin Williams Company	\$ 104.45
Shred Right	\$ 15.00
Skubic Brothers International	\$ 69.72
Sportsman's Connection	\$ 31.58
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	\$ 93.83
Takin, Will	\$ 25.00
The Control Company	\$ 480.00
Tomahawk Ford Inc.	\$ 13,115.29
Tony Ponto (Reissued check)	\$ 23.65
Town of White	\$ 5,362.43
U.S. Postal Service	\$ 250.00
U.S. Treasury	\$ 728.54

United Truck Body Company Inc	\$ 36.00
US Post Office	\$ 312.52
USA Blue Book	\$ 362.99
Verizon	\$ 14.99

Verizon Wireless	\$ 35.01
Vivid Design	\$ 175.00
Vreeland, Chris	\$ 201.18
WM Recycling	\$ 139.59

APPEARANCES / PUBLIC FORUM

Corky Hayden –

Purchased lots around Family Dollar; they were listed as residential on the sale, the City Planning and Zoning stated they were residential, but there was confusion as to if they were residential or commercial. Councilor Lakso stated the lots were zoned residential. Corky also asked about making the lot next to Family Dollar commercial, and he understands that is a question for the Planning and Zoning Committee. He requested to use the materials at the City Garage to make a gravel road; also asked about connecting utilities.

Moved by Lislegard supported by Worshek to have Councilors Lakso and Cromley, along with Public Works Director Thuringer, meet with Corky Hayden to address the questions he has about the properties he has purchased. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Library – Paula Chapman

On Saturday, October 13, the Aurora Public Library will host the Pumpkin Fest Quilt Show at the Library. There will be no library services on that day, but I invite you to come enjoy local talent. The Aurora Friends of the Library will hold their Fall Book, Media, and Bake Fundraiser at the library on Thursday, October 18; Friday, October 19; and Monday, October 22 during regular library hours. There will be hardback and paperback books, movies, and magazines, as well as some audiobooks and music CD's for all ages--all available by donation. There will be baked goods on the first day as well. The Friends are also offering a special during the event—get a new library bag for \$15 and fill it for free!

On Friday, October 26 at 10:30 am, the library will host a program of acoustic music performed by duo Curtis and Loretta. Entitled "When There's Good To Be Done," their original songs share the stories of some of Minnesota's previously unsung heroes. This program is provided through Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Finally, the library currently has a pair of free tickets to the Cloquet County Seat Theater Company's production of "Sweet." Show dates are September 29-30 and October 3-7 at 7:00 pm. Sweet is centered around three generations of the Carter family, headed by former boxing champ "Sweet" Clemmet Carter. When an enthusiastic sports writer enters their life asking to write a book about Clemmet's boxing days, he discovers that some family secrets are better left buried. These tickets are also made available through Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Spruce Up Aurora – Jan Moore

The growing season is about over – we will clean up and wait for spring.

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Worshek –

He was at the recycle center and there were some individuals who put household trash in to the City dumpster. Is this a fairly regular occurrence? Wayne stated it was; there are cameras in the area that could identify the individuals, as well. Councilor Worshek would like to remind everyone the City dumpsters are not for household trash. He was glad to see the railroad crossing is getting done; it should be completed around October 17th. Councilor Worshek also had questions about the lot in the trailer court the City had purchased previously – the City will need to make a decision on what is done with the lot. He would also like to remind everyone to get out and enjoy Pumpkin Fest on October 13th.

Councilor Gregor –

Pumpkin Fest is looking for volunteers – please contact Celebrate Aurora if you are interested in volunteer. Councilor Gregor also provided information on a possible community garden – there is an Essentia Health Grant in conjunction with the school that may be able to begin a community garden in the City. He would also like to mention the Volunteer Recognition event on October 25th.

Councilor Cromley –

Reminder Pumpkin Fest is approaching; there will be a lot of games at the fire hall, a lot of fire prevention, and pumpkins being weighed. Engine No. 1 is back from being repaired. Councilor Cromley would like to remind everyone to be understanding around the railroad construction at this time. The Fire Department responded to a gas leak at the school last week; reminder to parents to not interrupt emergency services and that no one will be allowed back into buildings prior to the leak being cleared. No one was injured. Aurora Fire Department, East Range Police Department, and the school are going to meet to update the evacuation plan.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

There is a community meeting on October 25th – 5:00 dinner, 6:00 start at the Aurora Community Center. This community meeting will be a volunteer appreciation dinner, along with the presentation of the Al Hodnik Award. The meeting will consist of a State of the City presented by the Mayor, discussion of the transition, introductions of Becky and Hillary; we have also invited the Chamber of Commerce, Carking for Kids, and Celebrate Aurora to give brief updates. This year's recipient of the Al Hodnik Award will be Rod Salo, who has been involved in the community for a long time in many aspects and for us to have the opportunity to honor him will make a truly special night. The access road near the school has been delayed due to weather. Mayor Lislegard said the persistence that members of our community have shown to bear fruit in regards to the railroad crossing.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to approve Benchmark as engineer for Cemetery Turn Lane Project. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lakso to adopt Resolution 2018-31 Adopting Mailbox Damage Policy. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to approve Celebrate Aurora closure of streets for the Pumpkin Fest 5K and Linus Loop from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on 10/13/2018. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to appoint Councilor Cromley, Public Works Director Thuringer, and Clerk Lammi to determine a route for Strawberry Fields Horse-Drawn Rides for Pumpkin Fest on 10/13/2018. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to approve Civic Systems contract, contingent on the update of the 3rd payment to January 2021 under number 26 and the change to State of Minnesota under number 11. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Cromley and supported by Lislegard to approve CW Technology Care Management Proposal. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lakso to write off the following Utility accounts: Acct No 125 in the amount of \$40.45; Acct No 990164 in the amount of \$170.91; Acct No 653.07 in the amount of \$110.71. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to approve League of Minnesota Cities dues in the amount of \$1,893.00. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve Northeast Service Cooperative Insurance Renewal. MOTION CARREID.

Moved by Lakso and supported by Cromley to set the date for a Special Meeting with the Town of White on the joint water project for Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., with an alternate as Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the City/Town Government Center

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

David Lislegard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Lammi, City Clerk