

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 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 Gregor and supported by Worshek to remove items 12.5 and 13.7 from consent agenda for discussion. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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| <b>5. Approval of Minutes –</b>  | Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting – October 2, 2018<br>Approve with corrections. Receipts \$110,586.48. Payroll \$80,790.77<br>Special City of Aurora Council Meeting – October 16, 2018   |
| <b>6. Approval of Receipts –</b> | October 2018 – \$129,516.76   |
| <b>7. Approval for Payment –</b> | Disbursements for October 2018 – \$304,618.53<br>Payroll for October 2018 – \$78,893.31   |
| <b>8. Correspondence –</b>       | Derek Harbin, St. Louis County Safety & Risk Management – Notice to Fence Mining Property.<br>Mary Anderson, St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Community Development – Notice of Public Hearing for St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft.<br>Thomas Larsen, Mediacom – Notice of Possible Bid for Lake Connections.<br>Fram Buxton, Yellowbook – Notice of Delivery of Yellowbook phone books.<br>Pam Sarvela, Minnesota Energy Resources – Notice of Community Partnership. |
| <b>12. Community Comments –</b>  | 08/10/2018 – Blight complaint on 17 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> St. W.<br><u>Resolution:</u> Blight concerns have been resolved for the summer.<br>09/26/2018 Blight and drainage complaint on W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.<br><u>Resolution:</u> ERPD has received the complaint and is investigating.  |

10/03/2018 – Request to trim brush at S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. W. and Main.  
Resolution: Public Works could not find brush at intersection.

10/05/2018 – Maple tree at 23 Central Ave.

Resolution: The maple tree is not a city owned tree.

11/01/2018 – Abandoned vehicle at 310 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.

Resolution: ERPD has resolved the abandon vehicle issue.

11/06/2018 – Reflectors on road – 430 Railroad Ave.

Resolution: Public Works has received the complaint and is investigating.

### 13. Reports from Boards and Commissions –

Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority – September 18,  
2018

East Range Joint Powers Board – September 25, 2018

Range Association of Municipalities and Schools – September  
27, 2018

Aurora Volunteer Fire Department – October 10, 2018

East Range Public Safety Board – October 15, 2018

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – October 23, 2018

A. Zoning Permits:

1. Tyler Schultz – 22 S. Erie St.
  - Install 6' fence in back yard.
2. James & Karla Grizzard – 404 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W.
  - Install 6' privacy fence.

B. Residential Improvement Permits:

1. Dean & Heidi Weiberg – 45 S. Erie St.
  - Replace shingles.
2. Peter Boorman – 110 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.
  - Replace siding and shingles on garage.
3. Scott & Sunday Young – 207 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. E.
  - Replace shingles on house and garage. .
4. Angela Bealka – 100 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. W.
  - Replace shingles.

Aurora Public Library Board – October 30, 2018

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC.	\$ 633.00
ALLIED GENERATORS	\$ 1,267.89
AMERICAN BANK 4709	\$ 59.11
AMERICAN BANK 6005	\$ 720.33
AMERICAN BANK 8977	\$ 657.72
AMERICAN BANK 9587	\$ 287.44
AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH	\$ 1,426.17
AMERICHEM	\$ 1,220.50
AMPTEK INC.	\$ 444.45
APG MEDIA OF MN	\$ 102.85
AT & T MOBILITY	\$ 223.74
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	\$ 428.53
BG AUTOMOTIVE INC	\$ 24.95
BISS LOCK INC.	\$ 47.50
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF MN	\$ 108.30
BOBCAT OF DULUTH INC	\$ 145.68
BRADACH LUMBER	\$ 438.87
CARQUEST AURORA	\$ 382.19
CHRIS VREELAND	\$ 201.18
CINTAS	\$ 46.80
CITY OF HOYT LAKES	\$ 1,422.06
CLIMATE AIR, INC.	\$ 3,074.36
COLDSRING MEMORIAL	\$ 1,680.00
COLOSIMO, PATCHIN, KEARNEY	\$ 470.00
COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 945.00
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	\$ 3,124.69
CROMLEY, ANDREA	\$ 250.00
CULLIGAN OF NORTHEAST MINNESOT	\$ 37.75
DEMCO INC.	\$ 75.50
DISTINGUISHED TROPHY COMPANY	\$ 336.65
EAST RANGE POLICE DEPT	\$ 30.00
EAST RANGE POLICE DEPT	\$ 31,127.15
EAST RANGE SHOPPER	\$ 1,111.50
EMERGENCY RESPONSE SOLUTIONS	\$ 3,369.84
FONDIE CONTRACTING	\$ 165.00
FRONTIER	\$ 1,007.43
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$ 59.40
GUARDIAN PEST SOLUTIONS INC.	\$ 35.00

HAWKINS INC.	\$ 528.74
INCOGNITO COSTUME SHOP	\$ 137.95
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$ 198.94
IRON RANGE PLUMBING & HEATING	\$ 1,680.00
K & K CLEANING	\$ 495.00
LAKEHEAD CONSTRUCTORS	\$ 159,886.20
LEAGUE OF MN CITIES	\$ 1,923.00
LIFE SECURITY AND CONTROL	\$ 575.00
LMCIT WC	\$ 29,152.00
MENARDS - VIRGINIA	\$ 463.55
MESABI EAST SCHOOLS ISD 2711	\$ 1,344.52
METRO SALES	\$ 418.41
MICROMARKETING LLC	\$ 112.50
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	\$ 1,471.27
MINNESOTA POWER	\$ 9,065.02
MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	\$ 23.00
MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	\$ 335.00
MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	\$ 15.00
MTI DISTRIBUTING INC.	\$ 82.13
MUGGE, DOROTHY	\$ 80.00
NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$ 389.00
NORTHERN STATE BANK	\$ 6,250.24
PAPPAS MACHINE SHOP	\$ 5,137.50
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	\$ 131.00
PORTABLE JOHN	\$ 139.64
PORTABLE JOHN	\$ 107.34
PRINTING SYSTEMS INC.	\$ 176.97
RANGE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 391.69
RANGE PAPER	\$ 3,280.99
RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	\$ 1,737.00
ROGERS ONLINE	\$ 1,978.00
SEH	\$ 248.06
SERVICE SOLUTIONS INC	\$ 89.00
SHRED RIGHT	\$ 15.00
SKUBIC BROS. INTERNATIONAL	\$ 727.95
SYNCHRONY BANK AMAZON	\$ 136.63
THE CONTROL COMPANY	\$ 855.80

TOMAHAWK FORD	\$ 13,589.66
TOWN OF WHITE	\$ 2,396.47
U. S. POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 250.00
U.S. POSTMASTER 1	\$ 311.57
USA BLUE BOOK	\$ 148.81

VERIZON	\$ 15.21
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 35.01
VIVID DESIGN	\$ 379.50
ZIEGLER INC.	\$ 524.73

#### APPEARANCES / PUBLIC FORUM

Tom –

Tom spoke about the underpass on Highway 135N; he’s requesting City of Aurora Council support for an all-terrain vehicle underpass. He also spoke about the possibility of a campground and need for participation in the Trails Taskforce.

**Motion by Gregor and supported by Worshek directing Clerk Lammi to prepare a resolution of support for an underpass on Highway 135N for the next regular council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### REPORT FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Library – Paula Chapman

Our active October went well, and November is moving along with lots of activity as well.

This Friday, November 16, at 10:30 am, the Aurora Public Library will be hosting a hands-on art workshop where participants can make a hand-stamped cuff bracelet. Because this is hands-on, there is a limit of 20 participants, and the presenter has limited it to age 15 and up. Anyone interested can sign up at the library to reserve a spot, or put their name on a waiting list. Those who aren’t sure if they can come are welcome to just show up; we will fill any remaining openings in the order of arrival. This program is funded through Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

Next week, on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 12:30, the library will hold a social story time in partnership with the Mesabi East Early Childhood Coalition. The theme is “Let’s Be Friends.” The Coalition is providing a light lunch, and each family who participates will receive a free book. The Coalition is also providing a special gift basket drawing for any family and friend caregivers who bring children they care for.

This month is moving along quickly! Looking ahead to next month, the library is partnering with Carefree Living for a Holiday Memories concert with songwriter/singer Zachary Scot Johnson. The concert will be held at Carefree Living on Wednesday, December 5, at 6:00 pm, and is open to all. This event is also funded through Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Our Aurora Friends of the Library are planning a Christmas Tea and Minnesota Author Book Fair on the following day—Thursday, December 6—from 3:00-6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for our community to purchase personally autographed books from a variety of authors from Aurora, the Arrowhead region, and slightly beyond. To date, we are expecting around a dozen authors.

The library will wrap up that first full week of December with drop-in make-and-take crafts for children on Friday, December 7, from 2:30-4:00 pm. Children will be able to make a candy candy cane, a reindeer gift bag, and a couple of Christmas cards to share with family and friends. Young children must be accompanied, and assisted by, a teen or adult.

Public Works – Wayne Thuringer

The road by Ceglar's is complete. There are 6 street lights on Railroad Avenue in the now-vacated portion. He requests the council looks at decommissioning some, and possibly move one to the new road. DNR has monitoring equipment on St. James Pit, and SEH has their pilot study trailer on Lake Mine Pit over the next two weeks. He encourages members of the council to stop at the pilot study trailer to get a tour.

Police Chief – Tim Soular

Football season is over, and he thanks the mayor and council for allowing him to miss to attend his boys' games. The railroad crossing is complete, despite being 21 days instead of the contracted 10. He has followed up with a blight complaint; the property owner claims the property has been cleaned up, however Chief Soular disagrees. Attorney Kearney will prosecute the property owner criminally. There have been several questions of a deer-hunt within the City, and it could be handled two ways; either a DNR sponsored hunt or requesting archery permits be extended in to City limits. It is easier for the City to do an in-town archery hunt. Chief Soular will meet with the DNR as a courtesy prior to implementing a hunt.

City Clerk – Becky Lammi

New computers will be installed on Thursday, and training for the new accounting software will take place in December. Please be patient with the office staff during this time of transition.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

12.5 10/30/2018 – Lighting in Pine Grove Park.

Resolution: There is a safety hazard from exposed wires underground; the lighting system has been shut down, as it requires complete replacement. Issue has been presented to Council, resolution pends Council action.

Discussion was had about the lighting situation in Pine Grove Park. Wayne recommends contacting Minnesota Power to see if they would have anyone who could design a plan and complete estimates.

**Motion by Worshek and supported by Cromley to direct Clerk Lammi to contact Minnesota Power for estimates. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

13.7 Aurora Cemetery Board – October 24, 2018

Discussion was had about the purchase of a new columbarium. Purchase will be required in 2019 or 2020 as there are only 28 niches left.

#### REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Worshek –

Congratulations to Mayor Lislegard on winning his election. Also, congratulations to the Mesabi East Football, cross-country, and swimming teams. Councilor Worshek has concerns about people living in a camper; he is requesting an ordinance is developed to prevent long-term residence in town.

Councilor Gregor –

Congratulations to Mesabi East Swim Team. He attended a meeting with Iron Range Solar Co-op, which offers an opportunity for homeowners. The group evaluates and identifies solar opportunities, and also collectively bids contractors and supplies at no cost to the homeowner.

Councilor Lakso –

Lake County Board of Commissioners has opted to sell Lake Connections; nobody was ever actually hooked up. There are 4 bids on file (one company that has business in town, Mediacom, is bidding). If Mediacom wins, they will be the only cable provider in Aurora. Requests this item is placed on future agendas to keep track of.

Councilor Cromley –

Congratulations to Mayor Lislegard on his win. Reminder to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Requests Clerk Lammi and Public Works Director Thuringer to contact St. Louis County on putting up crosswalk signs on street poles.

#### REPORT FROM MAYOR

Thank you for the support. It has been a long 7 months, and he has learned a lot. The City is in a period of transition, and it will continue moving forward. He will have transition over the next two months, and remains very committed to the City of Aurora. Mayor Lislegard will resign after January 1, 2019.

#### OLD BUSINESS

An update was requested on the Water Study and WTP project small group. Clerk Lammi will submit notes of the meeting to the councilors.

Dates for the Northspan meeting will be discussed at the Special Council Meeting on Thursday.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Moved by Gregor and supported by Cromley to approve the CDBG Final Application for the Cemetery Turn Lane / South Aurora Water Main Improvement Project. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Lakso and supported by Worshek to approve Change Order No. 1 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East / 1<sup>st</sup> Street West Infrastructure Project. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Gregor to approve the updated chart of accounts, transfer of funds for new chart of accounts, and for the Clerk's Office to complete necessary restructuring and changes for the new accounting software. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to table the Community Center application and rules updates for requested changes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Gregor to adopt Resolution 2018-32 Iron Range Broadband Resolution, proposed by RAMS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to approve Walker, Giroux, & Hahne, LLC FY 2018 audit contract. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Lakso to direct Chief Soular and Chief Cromley to compile proposals for severe weather alert system only. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Gregor and supported by Worshek to accept MNDOT offer of payment for Drainage Easement on Highway 135 and 100. MOTION CARRIED.**

No action taken on request for donation to Mesabi East Elementary PTO.

Next Special Meeting: November 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the City/Town Government Center  
Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the City/Town Government Center

**Moved by Cromley and supported by Worshek to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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David Lislegard, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Becky Lammi, City Clerk