

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council
City/Town Government Center
Tuesday, July 2, 2019
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor, Councilors Worshek, Cromley, Jofs, and Lakso

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Administrator; Mike Kearney, Aurora City Attorney; Wayne Thuringer, Aurora Public Works Director

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gregor at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Cromley and supported by Worshek to remove consent agenda item 8.4 Celebrate Aurora and approve the remaining consent agenda items:

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| 5. Approval of Minutes – | Regular City of Aurora Council Meeting – June 4, 2019
Working Session of City of Aurora – June 18, 2019
Special City of Aurora Council Joint Meeting – June 25, 2019 |
| 6. Approval of Receipts – | June 2019 – \$214,182.55 |
| 7. Approval for Payment – | Disbursements for June 2019 – \$452,733.21
Payroll for June 2019 – \$69,431.16 |
| 8. Correspondence – | Anchor of Hope – Thank you card.
Minnesota State Demographic Center – population and household estimate.
League of MN Cities – Maximum increase of 3% in annual dues.
Minnesota Association of Small Cities – Request to join.
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Notice requirements for application of herbicides and pesticides.
Minnesota Power – Notice of rate change.
Old Republic Surety Company – Notice of bond cancellation. |
| 9. Travel and Training Requests – | Josh Benda – 07/25/2019, Special Engineer Boiler License exam in Duluth, MN. |
| 12. Community Comments – | 05/20/2019 – Trucks entering town using engine brakes.
<u>Resolution:</u> East Range Police Department has received the complaint and is investigating.
05/29/2019 – Blight concerns on 200 block of W 2 nd Ave N.
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05/30/2019 – Trucks entering town using engine brakes. |

Resolution: East Range Police Department has received the complaint and is investigating.

06/06/2019 – Conditions of the roads in the Cemetery

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

06/07/2019 – Blight concerns on W 1st Ave N.

Resolution: East Range Police Department has received the complaint and is investigating.

06/09/2019 – Blight concerns on 222 W 2nd Ave N.

Resolution: East Range Police Department has received the complaint and is investigating.

06/10/2019 – Dead tree on boulevard on N 3rd St W.

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

06/19/2019 – Potholes on 2nd St E.

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

06/21/2019 – Blight concerns on 209 S 3rd St W.

Resolution: East Range Police Department has received the complaint and is investigating.

06/21/2019 – Blight concerns on 209 S 3rd St W.

Resolution: East Range Police Department has received the complaint and is investigating.

06/26/2019 – Blight concerns on 17 E 2nd Ave N.

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

13. Reports from Boards and Commissions –

RAMS – April 25, 2019

East Range Joint Powers Board – May 28, 2019

Aurora Volunteer Fire Department – June 12, 2019

Tri-City Ambulance Hiring Committee – June 27, 2019

Planning and Zoning Commission – June 25, 2019

Zoning Permit

- Joe Hill – 5632 Lane 55
 - Construct a lean-to addition to existing pole building.

Residential Improvement Permits

- Brian Blaisdell – 705 Maple Drive
 - Replace windows and siding
- Anthony Ceglar – 430 West 7th Avenue North
 - Replace shingles on roof and repair chimney

Motion carried unanimously.

AMPTEK INC.	935.20
APG MEDIA OF MN	313.89
AT&T MOBILITY	259.95
AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT	264.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	443.81
BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.	4,480.00
BISS LOCK INC.	90.00
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF MN	118.70
BRADACH LUMBER	283.78
CARQUEST AURORA	165.87
CHARLES P. COSSETTE	625.00
CHRIS VREELAND	201.18
CHRISTENSEN PARTS SERVICE INC	51.16
CINTAS	38.88
CITY OF HOYT LAKES	380.10
COLDSRING	8,231.50
COLOSIMO, PATCHIN, KEARNEY	520.00
CORE & MAIN LP	1,587.39
CULLIGAN OF NORTHEAST MINNESOT	39.00
CW TECHNOLOGY	4,334.28
DEBORAH J MAKI	70.29
DOROTHY MUGGE	80.00
EAST RANGE POLICE DEPT	33,446.08
EAST RANGE SHOPPER	533.33
EDWARDS OIL	158.48
FRONTIER	866.15
GRANDE ACE HARDWARE	78.96
GUARDIAN PEST SOLUTIONS INC.	35.00
HAWKINS INC.	978.36
HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	598.14
K & K CLEANING	495.00
KIM ZINSKI	374.00
KS EMBROIDERY	796.12
L & M - VIRGINIA	357.88
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	427.78

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	480.00
MAIL FINANCE	217.80
MESABI BITUMINOUS	69,743.30
METRO SALES	300.78
MICHAEL ZINSKI	374.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	124.42
MIDWEST PLAYGROUND CONTRACTORS	1,600.00
MIDWEST PLAYSAPES, INC.	37,045.57
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (MDH)	23.00
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	1,374.13
MINNESOTA POWER	8,512.69
MINNESOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS	349.80
MITEL	171.62
MN PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY	150,587.83
MN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	125.00
MTI DISTRIBUTING INC.	629.08
NANCY WOLFE	37.80
NORTHERN STATE BANK	4,538.50
OSI ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	150.00
PORTABLE JOHN	115.36
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC.	231.29
RANGE OFFICE SUPPLY	122.02
RANGE PAPER	5,101.73
RAPID ROOTER SEWER & DRAIN INC	12,795.00
RED TOP CONSTRUCTION LLC	145.00
RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	1,560.00
SHRED RIGHT	27.00
SKUBIC BROS. INTERNATIONAL	1,821.47
THE CONTROL COMPANY	1,614.10
TOMAHAWK FORD	13,908.51
U. S. POSTAL SERVICE	250.00

U.S. POSTMASTER 1	224.52
ULTIMATE BODY AND FRAME	20.00
UNITED STATES TREASURY	51.45

US BANK	75,420.00
VERIZON	15.05
VERIZON WIRELESS	35.01
ZIEGLER INC.	356.12

APPEARANCES / PUBLIC FORUM

Susie Parkhurst – Caring for the Kids

Thanks everyone for help with East End Park. There was discussion at the last meeting to paint the basketball court and put another hoop up; Caring for Kids would be willing to donate funds to complete the court. Public Works Director Thuringer will install the hoops and paint the court.

Moved by Worshek supported by Jofs to accept the donation from Caring for the Kids in the amount of \$2393.00 for the basketball hoop and court stencil for East End Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beach – RA Morton, ISD 2711 Athletic Complex

Closing in on finishing fill; final grades will complete next week. Revised schedule, but there is not a change in end date. The hope is to still play a football game on the field this year. Councilor Worshek asked about the compaction. Mr. Beach stated the final reading will be some time in the future.

Councilor Lakso asked about a hose pumping water on to 4th Avenue. Mr. Beach stated the hose was to drain a holding pond; it is temporary. There is a proposal expected to address drainage issues coming out tomorrow.

Butch Ceglar

Mr. Ceglar stated the drainage ditch crossing the former Railroad Ave. is plugged; unsure if this is school or city property. Public Works Director Thuringer stated he was unable to locate the drain; he will meet with Mike Beach of RA Morton to resolve the issue. Mr. Ceglar commended the city on the mowing job this summer.

Mayor Gregor left at 5:44 p.m. Acting Mayor Worshek presides.

REPORT FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Library – Dave Worshek

The children’s and teens’ summer reading programs are in full swing! To date, 87 children and 14 teens are signed up to participate. Many of them have been active with reading as well as, for teens, volunteering at library events this summer. The programs will run through July 19, and children and teens can sign up at any time to read and win prizes.

The library will hold 2 events for children and families this week. On Wednesday, July children, children can drop in at the library between 2:00 and 4:00 to make and take 2 small crafts. The library will close early at 5:00 on July 3. On Friday, July 5, Paul Imholt will present “Old MacDonald Had a Banjo”. That program will be held at the Aurora Community/Senior Center, at 3:30 pm. This year, the library is partnering with Carefree Living, Aurora for the Northern Lights Music Festival’s “Kids for Kids” concert. The concert will be held on Monday, July 8, at 1:00 pm at Carefree Living and children and music lovers of all ages are invited to come! There will be a children’s story time at the library on Friday, July 12, at 11:30 am, and a story club for elementary-age children on Tuesday, July 16 at 2:30 pm. Both events will feature books by Minnesota authors. The summer reading program will wrap on Friday, July 19, with a

final program. Kenny Ahern will present “To Laugh Is to Live”—a family friendly comedy program. It will be held at 1:00 at the Aurora Community/Senior Center.

The Aurora Public Library book group will meet again on July 18 at 6:00 pm. Readers of all ages are invited to come talk about what they have been reading lately and leave with a list of suggestions from others.

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Worshek –

Several retirements have happened – Kim Zinski and Chris Shuck will be missed and the City wishes them the best. Councilor Worshek will bring poles to the Public Works Garage for the disc golf course in Pine Grove Park. The property located at 209 S 3rd St W was mowed and looks good, but is wondering if it can be condemned if hazardous through civil action.

Councilor Cromley –

City crew work is looking nice – Charlie is doing a great job. East End Park looks good – thanks Caring for Kids. The Fire Department is ready for the parade, kiddy parade, and games. Be safe – crosswalks.

Councilor Lakso –

17.1 under new business – the property is located next to next to Evergreen Industries. Wishing everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Councilor Jofs –

The Joint Recreation position is coming along nicely; Director Luke provides a nice run down of the games each meeting. Happy 4th of July – have lots of fun and be safe.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Jofs supported by Worshek to approve offering the position of Administrative Assistant Intern to Lindsey Luke at \$11.00 per hour, 29 hours per week. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Jofs supported by Worshek to approve offering the position of Community Center cleaner to Roxanne Polansky at \$16.00 per hour, 4 hours per week. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken on job descriptions / policy manual updates.

Meeting date for the public listening session on the Rental Ordinance will be determined at the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Jofs supported by Worshek to approve the Zito West Franchise consent to transfer agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cromley supported by Jofs to approve payment request for 2nd St E/ 1st St W Improvement Projects in the amount of \$290.00 to Precision Testing, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lakso supported by Cromley to approve payment request for 2nd St E/ 1st St W Improvement Projects in the amount of \$13,727.07 to JPJ Engineering, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Jofs supported by Worshek to approve payment request for 2nd St E/ 1st St W Improvement Projects in the amount of \$127,449.62 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Worshek supported by Cromley to approve payment request for Aurora 2019 Watermain Relocation Project in the amount of \$94,714.05 to Utility Systems of America. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gregor returned at 6:24 p.m. Mayor Gregor presides.

Moved by Cromley supported by Jofs to adopt Resolution 2019-11 in support of a splash park in Pine Grove Park. Motion carried unanimously.

No action on pigeons.

Moved by Gregor supported by Cromley to table Resolution 2019-10 Authorizing the Vacation of part of Railroad Avenue West aka N 3rd St W. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Jofs supported by Gregor to adopt Ordinance No. 85, Repealing and Replacing Chapter 92: Animals. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Working Session: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the City/Town Government Center
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the City/Town Government Center

Moved by Jofs supported by Lakso to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Doug Gregor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Lammi, City Administrator