

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hess; Councilors Smolich, Lislegard, Worshek

**ABSENT:** Cromley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Wayne Thuringer, Director of Public Works; Tim Soular, ERPD Chief; Curt Antilla, ERJPB; Steve Scheuring, Scheuring, Scheuring Speedsports; Ed Modetz, Cemetery Board

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Acting Mayor Worshek

Steve Scheuring was present to discuss his request to purchase a portion of City Property located in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 4, Range 15, Township 58. Mr. Scheuring stated that he is looking to purchase the land in order to create a secure confidential testing area for new products and to ensure access to the water source that he uses for his snow making process. Councilor Lislegard stated that he had questions about the water use and the existence of a mine shaft in the area. Mr. Scheuring stated that he reinvests approximately \$250,000 back into his business each year and that his business is a sleeping giant that just continues to grow. Councilor Worshek asked what was the intent of the hill that was created in the back portion of the current property. Mr. Scheuring stated that Quadna Mtn. has hills so he has lost money in previous years to others going to that area. He would like to create more contour on his track.

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to authorize Mayor Hess, Administrator See-Benes, and ERJP Director Curt Antilla to proceed with land sale discussions with Mr. Scheuring for a parcel approximately 5.5 acres in size located in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 4, Range 15, Township 58. MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Hess entered the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the property at 204 North Main Street, Aurora. Estimated quotes were solicited for demolition of the building from three (3) vendors with one vendor choosing to provide an estimate.

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to offer the owner of 204 North Main Street, Aurora \$1.00 for the purchase of the building in order to demolish the structure, upon receiving verification from IRRRB that there is money available for demolition and expenses will not exceed \$500.00. MOTION CARRIED**

At the Special Council Meeting on June 23, 2015, the Council reviewed the request from Chris & Sara Pasch for the purchase of City-owned property adjacent to 212 South 6th Street East. At that meeting, the Council denied the request for the 3 acre parcel. Administrator See-Benes stated that at this time, the Pasch's are requesting a parcel large enough to construct a garage or approximately 100' x 150' in the same location.

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to deny the request from Chris & Sara Pasch for the purchase of City-owned property adjacent to 212 South 6th Street East as at this time there is no concept plan for the 40 acre parcel and it is not the desire to break up the parcel.**

**AYES: Lislegard, Smolich, Hess – 3**

**NAYS: Worshek – 1**

**ABSENT: Cromley - 1**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chief Soular discussed Blight in Aurora. He stated that he is working with the adjacent property owners to purchase the property at 17 South 4th Street West. The Trailer Court is an area of concern and the Police Department is working on cleaning up the blight. One suggestion by Chief Soular was to look at purchasing the properties that are for sale in order to clean up the area for new home construction. He reminded everyone to take a look at their own property before they started to request others to clean their property.

Administrator See-Benes stated that the Cemetery Board has completed the first phase of the North Expansion of the Cemetery and is now ready to put the lots in Block 1 up for sale. The Cemetery Board is requesting that the lots be sold in sequential order. Discussion was held on the advantage of sequential sale such as the lots would be sold in an order that would allow for greater ease of access by City Crews and the disadvantage of sequential sale is that purchasers may not like the restrictions and we cannot predict the order of burials.

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to allow the City Clerk's Office to proceed with the sale of lots of Block 32, in an open sale of all lots. MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion ensued on the potential purchase of property near the cemetery. The dilapidated garage at the commercial structure on Central Avenue and Main Street was discussed. The former MN Power building on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West was discussed.

Mr. Scheuring stated that the City should consider creating the worlds largest snowman for the Guinness Book of Records. He offered assistance of his equipment if the City would donate the space and the water.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer