MINUTES
CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
AURORA CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015
5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Karin Krueger, Deputy Clerk; Wayne Thuringer, Public Works Director; Mike Kearney, City Attorney; Heather Schendel, ERPD Sergeant

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve the following minutes, as presented: Regular Meeting-May 5, 2015, Special Assessment Hearing – May 5, 2015, and Special Council Meeting – May 19, 2015. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSMENTS

Moved by Worshek and supported by Smolich to approve the receipts for May 2015 in the amount of $95473.49 as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Worshek to approve the following disbursements for May 2015 in the amount of $148,971.03 and Payroll in the amount of $68,559.06 MOTION CARRIED

MOVING PERMITS

NONE

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to receive and file the following correspondence: St Mediacom Regarding Xtream – New DVR Recording Service; Hoyt Lakes Water Carnival Committee Regarding Donation for 2015 Water Carnival; St. Louis County Environmental Services regarding 2015 Area Clean Shop Dates; St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid; MN Association of Small Cities regarding 2015-2016 Membership; MN Dept. of Health regarding US Dept. of Health and Human Services Recommendation for Fluoride in Drinking Water; League of MN Cities regarding Dues Increase for Fiscal Year 2016; Mediacom Communications Corporation Regarding Channel Line Up Change And Free Adapters; Mn Power Regarding Consolidation Of Service Centers Effective October 1, 2015; St. Louis County Planning & Zoning Regarding Zoning Ordinance No. 62; Carrie Heikkila Of Eldercircle Regarding Potential To Become A Host City For Senior Community Service Employment Program. MOTION CARRIED

TRAVEL AND TRAINING REQUEST

NONE

PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Paula Chapman reported that the summer reading programs are off to, perhaps, a slightly slower start than many years, but as of today, 49 children and 8 teens have signed up to participate. We held our first larger event this afternoon; Hans Mayer gave a lively music program for children and families. We will have a preschool story time this coming Friday morning, June 12; a school-aged craft afternoon on June 18, a school-aged story club with books and activities on June 23, and a preschool craft morning on June 26. On July 2, Climb Theater will present a play for children at the library—and there will be numerous other events for children and families in July. Some summer school classes are also scheduling library visits this summer, and we will have day care story times as well. In other news, the library currently has 10 tickets to the Ely or Hibbing performances of the Northern Lights Music Festival opera "The Merry Widow" that folks may stop by and pick up.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to receive and file the following reports from Boards and Commissions: Animal Control – May 2015 Report; East Range Joint Powers Board – April 28, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Range Public Safety Board – April 13, 2015 Minutes; Aurora Fire Department – May 2015 Minutes; Aurora Chamber of Commerce – April 21, 2015; Library Board Minutes – May 26, 2015; HRA Minutes – May 12, 2015; RAMS Board Minutes – March 26, 2015 and Minutes – April 23, 2015. MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Smolich congratulated the track team on their trip to State. He reminded everyone to watch out for kids as School is Out.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor Hess congratulated all graduates in the Class of 2015. There will be an All Class Reunion in July 2016 with the first event, a Golf Scramble to be held on June 22, 2015. Arts & Crafts will begin on Tuesday, June 16th.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Darrin Christianson stated that it has been more than 30 days since he has put in his objection for his Special Assessment. He stated he has asked three times for the copy of the certified assessment roles and the City Clerks' Office does not have them. Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer See-Benes stated that he has been given a copy of the Preliminary Assessment Roles and these are the only ones that have been produced to date.

Mayor Hess stated The City Council has committed to specially assessing only the minimum amount required by MN Statute 475.58. Because it is the City's desire to assess only the minimum amount, final assessment calculations will not be available until a later date. No assessments will be

certified to St. Louis County until after the Council has completed its process and provided the notices. Each property owner who submitted an objection will receive a notice of final assessment or final Council decision once the Council finishes its deliberations, whether the assessment amount has changed or not. All City Council discussions will take place in public and anyone is welcome to attend those meetings. If you have any questions about the Special Assessment process or proceedings, please feel free to contact our City Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS

Jennifer Osufsen was present to discuss her request for the modification to Ordinance 92.31, Keeping of Animals in order to allow Chickens in the City Limits. She stated that violations could fall under the Animal Controls jurisdiction. Those who obey the rules should not be punished by not being allowed to raise chickens, and she asked that we don't hold back the town because of the potential for issues. Duluth has issued to date only 42 permits Citywide, and she felt that the percentage in Aurora who would obtain a permit would be small. She stated that we could have very strict guidelines regarding chicken coops and concerns from other people. Mayor Hess discussed her desire for letter of support from neighbors. Osufsen stated that she is willing to be a liaison on this topic. Classes could be held, websites for information could be created, etc.

Moved by Lislegard to table the request to consider revision to Ordinance 92.31, Keeping of Animals in order to allow Chickens in the City Limits. Motion was rescinded by Councilor Lislegard.

Moved by Councilor Worshek and supported by Lislegard to come up with a plan, research more information on the Avian Flu, and create a committee consisting of Jennifer Osufsen, Dave Worshek, Dave Lislegard, Britt See-Benes and Heather Schendel to review potential ordinance changes. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to adopt Resolution No. 2015-15 approving Utilization of a Project Labor Agreement. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to adopt Ordinance Amending City Code, Title IX, Chapter 92: Animals: Prohibition of Deer Feeding. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Hess to approve the 2015 Aurora Patriotic Days Events Schedule as presented by the Aurora 4th of July Committee. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Communication from League of MN Cities Loss Control Specialists regarding Meeting and Survey on April 27, 2015 was received. This notice highlighted safety concerns regarding Slips, Trips and Falls at the Fire Hall.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Worshek to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust for the 04/27/15 visit, advising them the City will begin to work on safety concerns as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to accept the resignation of John Samuelson from HRA Board with letter of gratitude for his years of service. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Smolich to appoint Dr. Mark Boback to the HRA Board for the unexpired term to end 12/31/15. MOTION CARREID

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to not proceed with the purchase of the Tax Forfeit Property at 329 S 2nd Street East. MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Hess read the request from Christine Bahr for Consideration to Place Stop Signs at Intersection of Central Ave West and South 3rd Street. Public Works Director Thuringer stated that he agrees there should be a stop sign in this area but maybe on 4th Street instead to slow traffic near the park.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to direct Staff – Wayne Thuringer, Britt See-Benes and Heather Schendel – to complete a City Wide Survey of stop signs and bring recommendations back to the City Council for approval. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to adopt Resolution No. 2015-16 Appointing Responsible Authority, Data Compliance Official, Records Management Official and Designees. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve the On Sale Liquor License Renewals contingent upon all required submittals and documentation being submitted for McV's Inc. D/B/A Big Guy's Bar and Tim & Jesse Inc D/B/A Rudy's Bar & Grill. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve the Off Sale Liquor License Renewal for the following, contingent upon all required submittals and documentation being submitted: Furry's Inc D/B/A Dino's, Mcv's Inc. D/B/A Big Guy's Bar, and Tim & Jesse Inc D/B/A Rudy's Bar & Grill. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to approve the Club License Renewal for American Legion 241 D/B/A Quayle-Shuster-Truman-Muhich Post, contingent upon all required submittals and documentation being submitted. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve the Sunday Liquor Sale Renewal for McV's Inc. D/B/A Big Guy's Bar, Tim & Jesse Inc D/B/A Rudy's Bar & Grill and American Legion 241 D/B/A Quayle-Shuster-Truman-Muhich Post contingent upon all required submittals and documentation being submitted. MOTION CARRIED

Administrator See-Benes stated that there were two expenditures in April 2015 that were paid from the Wastewater Cash Account that should be taken out of the Wastewater Capital Account. To move money from one account to another, she needs authorization to transfer.

Moved by Hess and supported by Smolich to authorize the transfer from Wastewater Capital to Wastewater Cash for Building/System Repairs in April in the amount of $13.149.45. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Hess to Adopt Resolution No 2015-17 Authorizing Submission ofa Bonding Bill Request for the East Mesabi Water Facility. MOTION CARRIED

Public Works Director Wayne Thuringer thanked everyone who is affected by the Street Project for their patience. Casper Construction crews are doing their best with the rain and trying to stay on schedule.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 From Casper Construction Inc. in the Amount of $195,834.49 for the 2015 Street Improvements Project. MOTION CARRIED

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer