

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hess, Councilors Lislegard, Smolich, Cromley, Councilor Worshek

**ABSENT:** NONE

**ALSO PRESENT:** Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Mike Kearney, City Attorney; Wayne Thuringer; Public Works Director; Rod Salo, HRA Chairperson; Curt Antilla, East Range Joint Powers Board

Acting Mayor Dave Lislegard called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding political signs on City owned property.

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to table action regarding political signs on City owned property for further discussion. MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence was received by JPJ Engineering Inc. regarding Pay Estimate No. 1 for Casper Construction Inc. for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street East from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue project.

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for Casper Construction Inc. for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street East from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue project in the amount of \$84,866.82. MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence was received by JPJ Engineering Inc. regarding Pay Estimate No. 6 for Jola & Sopp Inc. for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street East from Central to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project. This Pay Estimate would reduce the retainer on the project by \$18,459.50. Recently, a water leak has developed on this project area. Jola and Sopp have been notified and will be coming to repair it.

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Worshek to table Pay Estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$18,459.50 for Jola & Sopp Inc. for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street East from Central to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project until the recently developed water leak is repaired. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to authorize the travel request of Josh Benda, Water/Wastewater Technician, to attend Land Application for Biosolids training in St. Cloud, MN on September 16-18, 2014. MOTION CARRIED**

At the September 2, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council voted to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Hoyt Lakes for Law Enforcement services. At this time, the City must determine to terminate the contract with St Louis County.

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to send a letter to St. Louis County and the St. Louis County Sheriff, pursuant to the contract in place, of the City of Aurora's decision to terminate the contract with St. Louis County for Law Enforcement services effective January 1, 2015.. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Worshek to send a letter to the Sheriff's Department thanking them for their years of service and continued cooperation. MOTION CARRIED**

HRA Chairperson Rod Salo was present to discuss the HRA's request for the City to levy 0.0185% for the HRA'S Downtown Beautification Project.

Public Works Director Thuringer arrived at the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Mayor Hess entered the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

The Downtown Beautification Project was a project sought 20 years ago, but that was tabled. The HRA is seeking to redesign the downtown and to look at connecting the downtown area to the trail system.

The meeting was closed at 4:31 p.m. to discuss negotiation for Real Estate transaction for Former Clinic Building as per Minn. Stat. § 13D.05 SUBD. 3 and the AFSCME Request regarding Employee request for wage increase as per Minn. Stat. § 13D.03 & Minn. Stat. § 13D.01.

Meeting was re-opened at 5:02 p.m.

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to authorize the sale of the former clinic building, on an "as-is" basis, with the request of the right of first refusal of future sale to be written into the purchase agreement, and to allow Curt Antilla, Dave Worshek, and Britt See-Benes to negotiate a selling price. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Smolich to authorize payment of a \$400.00 stipend per month to the Water/Wastewater Supervisor AFSCME position for the length of the Biwabik Contract with the City of Aurora for water/wastewater services. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to set a Special City Council meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer