

MINUTES
CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
2:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Wayne Thuringer; Public Works Director;

Mayor Hess called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Councilor Lislegard presented a Resolution to be presented to the Iron Range Resources Board requesting the monies released by the Legislature in 2014 to be allocated to the School systems be used for repayment of bonds for previous construction projects, in order for Mesabi East to pay down its existing Referendums.

Moved by Lislegard and Supported by Smolich to adopt Resolution No. 2014-29, Regarding Repayment of Bonds for Previous Construction Projects of the Mesabi East Public School Buildings. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued Council wages. Council salaries on the Iron Range Cities were analyzed. To increase the Council monthly wage, the increase would need to be made prior to the next filing for the next election. Then the increase would take effect after the next election. A meeting stipend can be put into place immediately, if the Council should choose to do so.

Enterprise Funds were discussed. Enterprise Funds must be self-sustaining and they cannot be supplemented by General Funds. Utility rates were discussed. Further cuts will be sought in the line item budget. Staff will seek ways to increase revenue and decrease costs in Enterprise Funds.

The increase in utilities and winter related emergencies will be highlighted in bar graphs for the Truth in Taxation meetings and for the Councils information.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to adjourn the meeting and to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, September 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Budget 2015. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer