

**MINUTES
CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014
5:00 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Council reviewed the proposed 2015 Street Project that was presented at the 12/2/2014 Regular Council Meeting. At this time, a determination is to be made regarding the scope and size of the project. Public Works Director Thuringer presented his list of recommendations regarding which areas to be included in the project. The Council reviewed this list.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to Adopt Resolution No. 2014-38 Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for the 2015 City of Aurora Street Project. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to approve entering into an agreement with the MN Rural Water Assoc for a Utility Rate Study in the amount of \$1500.00. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to appoint the following members to a Utility Rate Study Committee: Councilor Smolich, Administrator See-Benes, Public Works Director Thuringer, and Water/Wastewater Supervisor Jim Gentilini. MOTION CARRIED

The request from Lynn Babcock regarding Matching Funds for Expedited Small Trap Range Grant Program was discussed. This program is used for youth archer and small trap activities for all youth in the area. The Town of White and the City of Hoyt Lakes have already pledged money in support of the youth activities.

Moved by Hess and supported by Lislegard to authorize an expenditure of \$1200.00 from the Ten Percent Gambling Fund for the Expedited Small Trap Range Grant Program secured by Lynn Babcock. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Hess and supported by Lislegard to table the appointment to the Iron Range Tourism Board. MOTION CARRIED

Due to the transition of the new Police Department, the renovation of garage/office space in City Hall was discussed.

Moved by Hess and supported by Worshek to authorize Administrator See-Benes and Public Works Director Thuringer to seek at least two quotes for carpentry and electrical work to be completed at City Hall, with the work to be completed by February 28, 2015 and use of Union labor if possible. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Hess and supported by Lislegard to authorize sending a letter to St. Louis County requesting to Purchase the Tax Forfeit property at 212 W 3rd Avenue North for \$1.00, with the intent to resell the property to Bradach Lumber. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve and authorize Mayor Hess and Administrator See-Benes to execute the Amendment to Declaration for the 2012 DNR Tree Grant (Pine Grove Park). MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to adopt Resolution No, 2014-37 supporting the US EPA Brownfield Assessment grant application to be submitted by the City of Virginia, and authorizing the City of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Virginia for a community-wide assessment project. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to authorize Mayor Hess and Administrator See-Benes to Enter into an Agreement for Ambulance Services with the City of Hoyt Lakes for 2015. MOTION CARRIED

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer