

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014
4:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Sgt. Bernie Mettler, St. Louis County Sheriff's Dept; Matt Reid, SEH Inc.

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer See-Benes explained that the City of Aurora was allocated Taconite Tax money in order to complete the renovation of North 1st Street East Reconstruction Phase 2/Half Street Reconstruction Project. When the North 1st Street East project was originally planned in early 2013, it was to extend from Central Avenue to 4th Avenue, but due to project costs being higher than estimated the project was scaled back to 2nd Avenue. The Engineering and Surveying was completed for the project through 4th Avenue by JPJ Engineering. Because JPJ Engineering has completed the majority of the ground work, it was her recommendation that the Council consider extending the contract with JPJ for the 2nd Phase of the North 1st Street East project.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve using JPJ Engineering Inc. as the Engineering Firm for the North 1st Street East Reconstruction Phase 2/Half Street Reconstruction Project with contract approval to be completed at the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Lengthy discussion was held regarding Proposed Joint Law Enforcement Services between the City of Hoyt Lakes and the City of Aurora. The Council reviewed the options presented at the April 3, 2014 Joint Council Meeting in Hoyt Lakes.

Sergeant Mettler left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Smolich to send communication to the City of Hoyt Lakes, expressing our interest in Option #3, the combining of the Sheriff's Dept. with the City of Hoyt Lakes Police Dept., with further discussion if needed. MOTION CARRIED

Cost estimates were received for the ISD 2711 Proposed Athletic Facilities. Total project costs are estimated at approximately \$13 million. Matt Reid, SEH Inc. explained that two remaining items were left to be estimated: costs related to artificial turf and costs related to relocating the power line and substation.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Smolich to send communication to ISD 2711 Superintendent Gregg Allen explaining the City can only apply for grants for infrastructure, and suggesting that the legislators be contacted to seek special funding or bonding bill. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to adjourn the meeting MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer