

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING**  
**EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING,**  
**801 DORCHESTER DRIVE, HOYT LAKES**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilor Cromley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Mayor Mark Skelton, Hoyt Lakes; Dave Zins, Hoyt Lakes City Council; Chris Vreeland, Hoyt Lakes City Council; Melissa Skelton, Hoyt Lakes City Council; City Clerk Becky Burich, Hoyt Lakes; Tim Soular, Hoyt Lakes Police Department

Mayor Mark Skelton provided a presentation regarding the options related to combining law enforcement services.

Five options were discussed.

Option 1 is to stay the same. The City of Hoyt Lakes and the City of Aurora spend a combined \$1,017,000.00 in law enforcement services. There would be no costs savings.

Option 2 would be for Hoyt Lakes to contract with St. Louis County Sheriff's Department in a contract similar to what Aurora currently has.

Option 3 is a Combined Office of Sheriff/Hoyt Lakes PD. Hoyt Lakes would keep its existing full-time employees; Aurora would modify its existing contract to decrease employees from St. Louis County Sheriff thus reducing costs. All employees would take direction from Sheriff.

Option 4 is creation of a Joint Law Enforcement Service between Gilbert, Biwabik, Aurora, and Hoyt Lakes.

Option 5 is the formation of Joint Law Enforcement Service between Aurora and Hoyt Lakes.

Mayor Skelton stated that with any option, governance issues would need to be discussed. A seven member department was suggested, and budgetary numbers for Option 5 were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.