

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014
4:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Wayne Thuringer, Public Works Director; Curt Antilla, ERJPB; Matt Reid, SEH Inc.; Chris Hofsommer, Aurora 4th of July Committee; Dan Darbo, ISD 2711; Gregg Allen, ISD 2711; John Jannick, JPJ Engineering

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

Curt Antilla reported that he feels that we are on the right track in getting cost estimates together for the ISD 2711 Proposed Athletic Facilities. Matt Reid presented a cost estimate for Professional Engineering Services for the ISD 2711 Proposed Athletic Facilities.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to approve entering into a contract with SEH Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the ISD 2711 Proposed Athletic Facilities in the amount of up to \$12,400.00 contingent upon the cost being split between the City, ISD 2711, ERJPB, and the HRA. MOTION CARRIED

Dan Darbo, ISD 2711, stated that due to renovations being completed at the school this summer, the kitchen at the School will be out of service. The school offers a free lunch to anyone who needs it during the summer months, as some of the people that they feed receive only this meal. Due to the renovations, they are seeking use of another kitchen. Gregg Allen stated that as this is a community program, the school is asking to use the Community Center kitchen for no fee. If the renovations were to take longer than planned, the school may need to also use the facility during the first three weeks of September.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to authorize ISD 2711 to use the kitchen at the Community Center at no cost, if schedule permits, with no costs for the following dates: June 9-12, June 16-19, June 23-26, July 21-24, and the 1st three weeks in Sept upon furnishing proof of liability insurance. MOTION CARRIED

Communication from Administrator See-Benes regarding an intern at the Library was received.

Moved by Smolich and supported Lislegard to approve hiring Mary Hopkins, as an Intern in the Library with a start date of April 8, 2014, at a wage of \$7.25 per hour, contingent upon a successful background check to meet with the requirements of the City hiring policy. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Hess and supported by Smolich to send a letter of support to Lori O'Laughlin of Essentia Pines for the ACT on Alzheimer's program. MOTION CARRIED

Chris Hofsommer, Aurora 4th of July Committee, stated that the 4th of July Committee used to receive donations from the Jim Gillach Memorial Tournament for 4th of July events such as fireworks. Last year, a private donor made up the shortfall. Mayor Hess stated that the Chamber of Commerce should donate. C. Hofsommer stated that it takes about \$18,000 to \$20,000 to run the 4th of July. Freedom Fete is a different event. The Committee currently has \$9,000 in savings, and will need to raise \$10,000. Councilor Lislegard suggested that we have a fundraiser to assist in raising funds. This will be discussed at the next 4th of July meeting.

Moved by Hess and supported by Worshek to table the request from the 4th of July Committee for a donation towards the fireworks until the Chamber can be asked to assist and the City can ascertain if any monies are available. MOTION CARRIED

The update to the Community Center Rental Policy allowing for “kitchen only” use was discussed.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to adopt the changes to the Community Center Rental Policy to allow for a “Kitchen Use Only”, in the amount of \$40.00, with all applicants to produce a copy of Commercial Liability Insurance. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to authorize Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer See-Benes to seek quotes from registered Building Officials to conduct required inspections for large commercial projects in Aurora. MOTION CARRIED

Public Works Director Thuringer stated that the water line on West Highway 110 has been repaired repeatedly. As the Town of White is seeking proposals for their Poplar Street project, the City would like to add this as an Add Alternate on the Town of White project.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Smolich to authorize advertising for bids for the replacement of the water line on West Highway 110 as an “Add Alternate” on the Town of White Poplar Street project. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer