

**MINUTES  
CITY OF AURORA YEAR END MEETING  
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014  
5:00 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; Bernie Mettler, St. Louis County Sheriff's Department; Mike Kearney, City Attorney

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

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to approve the following minutes, as presented: Regular Council Meeting held on December 3, 2013, Special City Council Meeting held on December 17, 2013, and Special City Council Meeting held on December 18, 2013. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to approve the receipts in the amount of \$129,005.16 for December 2013 as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$127,921.30 and the Payroll for December 2013 in the amount of \$62188.72.**

AURORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 250.00	COLDSRING MEMORIAL	\$ 214.82
AURORA FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASN	\$24,581.00	COLOSIMO, PATCHIN, KEARNEY	\$ 979.00
EAST RANGE SHOPPER	\$ 1,416.43	EAST RANGE SHOPPER	\$ 1,537.52
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS BENEFIT	\$ 22.00	EDWARDS OIL	\$ 91.50
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	\$ 39.00	EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINTENANC	\$ 1,197.38
COLDSRING MEMORIAL	\$ 429.64	ERA LABORATORIES	\$ 660.46
MCFOA REGION II	\$ 30.00	FIRSTLAB	\$ 39.00
U.S. POSTMASTER 1	\$ 299.16	FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL COMPANY	\$10,405.35
RANGE PAPER	\$ 118.38	FRONTIER	\$ 1,017.31
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION SYSTE	\$ 54.39	G & K SERVICES	\$ 40.53
AMERICAN BANK 8217	\$ 55.97	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$ 10.15
AMERICAN BANK 8928	\$ 133.87	H & L MESABI	\$ 202.02
AMERICAN BANK 8977	\$ 149.00	IIMC	\$ 145.00
AMERICAN BANK 9587	\$ 28.29	J & R WASTEWATER SERVICE	\$ 1,866.00
ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	\$ 234.06	L & M - VIRGINIA	\$ 144.79
GECRB AMAZON	\$ 31.95	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	\$ 631.31
AURORA HRA	\$ 250.00	LMCIT WC	\$20,780.00
ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	\$19,098.00	LUNDGREN MOTORS INC.	\$ 175.52
ARROWHEAD REGIONAL FIREFIGHTER	\$ 65.00	MAIL FINANCE	\$ 218.83
AT & T MOBILITY	\$ 298.90	RANDY MATTSON	\$ 1,000.00
AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 100.64	MCMaster-CARR SUPPLY CO.	\$ 152.03
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	\$ 302.96	MESABI COMMUNITY TELEVISION	\$ 100.00
BLAKE BERTRAM	\$ 1,460.00	MESABI DAILY NEWS	\$ 37.50
BRADACH LUMBER	\$ 328.18	METRO SALES	\$ 300.06
CARQUEST AURORA	\$ 372.98	MIDWEST TAPE	\$ 15.74
LINDA CAZIN	\$ 760.00	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	\$ 4,560.70
CITY OF HOYT LAKES	\$ 350.00	MINNESOTA POWER	\$ 8,390.58

NORTH SHORE ANALYTICAL, INC.	\$ 500.00	ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	\$ 224.76
NORTHERN ENGINE & SUPPLY INC.	\$ 269.99	ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR6	\$ 35.00
OFFICEMAX CONTRACT INC.	\$ 51.21	THE CONTROL COMPANY	\$ 480.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF HIBBING	\$ 82.20	TOMAHAWK FORD	\$11,896.49
PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, INC.	\$ 53.25	U. S. POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 250.00
PETTY CASH	\$ 138.06	ULTIMATE BODY AND FRAME	\$ 4,211.83
PORTABLE JOHN	\$ 104.74	UNITED TRUCK BODY COMPANY	\$ 410.93
PRINTING SYSTEMS INC.	\$ 100.66	VERIZON	\$ 19.69
RANGE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 47.95	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 87.25
RANGE PAPER	\$ 114.61	VIVID DESIGN	\$ 50.00
RANGE TIMES	\$ 377.80	CHARLES F. WILLIAMS	\$ 240.69
RED ROCK RADIO CORPORATION	\$ 85.00	WOLFMAN SERVICES	\$ 427.50
ROGERS ONLINE	\$ 829.00	Z-TECH	\$ 426.43
SELCO	\$ 121.75	ZUPS	\$ 14.36
SPEE DEE DELIVERY SERVICE INC.	\$ 97.25		

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Smolich to receive and file the following communication: St. Louis County Safety & Risk Management regarding Fencing Requirements; MN DNR/US Army Corp/US Forest Service regarding PolyMet Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Habitat for Humanity Request for Donations; American Red Cross Northern MN Region regarding “Heroes Award” Nominations; MN Power Regarding Alternate Routes for Great Northern Transmission Line; Compass Consultants Regarding Lake County Fiber Project And Wetland Impact; State of MN Public Utilities Commission Regarding PUC Commission Meeting On 01/16/2014. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to approve the travel request for Britt See-Benes, City Clerk’s Office in order to attend the IIMC Regional Meeting on January 25, 2014 in Bloomington MN. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to authorize the travel and attendance of the Mayor, City Council & Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer at the RAMS Annual Meeting on January 30, 2014 in Hibbing MN. MOTION CARRIED**

The Aurora Food Shelf had requested to appear on the agenda to discuss Tipping Fees/Garbage Fees at their facility at the former Union Hall. There was no one in attendance for this request.

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to deny the request from the Aurora Food Shelf for elimination of Tipping/Garbage Fees at the Union Hall. MOTION CARRIED**

Public Works Director Thuringer reported that the City has completed a Surplus Sale of various items, with the City making approximately \$10,000. This money will be used to outfit an existing truck with a plow and a lift gate.

Librarian Paula Chapman reported that the Aurora Public Library will hold a Centennial Celebration Open House on Friday, January 10, from 3:00-6:00 pm. There will be cake, coffee, punch, music by the Circle of Friends at 3:00 and by Peg Bateman and George Rosandich at 4:30, door prizes including gift certificates from local businesses, and library history displays. Everyone is invited! The Centennial Committee will be planning several events throughout the year; this is the kick-off.

The library also received, through Minnesota's Legacy Fund, a new batch of museum passes good through March 31 at a variety of participating regional museums. New participants this quarter include the Tweed Museum of Art in Duluth, the Hibbing Historical Society Museum, the Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, and the International Wolf Center in Ely.

Mayor Hess reported that Recreation Director Chris Shuck is doing well after receiving his radiation treatments.

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to approve the following officers for the Aurora Fire Department: Fire Chief – Bryan Cromley; Assistant Chief – Dave Cromley; 1<sup>st</sup> Captain – Kris Dickinson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain – Jon Knapper; Medical Officer – Kaler Palm; Secretary – Steve Biondich; and Treasurer – Ben Dickinson. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve the following as presented: Housing and Redevelopment Authority – December 10, 2013 Minutes; East Range Joint Powers Board – November 20, 2013 Minutes; Aurora Fire Department- December 11, 2013 Minutes; Animal Control Officer- December Report; Chamber of Commerce – November 19, 2013 Minutes and Library Board – November 14, 2013. MOTION CARRIED**

Councilor Cromley reported that with the big changes at the Fire Department, they are still trying adapting.

Councilor Lislegard reported that the PolyMet SDEIS Public Hearings will be held in January, at three locations. It is important that we show the Range as a united body from Grand Rapids to Ely. Buses will be available for the hearing in Duluth on January 18, 2014. The transportation is free. Sign up with Britt at City Hall. Show your support for this important project.

Councilor Worshek reported that the Community Christmas tree looks good. He thanked all those who donated for the lights. Worshek inquired about the cameras on the main street, Sergeant Mettler stated that the system is still being designed. Thanked all those who assisted with moving the food shelf to their new location. He inquired about the Spectrum project, with Administrator See-Benes reporting that they have completed soil borings and are moving forward.

Councilor Smolich reported that after a late start on the skating rink, the rink is up and there has been quite a bit of activity. He sent is compliments to the City staff on snow removal. Smolich urged everyone to watch out for kids on snow piles. He stated that it is important that we attend the PolyMet hearings in order to show support. Congratulated the Library on 100 years of service and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Mayor Hess thanked all who assisted with the Holiday Heritage Festival. Thanked the Public Works Department for putting up the lights on the Community Tree, and thanked Mary Mulari and Doug Gregor for donating the use of the tree as well as the electricity. Thanked the Lions Club for assisting to paint the Union Hall main hall. Reported that 60-70 volunteers showed up to assist moving the food shelf to the Union Hall. She reported that the State Indoor Archery Shoot has been awarded to Virginia for April 2015, with the R100 to be held in June 2014.

## PUBLIC FORUM

None

## OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

**Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to authorize the payment of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools 2014 Membership Dues. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to authorize entering into a Joint Ambulance Services Agreement with City of Hoyt Lakes for 2014. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to request that St. Louis County remove Parcel No. 100-0015-00310 from the Tax Forfeited Land Sale as the City is interested in obtaining the parcel for public purpose with the intent to demolish the existing structure. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve the Agreement between AFSCME Local 2780 and the City of Aurora for 2014-2016. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to adopt Resolution No. 2014-001, providing for the issuance of \$350,000.00 Certificate of Indebtedness for the purchase of a 2014 Caterpillar Model 924k Wheel Loader; 25 HP Kubota Diesel Zero Turn Lawn Mower; 2005 International Tandem Dump Truck; One 2005 Reconditioned Snogo Snow Blower And Repayment of a Certificate of Indebtedness from 2011. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to adopt Resolution No. 2014-002, authorizing purchase of one (1) 2014 Caterpillar Model 924K Wheel Loader from Ziegler CAT, Buhl MN. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to adopt Resolution No. 2014-003 authorizing purchase of one (1) 25 HP Kubota Diesel Zero Turn Lawn Mower. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Smolich and supported by Worshek to authorize Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer to advertise for Request for Proposals for Concrete Crushing for Public Works. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to authorize Mayor and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer to enter into an Agreement with The Control Company for Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance and Monitoring for 2014. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Worshek and Supported by Lislegard to authorize sponsorship and advertising fee for PARTNERS/IRYA Young Leaders Convention 2014 in the amount of \$100.00. MOTION CARRIED**

John Collins and Jim Cundy, of the Aurora Food Shelf were present to discuss the request discuss for the City to waive the Tipping Fees/Garbage Fees at their facility at the former Union Hall. Options to assist them with their garbage removal will be sought by the City.

Non-union negotiations will be held on January 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

**Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED**

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Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer