

**MINUTES
CITY OF AURORA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
4:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hess; Councilors Lislegard, Smolich, Worshek

ABSENT: Councilor Cromley

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve Pay Estimate #6 for the North 1st Street East/Central Avenue Project to Jola & Sopp in the amount of \$18,459.50, which reduces the retainage to \$10,000. MOTION CARRIED

The Council reviewed the letter from Matt Goodman of St. Louis County 911 regarding the change of name of the section of CSAH 110, lying west of Highway 100 and east of Lane 55. The County proposed three names: East Range Avenue, Border Avenue, and Grey Pine Avenue and asked that we pick in priority order the names we like the best.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to send communication to St. Louis County indicating that the City Council of Aurora prefers Border Avenue, if the name must be changed.

AYES: Hess, Worshek, Lislegard – 3

NAYS: Smolich – 1

MOTION CARRIED

Communication was received from Delbert Hall requesting that the City look at purchasing his property adjacent to the City Cemetery. Further expansion of the cemetery is not planned at this time.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to send a letter to Mr. Hall declining his offer to purchase his property at 410 S 1st Street East, Aurora. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve the Emerald Ash Borer Maintenance Plan, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held on the 2015 Street Project and the Municipal Advisor. See-Benes stated that we need a Financial Advisor to complete the Bond Sale and presented the Municipal Advisor Contract from Springsted.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to authorize See-Benes to enter into a Municipal Advisor Agreement with Springsted Inc. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to authorize City Staff to seek an intern for Water/Wastewater for 2015, schedule interviews, and approach City of Biwabik Public Utilities Commission on potential cost sharing of an intern. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to table the discussion regarding a Deer Feeding Ordinance for further consideration. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Worshek and supported by Lislegard to authorize reimbursement to the Estate of William Toivonen for overpayment of Utilities in the amount of \$164.80. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held on Strategic Planning. Public Works Director Thuringer stated that he would like to discuss the following items in the future: Zamboni/Hydrant in park, 2nd Softball Field, Hockey Rink at the School, Street Lighting, Utility Blight, City-wide Ditching, Future Industrial Development, and Park Removal. Councilor Worshek stated that he would like to discuss placing capital items in the budget as a line item. Mayor Hess would like a special meeting dedicated to only strategic planning.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer