

MINUTES
CITY OF AURORA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 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 4:07p.m.

Administrator See-Benes stated that at the East Range Joint Powers Board meeting in February, it was identified that a City needs to be the Fiscal Agent/Applicant for the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Project Priority List. Because Aurora is in the most need for a water plant, See-Benes suggested that the Council consider being the applicant.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to authorize the City of Aurora to act as Fiscal Agent/Applicant for the MN Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Project Priority List for the East Mesabi Joint Water Facility Project. MOTION CARRIED

Public Works Director Thuringer stated that the City pull-behind air compressor is no longer functioning. We have been temporarily borrowing the City of Biwabik's compressor. A quote was received from Ziegler CAT in the amount of \$15,231.25 for a Caterpillar Model 185 Air Compressor. The Town of White has approved contributing half towards the purchase of a new one.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to authorize the purchase of a Caterpillar Model 185 Air Compressor in the amount of \$15,231.25 from Ziegler CAT, with Town of White to reimburse Aurora for half, with each entity to be reimbursed equally if another City should contribute towards the purchase at a later date. MOTION CARRIED

Administrator See-Benes stated that the internet service at City Hall has been intermittent and hard to work with. The Police Department will rely on the internet for most of its services and record entry. Options were discussed such as local providers. City Hall is connected to the Northeast Service Cooperative's Middle Mile Fiber, thus the City could enter into a network agreement with them for approximately \$340.00 per month for 50 mbps service. This cost could be split among all entities that use the service.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to authorize Mayor Hess and Administrator See-Benes to enter into Broadband Internet Services Agreement with Northeast Service Cooperative in the amount of \$340.00 per month, with one time and monthly costs to be split among entities that use the service. MOTION CARRIED

The proposed 2015 Water Rate increase was discussed. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer