

MINUTES
CITY OF AURORA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
3:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Wayne Thuringer, Public Works Director; Paul Steinman, Springsted; Rick Cannata, Mayor of Hibbing

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

Paul Steinman, Springsted, stated that the bond sale for the 2015 Street Improvement Project is set for June 23, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Competitive Bids for the bonds will be sought, and Mr. Steinman will attend the June 23, 2015 City Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. to recommend approval of the sale to the successful bidder. The interest rate for Special Assessment portion is estimated at this time to be 2.97%. If the General Obligation Bond (Improvement Portion) were sold for the amount of \$3,445,000 the minimum 20% of GO Bond or the amount to be Specially Assessed as per Statute was shown on supporting documentation as rounded to \$700,000. Councilors Worshek and Lislegard asked that the Bond Sale documents be adjusted to show a true 20% for the Special Assessment payback of the bond payment or \$689,000.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to adopt Resolution No. 2015-13 Approving a Notice of Sale for the Issuance of \$4,590,000 General Obligation Improvement and Utility Bonds, Series 2015A with the Special Assessment Portion of the payback of the Bond to be set a 20% minimum. MOTION CARRIED

Rick Cannata was present to discuss Project Labor Agreements. Mr. Cannata stated that with Project Labor Agreements, by specifying uniform terms and conditions for all construction craft employees, as well as all construction contractors on a specific construction project. Many cities pass resolutions requiring that any projects over \$150,000.00 require a Project Labor Agreement. Project Labor Agreements require that 50% of the workforce comes from the local unions.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to table the approval of the use of Project Labor Agreements until review has been completed by City Legal Staff and brought forth to the next City Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Cannata also mentioned that a Move MN public awareness campaign calling for statewide transportation funding will be coming to the Olcott Park in Virginia on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 12:45 p.m.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to Approve the Application for Exempt Permit for East Range Lions Club to conduct a Raffle for the All Class Reunion 2016. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held regarding the submission of an IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant for the structures at 418 Railroad Avenue and 18 E 4th Avenue North. The Application calls for three structures, but the City will submit with two. Once grant has been determined, City can decide how to proceed with demolition.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to adopt Resolution No. 2015-14, Authorizing City of Aurora to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program. MOTION CARRIED

Administrator See-Benes stated that after numerous meetings with FEMA and US Army Corp of Engineers, through the FEMA Risk Map Program, it has been identified that a grant through the Army Corp may fit the Cities needs for storm water mapping. The grant program is the Floodplain Management Services Program and it would allow the Army Corp to determine where storm water collects, how it flows, and what impacts would be made if changes to the current system were identified.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Worshek to authorize Submission of a letter of request to the US Army Corp. of Engineers for Floodplain Management Services (FPM). MOTION CARRIED

Email correspondence was received from Mark Weber of St. Louis County Land Department regarding the tax forfeited parcel at 100-0051-00010. This structure has a building that has a private owner, who has been paying taxes but the land has been classified as tax forfeit. For the land to be sold to the owner, special legislation would need to be sought to sell directly to anyone but the City or another government agency.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to allow St. Louis County to deal directly with the affected property owner of Parcel Code No. 100-0051-00010. MOTION CARRIED

Communication was received from the Temporary Hiring Committee regarding the hiring of Summer Seasonal Employees. The Committee reviewed the applications received, and have made recommendation for approval for hiring for the 2015 Summer Season.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Worshek to approve hiring the following as recommended by the Temporary Hiring Committee: STARTING MAY 20, 2015 Sarah Peterson, Summer Seasonal Lead, \$9.00 per hour; Chelsea Rasmusson, Summer Seasonal Laborer, \$8.00 per hour: STARTING ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2015: Alex Cromley, Summer Seasonal Laborer, \$8.00 per hour; Zach Skelton Summer Seasonal Laborer, \$8.00 per hour: Lyndsey Olson Summer Seasonal Laborer, \$8.00 per hour, contingent upon successful background checks and verification of eligibility of employment. MOTION CARRIED

Communication was also received from the Temporary Hiring Committee regarding the hiring of Water/Wastewater Interns. The two applicants that applied for internships this season have gotten other jobs. They City did receive an application from an applicant, Kelly Halliday, who will be attending Vermilion Community College in Fall 2015 for Water Management.

After meeting with Mr. Halliday, the Temporary Hiring Committee would like to hire him as a Temporary Seasonal Laborer in the Water/Wastewater Department for the summer at a proposed rate of pay of \$8.00 per hour with a maximum of 100 shifts while he is enrolled in post-secondary school, upon agreement with the Local Bargaining Unit.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve hiring of Kelly Halliday as Temporary Seasonal Laborer at the rate of pay of \$8.00 per hour, for up to 100 shifts, while enrolled in Post-Secondary School contingent upon successful background check and verification of eligibility of employment. MOTION CARRIED

Communication was received from Park and Rec Director Chris Shuck regarding the 2015 Summer Rec Coaches, Umpires and Field Maintenance. Mayor Hess stated that due to the amount of travel required for Babe Ruth, she would like to propose that the City of Aurora split the pay of \$500 per season with the Cities of Biwabik and Hoyt Lakes for the Babe Ruth Coach.

This is not a budgeted item and no other coaches are paid.

Moved by Hess to pay the Babe Ruth Coach \$500 for the 2015 Season with the cost to be split between the cities of Aurora, Hoyt Lakes, and Biwabik. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to send a letter to Hoyt Lakes, Biwabik, and to the Babe Ruth Coach for the 2015 Season explaining that our reason for denying the pay for the 2015 season is not due to his abilities, but rather a matter of policy as the City does not pay the Coaches in volunteer positions. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Lislegard to approve the following Coaches, Umpires, Field Maintenance for 2015 Rec Programs:

COACHES

T-BALL Talicia Honkola

COACH PITCH Will Takanen

LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS Chad Sahr

BABE RUTH Austin Mount

**FIELD MAINTENANCE On an 'AS NEEDED' before game basis
Neal Thornbloom (7 hours per week MAXIMUM) \$8.00 per hour**

**UMPIRES \$20.00/game Home Plate Umpire; \$15.00/Game for Base Umpire
Chris Baudhuin & Neal Thornbloom**

MOTION CARRIED

Administrator See-Benes submitted a Vacation Request for June 1-6, 2015. Deputy Clerk Karin Krueger can take minutes at the Regularly Scheduled Council meeting or the Council can change the meeting date to a day when See-Benes would be back in town.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Smolich to approve rescheduling the June 2, 2015 Regular Council Meeting to June 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Clerk Krueger will be asked to attend the rescheduled meeting to become accustomed to the Council format for future vacation replacement.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer