

The City of Aurora Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00PM.

Present: Mayor Weekes, Allen Pace, Dale Dixon, Jon Geise and Josh Kukrall

Mayor Weekes called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

M/S –Kukrall, Geise to approve agenda. Carried.

M/S – Geise, Kukrall to approve January meeting minutes. Carried.

M/S – Geise, Pace to approve financial report. Carried.

M/S – Geise, Kukrall to approve payment of February bills. Carried.

Adapco \$1,851.60 supplies, Appera \$73.19 cleaning supplies, Aurora Quick Stop \$157.99 gas, Banner Associates \$2,535.00 engineering fees, Batteries Plus \$153.80 fire department supplies, Bright Arrow \$50.00 texting services, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$12,141.31 water purchase, Brookings Register \$219.00 publications, Carquest Auto Parts \$110.71 repairs/parts for shop, Century Business Products \$161.89 printer fees and supplies, City of Aurora Utilities \$2,120.87 electric for city buildings, Culligan \$9.50 water cooler, Dakota Service \$74.21 repairs/maintenance, Dales Alignment Service \$1,339.48 repairs on city vehicle, Department of Energy \$4,442.58 electric purchase, First Bank & Trust Visa \$1,070.32 city supplies, gas and travel. First District \$685.06 yearly fees, Flowers on Main \$100.00 flowers for Waples family, Foerster Supply \$77.60 office supplies, Heartland \$1,255.29 for IRP loans, Heartland Power \$41,836.26 electric purchase, ITC \$478.58 phones, internet, fax. John Muller \$330.50 reimbursement of supplies, John Muller \$3,890.36 wages, Justice Fire & Safety \$616.75 yearly fire inspections, Lowe's \$138.90 supplies for office and shop, Mark Potthast \$42.00 reimburse for travel and meals with FD, North Western Energy \$460.79 natural gas, Office Peeps \$152.92 supplies, Runnings \$1,076.33 materials for shop and sewer, SD State Treasurer \$3,470.93 electric and garbage taxes, Shannon Freng \$2,783.15 wages, Steve Britzman \$1,612.85 attorney fees, Two Way Radio \$183.47 FD repairs, Wellmark \$535.15 employee health insurance

Bob Hill with Brookings Emergency Management, was present to give an elected officials briefing. He went over FEMA information from the past flooding events in Brookings County. Mr. Hill is recommending that individuals get flood insurance. Hill delivered 1000 sandbags to the City of Aurora and suggests getting a sand pile started once the snow is gone for residents and the city to be able get bags filled. During the briefing, Mr. Hill states that Brookings County is prepared for the coronavirus if it should become a pandemic. He also points out the 2020 Census and how this will work for the city of Aurora with all the growth recently.

There were 5 abatement and/or refund of property tax applications from Brookings County. All five were looked at. M/S Geise, Kukrall to approve requests. Carried.

John Muller explains the need for discussion on properties that may require replacement living spaces or additions which may exceed the zoning guidelines, as individuals in this situation may need to have options. Geise states that the individuals could apply for a special exception/variance for these types of situations.

Pat Tingle was present with AEC. Tingle says that the AEC has decided to keep the Gala Days name and use a pickle theme for this year. Tingle asks the city for a donation for the 2020 year. The council feels that donating the inflatables would be a good idea again.

Mike Ahartz give FD report, 1 fire call, 2 EMS calls. He asks about fixing lights in the Fire Department building. He also says that the yearly equipment maintenance will be starting soon.

John Muller gives the maintenance report. First week of March the city will be having 15,000 feet of sewer lines inspected by camera and videos in the original part of Aurora. John says that he has started the sump pump inspections and is working on getting them all done. .

The finance officer will be attending the annual equalization meetings in Brookings County on March 3rd. The City will be holding the equalization the week of March 16th - 20th.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to adjourn meeting. Carried.