

The Aurora City Council met in regular session on May 11, 2020, at the Little Hall. Present: Mayor Frederick Weekes and Council members Allen Pace, Dale Dixon, Josh Kukrall and Jon Geise.

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

M/S Pace, Kukrall to approve agenda. Carried.

M/S Pace, Dixon to approve minutes as written. Carried

M/S Geise, Pace to approve April Financial Reports. Carried.

M/S Geise, Dixon to adjourn. Carried.

Re-organization of Council: Present: Mayor Frederick Weekes and Council members David Schuttloffel, Gerry Asmus, Jon Geise and Josh Kukrall.

Oaths of office were taken by David Schuttloffel for 2 year term, Gerry Asmus for 1 year term and Josh Kukrall for 2 year term.

The Council was re-organized as follows:

M/S Asmus, Schuttloffel to elect Josh Kukrall as Council President. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Kukrall to elect Geise as Council Vice-President. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to elect Asmus as Commissioners over Streets. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to elect Asmus as Commissioners over Electricity. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to elect Schuttloffel as Commissioners over Parks. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Asmus to elect Schuttloffel as Commissioners over Police and Fire Protection. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Schuttloffel to elect Geise as Commissioners over Water and Sewer. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to appoint Shannon Freng as Finance Officer. Carried

M/S Geise, Kukrall to keep all council and mayor pay as they stand. Carried

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to approve payment of all May bills. Carried.

Allen Pace \$886.56 meeting pay, Appeara \$41.97 building cleaning supplies, Aurora Auto Body \$540.00 FD repairs, Aurora Postmaster \$229.90 stamps and po box rentals, Aurora Quick Stop \$1,192.64 gas, Austreim Excavating \$2,045.77 repairs to culverts, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$12,427.11 water purchase, Brookings Register \$30.96 publishing, Carquest \$92.92 parts, Central Plains Bat Removal \$1,547.00 service fees for govt. buildings, City of Aurora utilities \$1,680.00 electric for buildings, Cook's Wastepaper \$4,385.29 garbage, Core & Main \$896.76 water & sewer supplies, Culligan \$9.50 water cooler, Dakota Supply Group \$370.01 supplies, Dale Dixon \$997.38 meeting pay, Dept of Energy \$4,442.58 electric purchase, Dept of Energy \$4015.10 electric purchase, Department of Revenue \$450.00 liquor licenses fees, EFTPS \$2,397.67 withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$797.79 supplies for city, Frederick Weekes \$1,523.77 meeting pay, HD Supply \$58.19 cleaning supplies, Heartland \$42,104.06 loans and electric purchase, ITC \$495.57 phone, internet and fax charges, Joe Mersch \$1,069.56 wages, John Muller \$3,241.03 wages, John Muller \$128.72 reimburse, Jon Geise \$997.38 meeting pay, Josh Kukrall \$886.56 meeting pay, Josh Spilde \$20,000.00 purchase of land, Main Street Design \$1,570.00 street signs, North Central Rental \$9,077.26 loader rental, North Western Energy \$349.42 natural gas, Public Health Lab \$362.00 water samples, Runnings \$82.56 supplies for parks, SD State Treasurer \$3,014.61 tax payments, Secretary of State \$30.00 notary fees, Shannon Freng \$368.72 reimbursement for purchase, Shannon Freng \$2,846.48 wages, Sioux Falls Public Health \$43.50 water samples, Stan Houston \$953.30 sewer supplies, State Farm Insurance \$50.00 bond fees, Wellmark \$535.15 health insurance.

M/S Schuttloffel to approve with clarifications of a few items. Kukrall second. Carried.

First reading and discussion of Ordinance 321 - Watering Restrictions. M/S Kukrall to approve first reading. Asmus asks about the necessity of such restrictions and Muller explains that there is only a 6" water main coming into Aurora and that the city was suppose to have restrictions in place prior to this as well. Geise seconds motion. Asmus- Nay. Carried.

Discussion on getting online bill pay option for residents. There was a lot of discussion on this item. More information will be provided and revisited. Asmus motions to table, Geise seconds motion. Carried.

Pat Tingle was present to discuss gala days. He states that the AEC is continuing to plan and still has the bands lined up. They will keep revisiting this during the covid pandemic. Mayor asks that the AEC considers cancelling the inflatable. AEC agrees. AEC asks the city for the possibility of a cash donation instead of the inflatable. Council asks questions about the street dance and the safety concerns on that.

Mike Ahartz gives the fire department report. Reporting 3 Fire calls and 5 EMS last month. They applied for a 50/50 grant for future equipment.

John Muller gives the maintenance report. He states that two leaks have been fixed on Santema and Broadway which is roughly 65,000 gallons of water a day. There are also some electrical breaks that need to be fixed.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to adjourn. Carried.

Shannon Freng

Finance Officer

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