

The Aurora City Council met in special session at 7:00 PM on July 13, 2020 at the Little Hall. Present: Mayor Frederick Weekes and Council members David Schuttloffel, Gerry Asmus, Jon Geise and Josh Kukrall.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Weekes at 7:00 PM

M/S Schuttloffel to approve agenda. Carried.

There was much discussion on the upcoming Gala Day Celebration between the council and many others.

Schuttloffel voiced concerns on having the street dance while Covid-19 number continue to climb. He states that protective measures are hard to do during a street dance with limited space and a large amount of people. He is concerned how the local businesses will be affected if the city allows Gala Days to continue possibly exposing citizens to Covid-19.

Asmus states that the decision to carry on with Gala days was already made earlier. He says the Gala Days is a big event and it is time to show what kind of community we are and let Aurora citizens make the decision to go on their own.

Kukrall states that he would like to see hand sanitizer and other protective measures taken during the events and says Gala days should continue but recommends no busses and leave the decision to the residents to attend.

Geise states that through his research and thinking that the numbers have gone down and the council should not be making the decision to cancel Gala days event.

Pat Tingle - Chairman of the AEC- gave a presentation on current numbers in other communities that have had events still going and asks the council to recommend the protective measure that should be taken if they have not covered them already. They will be requiring anyone who hands candy to kids during the parade to wear gloves and masks, fewer vendors will be present than in the past, hand sanitizer and masks will be available. The AEC will recommend that masks be worn during events as well. There will be people at the gates during the dance that will be taking temps upon entry. Pat shares results of a recent poll taken by the AEC regarding canceling or continuing Gala days. 69% voted to continue and 31% voted against it. Pat states that the AEC has spend \$6,952.00 so far on the events.

Andrew Underwood with the AEC also provided a very brief presentation on current Covid-19 numbers.

Cody Clifford - owner of the Aurora Body Shop and Aurora Quick Stop- states that he would like to see the event continue and feels that people can take precautions and continue living normal. He states that the business has not shut down during the covid situation.

Weston Byrd - owner of Lemke's - states that he would like to see the event continue on and leave the decision up to the public. Lemke's will be taking extra safety measures as well during the events.

Pat Tingle states that the food vendors will be following all CDC guidelines at the event.

M/S Asmus, Kukrall to proceed with Gala Days. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to adjourn. Carried.

Shannon Freng, Finance Officer

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