

The Aurora City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM on August 10, 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 6:00 PM

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

M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve June meeting minutes. Carried.

M/S Geise, Asmus to approve financial reports. Carried.

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

Ag First \$83.60, Aurora Auto Body \$1,460.37, Aurora Quick Stop \$428.55, Austin Koenig \$592.50, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,826.86, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$11,951.12, Brookings Register \$99.98, Buffalo Ridge Concrete \$582.50, Centruy Business Products \$101.72, City of Aurora Utilities \$903.10, Cook's Wastepaper \$9,068.41, Core & Main \$1,820.00, Dept. of Energy \$3,613.20, EFTPS \$2,404.53, First Bank & Trust Visa \$718.44, Gworks \$570.00, Hammond Electric \$178.57, Heartland \$46,886.05, ITC \$483.35, John Muller \$3,328.87, Joe Mersch \$1,884.30, Kibble Equipment \$87.84, Midwest Glass \$705.00, North Western Energy \$31.30, Runnings \$236.75, SDRS \$936.00, Shannon Freng \$2,846.48, SD State Treasurer \$3,593.26, Sioux Falls Public Health \$43.50, South Dakota One Call \$24.50, Spilde Electric \$382.50, Tessman Co. \$160.64, Wellmark \$535.15

Dennis Rebelein was present with Banners Associates to give a presentation on the sewer project plans for phase 1, which will be funded through loan and grant money. The City is in the environmental study process and will be conducting a survey in the City to help set the final design plan. The plan is to be getting bidding started in March, which will be for 33 blocks of CIPP on anything done before 2008. Few residents asked questions regarding the costs, rate increase (which will be \$21.35 per household) and how the project was funded.

Asmus brings up the averages of utility bills, the City CDs, current loans and payoff amounts. He recommends trying to pay one loan off before getting another one.

M/S Asmus, Geise to approve the terms of the sewer project. Carried.

John Muller gave the maintenance report stating that the substation has had a few recent problems that need attention. There were also two culvert fixed in town. There are many small areas that need to be paved and he asks the council for a dollar amount he is allowed to use towards those repairs. Asmus suggests \$50,000.00.

John Muller asks the council to discuss a matter publicly regarding a recent employee complaint where a report was made. The report states that Muller was talked to and free to go immediately after that.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to go into executive. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to exit executive. Carried.

M/S Geise, Asmus to enter in regular session. Carried.

There will be policy changes to the employee handbook.

Chuck Tiltrum was present to give the planning and zoning recommendations regarding two items. One being a replat of a property for Cody Clifford and the other would allow a trailer to move into the mobile home park for Kyle Skogen.

There was very little discussion on these two items.

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to approve both Resolution 20-13 - PLAT OF LOT 1 & 2 OF CLIFFORD ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF AURORA, BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. and Permit #20-02 by Kale Skogen for a special exception permit which allows the applicant to move his mobile home (over 10 years in age) onto Lot 6, Block 1 of Ripley Addition, in the City of Aurora. Carried.

Pat Tingle was present to discuss his concerns of fireworks and his want to have the council possibly change the City ordinance. Few others mentioned their opinions as well. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Pat Tingle was present for the AEC as well to report on the Gala Days Celebration. Reporting to been a good turnout with 11 vendors and Dakota News present there. The stated that it was slower due to covid-19.

Mike Ahartz - Fire Chief states that the tender trucks is now back in service.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to adjourn. Carried.

Shannon Freng, Finance Officer

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