

The Aurora City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM on August 09, 2021 at the Aurora Little Hall. Present: Mayor Frederick Weekes and Council members David Schuttloffel, Nancy Price and Jon Geise. Absent: Josh Kukrall.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Weekes at 6:00pm.

M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve agenda. Carried.

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

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve July financial report. Carried.

M/S Geise, Price to approve payment of all August bills. Carried.

Adapco \$62.00 – mosquito spraying supplies, Appera \$181.12 – building cleaning supplies, rugs, Aurora Quick Stop \$922.14 – gas, Banner Associates \$13,442.53 engineering fees for sewer project, Brookings County Sherriff Dept \$1,667.47 – contract law & animal control, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$18,835.17 – service water and water supply, Brookings Register \$77.73 – publishing minutes, C&B Operations \$28.79 – supplies, Carquest \$12.54 – shop parts, Cascade Fire Equipment \$67.50 – fire dept. supplies, City of Aurora \$1,726.45 – city electric, Cook's Wastepaper \$4,688.82 – garbage collection, Core & Main \$1,040.00 – electric meters, Culligan \$9.50- water coolers, Dept. of Energy \$3,613.20 – electric purchase, Dept. of Health \$660.00 – water sample testing, DGR & Associates \$95.50 – Engineering fees for electric, Donley's Computer Service \$1,220.00 – computer updates, repairs, Ekern Home Equipment \$174.48 – repairs to AC unit, First Bank & Trust Visa \$1,007.03 – supplies, postage, fd supplies, gas, Flowers on Main \$50.00 – flowers for Dale Dixon funeral, Heartland Power \$47,144.22 – electric purchase, Heartland Power \$1,255.29 – loan payments, ITC \$484.42 – phones, internet, fax, cc, Lowe's \$499.23 – shop and park supplies, Lyle Signs \$388.33 – street signs, Meierhenry Sargent LLP \$20,020.00 – legal fees – sewer project, North Western Energy \$30.90 – natural gas, Runnings \$4.80 – park supplies, Spilde Electric \$76.50 – temp hook up, T & R Electric \$280.00 – substation testing, EFTPS \$2,067.16 – withholdings, Wellmark \$463.94 – Collin Kneip Insurance, Shannon Freng \$2,915.55 – wages, Joe Mersch \$1,917.08 – wages, Collin Kneip \$3,346.12 – wages, SDRS \$918.20- retirement, Skinners Striping \$1,122.45 – parking,

M/S Geise, Price to approve Resolution 21-07- stop signs on Lindsay and Redmond Rd. Carried.

There was discussion on proposed Resolution 21-08. A resolution to inform the public on basements and high water tables. Price reads the resolution aloud. There were questions by Angie Tingle and Kevin Howard on how people are supposed to know about the water table and potential problems prior to purchasing a home. Steve Britzman, City Attorney, states that realtors and contractors should have the information and knowledge on these matters and that they city council alone will not be able to solve all of the issues and that this resolution is only up for discussion at this point and this is the first step to providing a solution to the issues at hand. Craig Ulrich mentions the concerns of the resolution covering the city but not protecting the residents. Andrew Underwood asks who will determine the water level and what the recourse will be for not following it. Britzman states that homes have to be built by the International Building Code and there needs to be communication with the contractors and the homeowners regarding the water table and the waterproofing measures that need to be taken, which will protect the residents as well. Mr. Auch asks that the city allow no more basements and each house be build to handle a tornado. Britzman feels that it is legally feasible to prohibit basements but does not find any other communities that do such thing and also offers the council an idea to draft a building code ordinance banning all basements from being built in the future. There were many other questions and general discussion.

There was discussion on proposed ordinance 325, which would allow no pumping water onto the city streets. Geise asks that section 2 be changed from storm drain to sanitary sewer system. Schuttloffel mentions section 3 be changed due to people not having many options as to where the water would go while pumping. Mayor Weekes says that in extreme conditions would be a different situation and would be understandable to have some water flowing onto the streets. There is mention of businesses and the City building pumping onto the sidewalks and Weekes states that there are no yards to pump to for some businesses. There were questions and discussion on the low level of roads, inspections, engineers and many other items. Price mentions that the City could possibly hire a professional to have an onsite inspector and one to oversee all projects better along with the engineers already involved with the project to ensure the roads are being done to the plans and subdivision regulations. M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to table Ordinance 325. Carried.

Steve Britzman explains proposed Ordinance 326 which is on the agenda for first reading and is for establishing the number of medical cannabis establishments and types allowed in the City of Aurora. Cities are required to pass an ordinance if a limit is desired on the establishments and it is understood that cities are required to allow at least one dispensary. There was some discussion on concerns regarding this ordinance. M/S Price, Geise to allow one dispensary within Aurora and move to second reading on the next meeting. Carried.

Britzman also explains proposed Ordinance 327, also relating to medical cannabis and the requirements and licensing rules and regulations. M/S Geise, Price to approve first reading. Carried.

Morgan Jessen was present to discuss the desire for a dog park in Aurora and mentions that she is taking off where it was left off at a previous meeting. There was very little discussion on this matter.

Kevin Howard is present to discuss with the council what has been decided on for the issues of drainage on Lindsay Dr. Scot Leddy with Banner Associates was present and mentions the surveying that could be done and also states that when the water table is high in Aurora it is also high everyone around us as well. Pt Tingle states that Lindsay Dr. goes back to the developer and the contractors who constructed the area. Craig Ulrich mentions the need for a slope in the road and having a pond to collect water. Tiltrum asks if we did the pond and slope, what that would do to residents yards and drive ways. Price asks that a letter be sent through the Attorney to the developer and home builder of the homes that are having issues. Britzman agrees to do this.

Pat Tingle is present with the Aurora Event Committee and reports that Gala Days event went over well and they are asking for any feedback. There was brief general discussion.

Mike Aharts – Fire Dept. reports two EMS calls last month. He states that an Aurora fire truck was in the black hills once again to help fight fires.

Collin Kneip gave a brief maintenance report. No discussion.

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

Shannon Freng, Finance Officer

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