

The Aurora City Council met in regular session on May 09, 2022, at the Little Hall.

Mayor Weekes called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jon Geise, Josh Kukrall, Nancy Price and David Schuttloffel

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

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to approve minutes as written. Carried

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

M/S Kukrall, Schuttloffel to approve Annual Report. Carried.

Mayor Weekes finished his 24 years of being Mayor for the City of Aurora and exited the meeting.

#### **Re-organization of Council:**

Oaths of office were taken by Josh Kukrall for a two year term on council, David Schuttloffel for a two year term on council and Josh Jones for a four year term as Mayor.

The Council was re-organized as follows:

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to appoint Jon Geise as Council President. Carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

M/S Price, Kukrall to approve payment of all May bills. Carried.

Appeara \$94.96 – cleaning supplies, Aurora Quick Stop \$646.71 – gas, Austreim Excavating \$5,067.12 – dugouts, Banner Associates \$14,497.60 – engineering fees, Bowne Gravel \$610.38 – gravel for baseball field, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,658.23 – contract & animal control, Brookings Municipal \$13,267.49 – water purchase, Brookings Register \$293.31 – publishing, City of Aurora \$1,285.87 – electric, City of Brookings \$773.10 – landfill fees, Collin Kneip \$3,390.58 – wages, Cook's Wastepaper \$6,126.63 – garbage collection and clean up fees, Culligan \$10.00 – water cooler, David Schuttloffel \$997.38 – council pay, Dept. of Energy \$4,225.07 – electric, EFTPS \$1,723.59 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$3,108.10 – city supplies, gas, travel, Foerster Supply \$267.00 – gov't building supplies, FrederickHeartland Power \$35,286.96 – electric purchase, loan payments, Independent Audit Services \$500.00 – report, ITC \$485.75 – phones, internet, fax, Joe Mersch \$378.63 – wages, Jon Geise \$997.38 – council pay, Josh Kukrall \$997.38 – council pay, Justin Kor \$114.44 – fd reimbursement, Kayla Ekeland \$255.24 – fd reimbursement, Linde Equipment \$157.80 – supplies for shop, Logan Blackburn \$200.00 deposit refund, M&T Fire \$776.09 – fd equipment & supplies, Mike Ahartz – fd reimbursement, Nancy Price \$997.38 – council pay, North Central Rental \$9,077.26 – loader lease, North Western Energy \$724.16 – natural gas, Office Peeps \$3.31 – supplies, Public Health Lab \$45.00 – water samples, Ron Flute \$1,392.00 – work on wellhouse, SD Pubilic Assurance Alliance \$33,598.67 – city insurance, SDRS \$950.88 – retirement, SD State Treasurer \$3,062.90 – taxes, SD One Call \$11.20 – locates, Shannon Freng \$3,019.94 – wages, Wellmark \$467.88 – Collins health insurance,

M/S Kukrall, Geise to approve Resolution 22-07- Plat. Carried.

Scot Leddy with Banner Associates was present for the discussion on awarding contracts for the sanitary sewer lift station improvements 2022 project. The City received two bids which were both over the estimated project amount. The estimated amount was 1.6 Million and the bids were in at \$2,552,737 and the other for \$2,014,140.

M/S Kukrall, Price to award contract to Halme Inc. Carried.

Price brought forth the campground and suggested requiring a nightly fee. Currently it is a freewill donation. M/S Geise, Price to require a \$25/day fee with a 10 day limit, unless otherwise agreed upon with the city. Carried.

Charles Kuechenmeister was present to discuss concerns on little hall and reports a missing item during an event held at the hall.

Mike Ahartz – FD Chief gave report. 1 EMS call and 1 accident call. The new brush truck got called to help fight fires in Nebraska. Fire Dept. asks council to consider a credit card to use specifically for gas and hotels when out with Brush 1 on out of town or state fire calls. M/S Geise, Price to approve a card with a \$5,000 limit. Carried.

Collin Kneip – Maintenance report – Manhole repairs will be done this next couple weeks. Park equipment will be repaired soon under warranty.

M/S Kukrall, Schuttloffel to adjourn. Carried.

Shannon Freng

Finance Officer

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