

The Aurora City Council met in regular session on July 11, 2022, at the Little Hall.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: David Schuttloffel, Jon Geise, Josh Kukrall and Nancy Price.

Invitation was extended to the public attending for items of discussion that is not listed on the agenda.

Craig Ulrich asked that trash bins and loose garbage blowing into yards in the wind be discussed and asks that everyone considers doing something to help keep the neighborhoods clean.

Andrew Underwood asks that a City owned building that was previously going to be sold, be added to the next agenda and plans be discussed for its use.

Mike Ahartz asks that the council discusses and considers plans for the current city hall, fire dept and finance office and the issues that exist are looked at. Also mentions discussion needed on new building plans.

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

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

M/S Schuttloffel, Kukrall to approve June financial reports. Carried.

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

Adam Buchholtz \$197.35 – FD reimbursement, Ag First \$1,011.65 – weed control chemical, Appera \$94.96 – building cleaning supplies, Aurora Auto Body \$465.52 – repairs, Aurora Event Committee \$277.94 – reimburse for flowers, Aurora Quick Stop \$1,494.26 – gas, Austreim Excavating \$4,173.00 – repairs, Banner Associates \$15,454.74 – engineering fees, Brookings County Sheriff \$3,454.97 – contract law & animal control, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$15,534.97 – water purchase and repair, Brookings Register \$298.07 – publishing, Butler Machinery \$1,188.74 – repairs and parts, Century Business Products \$95.74 – copier fees, City of Aurora \$1,316.83 – electric, Collin Kneip \$3,522.28 – wages, Core & Main \$408.40 – meters, Culligan \$10.00 – water cooler, Dakota Data Shred \$62.93 – service fees, DANR \$260.00 – annual fees, DeBeer Small Engine \$60.95 – repairs, Dept. of Energy \$3,244.54 – electric purchase, Donley's \$1,250.00 – computer service, EFTPS \$3,720.55 – withholdings, Fastenal \$39.54 – supplies, First Bank & Trust Visa \$1,637.98 – city & FD supplies and travel, Foerster Testing \$380.00 – water testing, Heartland Power \$51,904.27 – electric purchase and loan, Heiman Fire Equipment \$118.35 – fd supplies, Homestead Building Supply \$1,744.48 – lumber for well house, I'll do it Construction \$4,030.62 – repairs, ITC \$488.56 –phone, internet, J & G \$325.00 – supplies, James Reynolds \$201.04, Joe Mersch \$1,914.17 – wages, Kibble Equipment \$324.81 – shop supplies, Lowe's \$80.36 – shop supplies, Mark Potthast \$205.04 – travel, Ron Flute \$3,200.00 – wellhouse building, Runnings Supply \$94.13 – park supplies, SD State Treasurer \$3,442.92 – taxes, Shannon Freng \$3,044.05 – wages, Stan Houston \$33.20 – supplies, Steven Britzman \$1,678.00 – legal fees, Tony Ahartz \$173.04 – travel reimburse, Unemployment \$27.94 – fees, Wellmark \$467.88 – Kneip health insurance, William Zell \$28.09 – travel,

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to approve the change order request by Musson Brothers on the Phase 1 sewer improvement project. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to approve contract with Banners to conduct a water study. Carried.

There was discussion on the idea of Aurora to hire a Code Enforcement officer for the City of Aurora. After questions were asked and brief discussion, it was decided to table the topic until August meeting.

M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve Resolution 22-08 – campground fees and regulations, with changes. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Price to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 332 with minor change regarding the penalty fee. Carried.

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve Resolution 22-09 – fine schedule for water restrictions during maintenance. Carried.

Kelly VanderWal was present and introduced himself. He is running for Brookings County Commissioner.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Event Committee asks that the City reimburse the AEC for flowers they put in the flower bed at the park.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to reimburse the AEC \$277.94 for flowers. Carried.

Mike Ahartz – Fire Chief. Reports 5 EMS calls and 6 Fire calls last month. Brush 1 is back in service from being in Pine Ridge fighting fires. Two trucks need new radios in them.

Collin Kneip – Maintenance Report. Collin reports that there are issues with the Water stand pipe and that will need to be repaired. Asks council to consider purchasing a new trailer for the city.

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

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

M/S Geise, Kukrall to have an employee train in a new hired part-time employee and be finished with the City of Aurora, other than as needed or on call work, as of July 22nd. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Price. Carried.

Shannon Freng

Finance Officer

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