

The Aurora City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM on October 11, 2022 in the Aurora Little Hall.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jones, Council members David Schuttloffel, Jon Geise, Josh Kukrall and Nancy Price.

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

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

M/S Schuttloffel, Kukrall to approve treasurer reports. Carried.

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

Additions to September: Musson Brothers \$140,927.53 – sewer project – phase 1, Halme \$95,410.26 – lift station sewer project.

October – Appera \$98.78- govt building supplies, Aurora Quick Stop \$1,407.06 – gas, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,653.61 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$14,184.03 – water supply, Brookings Register \$356.28 – publishing, Carquest \$11.45 – parts, City of Aurora \$1,185.76 – utilities, Collin Kneip \$3,483.83 – wages, Cook's Wastepaper \$5,031.32 – garbage collection, Culligan \$20.00 – water coolers, Dept. of Energy \$5,029.20 – electric, Dept. of Health \$196.00 – water test, EFTPS \$2,159.19 – withholds, Ferguson Waterworks \$1,596.18 – water repair, First Bank & Trust Visa \$1,087.69 – city supplies, First National Bank \$3,002.63 – lagoon loan, Havard Electric \$3,932.41 – electric service, Heartland Power \$48,057.69 – electric, ITC \$510.23 – phones, internet, Joe Mersch \$513.63 – wages, Justin Kor \$1,766.29 – wages, Maguire Iron \$4,885.20 – water tower repairs, Musson Brothers \$25,096.15 – sewer project 1, North Western Energy \$45.17 – natural gas, Pitney Bowes \$417.98 – postage, Runnings \$647.83 – supplies, SD State Treasurer \$3,155.11 – taxes, SD One Call \$31.36 – locates, SDRS \$958.08 – retirement, Shannon Freng \$3,044.05 – wages, Spilde \$1,76.06 – services, Stan Houston \$35.21 – shop supplies, Steve Britzman \$1,872.45 – legal fees, Wellmark \$467.88 – health insurance.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to approve 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 333. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Kukrall to table the change order for lift station project. Carried.

Sheriff Stanwich and Kevin Murfield, Sgt. Of Investigations, were present to discuss the traffic concerns in Aurora. The Sheriff Dept. has installed stealth radars in Aurora to help track the vehicle speeds coming into town. There was discussion on contract law hours and the possibility of an increase in those. There were many questions and answers. The council will revisit the contract at a later date.

Larry Jensen, County Commissioner, was present to discuss the 214th St improvements, costs and plans that are in the works with Brookings County. Once the final plans are done, they will be sharing those with Aurora.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Event Committee states that they will be starting to plan the 2023 Gala Days events in the next couple months.

Mark Potthast gave the Fire Dept. report. Reporting 4 EMS calls and 4 Fire calls in the past month. He mentions the talk of a burn ban coming for our area soon. During the September Fire Dept. meeting, they voted to remove the current fire chief from the position. M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve the removal of current chief. Carried.

Collin Kneip gave the maintenance report. Water testing complete, showing no leaks. There will be more testing done soon. Bathrooms at the parks will be closed for the winter.

M/S Geise, Price to adjourn. Carried.

Shannon Freng, Finance Officer

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