

The City of Aurora Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 09, 2023 at 6:00PM.

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

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

M/S Price, Geise to approve December 2022 financial reports. Carried.

M/S Price, Kukrall to approve payment for January bills. Carried.

Aurora Quick Stop \$452.84 – gas, Banner Associates \$36,254.70 – engineering fees, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$8,404.43 – water purchase, Brookings Register \$313.75 – publishing, Century Business Products \$89.08 – printer fees, City of Aurora \$1,835.76 – electric, Collin Kneip \$4,915.59 – wages, Cook’s Wastepaper \$9,767.52 – garbage, Core & Main \$2,650.00 – meters, DANR \$50.00 – annual fees, Dept. of Energy \$4,404.02 – electric, EFTPS \$4,311.14 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust \$1,028.00 – cards, First Bank & Trust Visa \$4,601.50 – supplies, travel, First National \$3,002.63 – lagoon loan, GIG Above Computers \$415.06 – replace camera, GWorks \$318.00 – support fees, Heartland \$51,531.65 – electric & loan payment, ITC \$505.92 – phone, internet, Jere’s Home Inspections \$1,650.00, Justin Kor \$1,847.77 – wages, Lemke’s - \$19.00 – meeting lunch, Mark Potthast \$92.31 – reimburse for fd supplies, NAPA \$272.91 – shop supplies, North Western Energy \$994.75 – natural gas, Productivity Plus \$212.00 – shop supplies, Redmond Road Repair \$1,071.60 – repairs to loader, SDRS \$1,131.70 – retirement, SD Assoc. of Rural Water \$965.00 – annual fees, SD State Treasurer \$3,378.30 – taxes, Shannon Freng \$3,689.92 – wages, Steven Britzman \$1,791.44 – legal fees, Tony Ahartz \$72.20 – reimburse for fd supplies, Wellmark \$484.21 –health insurance.

Annual election will be held on April 11th, 2023.

M/S Geise, Kukrall – Brookings Register as official news paper. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Price – First Bank & Trust as official bank depository. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall – Steven Britzman as official City Attorney. Carried.

Dennis Rebelein, with Banners Associates, was present to discuss the waste water facility plan and the Aeration project on the current pond system that the City of Aurora is looking to complete. Greg Maag, representing First District, was also present to discuss the application process and the rates and interest that could be associated with the project. He states that the State will meet in March to make recommendations and decisions on funding packages available for this project.

M/S Price, Geise to approve Resolution 23-01- Authorization for funding application. Carried.

After brief discussion on our water service with Brookings Municipal Utilities, M/S Kukrall, Geise to approve a water agreement with BMU for water service. Carried.

Tom Henley has asked that the Council considers approving a proclamation for Four Chaplains Sunday. M/S Geise, Price to approve the Proclamation. Carried. Mayor Jones designates Sunday, February 5th, 2023, to be observed as Four Chaplains Sunday.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Event Committee. Bingo starts January 24th and will be the 4th Friday of each month. Jones asked Tingle about the funds the AEC has raised from the chase the ace. Tingle states that the funds will be used 50% for fire dept and 50% for other city buildings.

M/S Price, Gesie to donate \$3,500 to the AEC for Gala days. Carried.

Mark Potthast – Fire Report. 10 EMS calls and 6 fire calls since last meeting.

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve Fire Dept. roster and officers. Carried.

Collin Kneip – Maint. Report. Dewatering has started with Halme for the lift station project.

M/S Geise, Price to keep council pay the same. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Price to keep Mayor pay the same. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to enter into executive session for personnel discussion. Carried.

M/S Geise, Price to come out of executive. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to raise Collin from \$25.60 to \$28.42 per hour, Shannon from \$23.55 to \$25.32 per hour, and Justin up to \$21.42 per hour. Carried.

M/S Geise, Price to adjourn. Carried.