

The City of Aurora Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 06, 2023 at 6:00PM.

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

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

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

There was an invitation for citizens to schedule a time on the next months agenda. Vicki Kuechenmeister reports she has stepped down from the President position on the Auxiliary and that Annette Stein will be the new president. Craig Ulrich had questions and wanted clarification on council and Mayor pay, demolition of city buildings, debris site and surcharges on the sewer. He also asked the council to hold informational meetings for the public in the future. There was much discussion on these topics. No decisions made.

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

M/S Price, Kukrall to approve February financial reports. Carried.

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

Aurora Auto Body \$894.51 – vehicle repairs, Aurora Quick Stop \$658.16 – gas, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$6,657.34 – water purchase, Brookings Register \$112.09 – publishing, City of Aurora \$1,391.81 – electric, Collin Kneip \$5,617.54 – wages, Cook’s Wastepaper \$5,458.51 – garbage collection, Core & Main \$3,989.58 – meters & supplies, EFTPS \$3,230.51 – withholdings, Ekern \$741.25 – furnace repairs, First Bank & Trust Visa \$794.34 – city supplies, Halme \$854,426.07 – lift station project, Havard Electric \$2,681.58 – service on electric, Heartland \$1,255.29 – IRP loan payments, I&S Group \$12,457.65 – CIP, ITC \$484.68 – phones,internet,fax, Justin Kor \$1,476.96 – wages, North Western Energy \$1,288.64 – natural gas, Runnings \$763.89 – building supplies, Tim Deboer \$980.54 – fd retirement, WW Tire \$30.00 – tire repair, SD State Treasurer \$4,059.43 – tax, Shannon Freng \$3,814.28 – wages, SDRS \$1,541.32 – retirement, Wellmark \$509.77 – health insurance.

M/S Kukrall, Schuttloffel to approve Resolution 23-04 – Interconnection Process & Requirements. Carried

Discussion on a donation to BATA. Jones gave a brief explanation on what the donation is for. There were ideas for how to better ensure that all residents pay the same lower rate. The city will be looking into this further and the topic will be discussed further at next month meeting.

Andrew Underwood – Fundraising Committee – The Chase the Ace fundraiser is down to 10 cards. Last week they sold over 1,100 tickets. They are also looking into other fundraising opportunities.

City Council will hold the Board of Adjustments meeting on March 23th, 2023 at the Fire Hall at 6:00PM.

Adam Buchholtz gave the fire dept. report. Reporting 6 EMS calls and 1 fire call. Valero has donated two air monitors. During demolition if city buildings, the fire dept. roof got damaged is being fixed.

Collin Kneip- Maintenance report – Demolition of city buildings is complete. Backfill will start this week.

City will be having a city wide clean up day and the date will be announced with March billing.

M/S Geise, Kurkall to adjourn. Carried.

