

The Aurora City Council met in regular session on Monday April 10, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Aurora Fire Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Mayor Jones and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

M/S Kukrall, Price to approve March meeting minutes. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to approve March financial report. Carried.

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

Active Heating \$87.76 – cap gas line, Ag First \$1604.00 – diesel, Aurora Event Committee \$106.77 – donation, Aurora Quick Stop \$302.79 – gas, Austreim Excavating \$7,256.14 – water lines, Banner Associates \$16,361.40 – engineering, BATA \$5,000.00 – donation, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$7,551.13 – water purchase, Brookings Register \$629.83 – publishing, Carquest \$78.13 – parts, City of Aurora \$1,010.83 – electric, Collin Kneip \$4,305.47 – wages, Core & Main \$441.67 – meter, Dakota Pump \$620.41 – service call, Dept. of Energy \$4,643.74 – electric purchase, DGR \$545.00 – engineering, EFTPS \$2,579.81 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$1,331.94 – supplies, US Bank \$3,002.63 – lagoon loan payment, Foerster Supply \$116.00 – printer paper, Halme \$159,855.26 – lift station, Heartland Power \$40,976.38 – electric, Heartland \$1,255.29 – IRP loan payments, ITC \$314.18 – phone, internet, Justin Kor \$2,046.90 – wages, Lowes \$1,154.26 – supplies for FD wall, M & T Fire Safety \$5,825.13 – fd truck repairs, North Western Energy \$868.66 – natural gas, Public Health Lab \$15.00 – water sample, Runnings Supply \$310.87 – shop supplies, Sanford \$205.00 – employee immunization, SD State Treasurer \$3,310.33 – tax, SDML Work Comp \$679.00, SDRS \$1,172.98 – retirement, Shannon Freng \$3,579.05 – wages, State Line Excavating \$66,924.00 – building demo, Steven Britzman \$2,618.00 – legal fees, Team Lab \$572.00 – road patch, Unemployment \$162.60, Wellmark \$496.99 – health insurance, Young Door Service \$1,138.64 – services,

Tavis Bortnem was present to discuss the importance of the BATA service for Aurora residents and ask the council for a donation of \$5,000 to help keep the rates at \$5 per scheduled ride for all residents. Mr. Bortnem also explained the “DOG DAYS” promotion for children in the summertime.

M/S Price, Kukrall to donate \$5,000 to BATA. Carried.

Brief discussion on the current water study and options Aurora has for water sources.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to approve Mayor Jones to sign and submit the State Water Plan Application for the Aurora Water System Improvements Project. Carried.

Collin Vaughn was present to ask for council to approve a change in zoning for his lot in Aurora from Ag to Commercial to allow for a storage unit which may be rented out.

M/S Price, Kukrall to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 340. – change in zoning from Ag to Commercial. Carried.

There was discussion on using the two churches in Aurora as storm shelter as each has a basement. If both are approved for use, Jon Geise will be designated to open the Impact church and Nancy Price to open the Catholic Church.

Vicki Kuechenmeister was present to discuss the Easter Egg hunt this upcoming weekend. Jones asks the council to consider donating 2 bikes per age group.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to donate up to \$600 towards bikes. Carried.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Events Committee – The theme for 2023 Gala Days will be “Build the Future”.

Andrew Underwood with the fundraising committee – Total donations and funds earned for the City buildings and the Fire hall is \$65,081.83.

Mark Potthast – Fire Dept. report. There were 4 EMS calls and 3 Fire calls. April 23rd will be the annual pancake feed in the Fire Hall.

Jones gave a brief maintenance report. There is a transformer needing fixing or replaced in alley west of Broadway. Few changes to plans of lift station project due to contractors.

M/S Price, Geise to adjourn. Carried.

Shannon Freng
Finance Officer

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