

The Aurora City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM on August 07, 2023 at the Aurora Fire Hall.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones at 6:00pm. Starting with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Invitation to schedule item on next agenda or brief comment. Price mentioned Ag property owners getting letters about keeping land mowed. There was brief discussion and will be revisited at a later date.

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

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

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

Aurora Quick Stop \$630.30 – gas, Banner Associates \$9,320.00 – phase II sewer engineering, Bob Charging \$2,563.79 – wages, Bowne Gravel \$622.77 – gravel, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,652.35 – contract & animal control, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$14,208.46 – water purchase & elec. Service, Brookings Register \$122.85 – publishing, City of Aurora \$969.57 – electric, Collin Kneip \$4,420.17 – wages, Cook's Wastepaper \$5,099.36 – garbage collection, Core & Main \$25,356.00 – water meters, Dakota Pump & Control \$1,322.45 – lift station services, Dept. of Energy \$4,212.85 – electric purchase, Delta Dental \$56.00 – dental insurance, EFTPS \$3,307.53 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$1,138.14 – supplies, First District \$2,000.00 – agreement and dues, Halme \$91,080.00 – lift station project costs, Heartland \$1,255.29 – loan payments, Heartland Power \$51,429.19 – electric purchase, Heiman Fire Equipment \$103,059.99 – FD gear, I'll do it Constructors \$4,693.89 – ball field repairs, ITC \$4,878.31 – cameras, North Central Rental \$750.00 – loader lease, North Western Energy \$12.11 – natural gas, Public Health Lab \$30.00 – water samples, Runnings \$382.80 – shop supplies, SD State Treasurer \$3,266.54 – taxes, SDRS \$1,187.84 – retirement, Shannon Freng \$3,783.10 – wages, Sturdevants \$6.05 – parts, Team Lab \$560.00 – road patch, USBancorp \$41,667.52 – Phase II sewer loan payment, Wellmark \$496.99 – health insurance

M/S Geise, Kukrall to approve Resolution 23-10 – Oak Village housing project support. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to approve Resolution 23-11 – Spilde Housing application support. Price – Nay. Carried.

AEC – Pat Tingle. Gala Days had a great turn out considering it rained the entire day. The pancake feed sold out, parade had a great crowd and the street dance went well also. There were a few events that got rained out.

Andrew Underwood with the fundraising committee mentioned that they are waiting for drawings and plans for the new buildings before fundraising efforts start back up.

Fire Dept. report – Mark Potthast. 3 EMS calls, 1 fire call. Roof needs to be fixed due to a leak. Potthast demonstrated a new lift vest that the department would like to consider purchasing. M/S Geise, Price to purchase vest. Carried. Kukrall abstained from vote.

Collin Kneip – Maintenance report. Few issues at lift station that have been addressed. Lift station project will be wrapping up in the next two weeks.

Josh Spilde and Tobin Morris were present to present a preliminary TIF plan for the council to consider. There was much discussion on the TIF idea and many questions regarding the TIF, bonds included, current infrastructure, drainage concerns, estimated property tax on area, revenue sharing and road widths, along with many other items discussed.

After lengthy discussion from the council and the residents who attended the meeting, there was a motion by Schuttloffel to allow Spilde to move forward with the TIF process as long as all concerns are addressed. Second to the motion by Kukrall. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to adjourn. Carried.

Shannon Freng, Finance Officer

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