

The City of Aurora Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Aurora Fire Hall.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jones, Jon Geise, Nancy Price and David Schuttloffel (by phone). Absent: Josh Kukrall.

An invitation was given for anyone wanting to schedule a time on the next agenda or share brief comment.

Jessica Jensen with the Elkton Record was present and she will be adding Aurora meetings to the Elkton Record.

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

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

M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve the September financial reports. Carried.

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

Allegra \$301.92 – forms & supplies, Austreim Excavating \$82.50 – service call, Banner Associates \$30,000.00 – phase II sewer plans, Bob Charging \$1,841.74 – wages, Bowne Gravel \$166.73 – gravel, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$11,137.19 – water purchase, Brookings Register \$125.57 – publishing, CarQuest \$186.56 – maintenance supplies, Century Business Products \$112.65 – printer lease, City of Aurora \$817.55 – utilities, Collin Kneip \$3,968.46 – wages, Cook’s Wastepaper \$4,934.51 – garbage collection, Delta Dental \$56.00 – Insurance, Department of Energy \$5,613.65 – electric, EFTPS \$3964.58 – withholdings, Equipment Blades \$1,140.00 – snow shoes, Fastenal \$43.46 – shop supplies, First Bank & Trust Visa \$122.44- shop supplies, First National Bank \$3,002.63- lagoon loan payment, GWorks \$7,271.00 – software annual dues, Havard Electric \$479.40 – electric service, Heartland \$50,556.65 – electric & loan payments, Heiman Fire Equipment \$102.80 – fire dept. supplies, ITC \$511.71 – phones, internet, fax, James Kepford \$50.00 – rebate from Heartland, Lowe’s \$368.67 – building supplies, Menards \$2,853.63 – fencing for ball field, North Central Rental \$750.00 – loader lease, North Western Energy \$24.94 – natural gas, Public Health Lab \$466.00 – water samples, Runnings Supply \$288.33 – gear, SDRS \$1,106.22 – retirement, SD State Treasurer \$3,110.28 – taxes, Shannon Freng \$3,400.94 – wages, Spilde Electric \$173.40 – electric hook up, Steven Britzman \$747.00 – legal services, Wellmark \$496.99 – Insurance

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve and adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 342 – Appropriations. Carried.

M/S Geise, Price to surplus the 2000 Rescue Truck. Carried.

M/S Geise, Price to surplus the 1984 Pumper Truck. Carried.

Melanie Strenge was present with zoning change request and a variance request for ½ of Lot , All of Lot 5, Block 6 of Railway Addition. Chuck Tiltrum, Chairman of the zoning board, explained the questions the zoning board had at the last meeting in October. He also shared the information he found and how they suggest the City move forward on these requests. Other zoning board members also voiced suggestions.

M/S Geise, Price to approve first reading of Ordinance 343 – zoning change from R1 to R2 for ½ lot 4, all of 5 of Block 6 in Railway Addition. Carried.

M/S Geise, Price to approve the variances as requested. Carried.

There were a few follow up questions on the intended use for the property being rezoned. Questions on parking and max tenants she would allow.

There was discussion on the plans for future city buildings. Both the fire department building and City Community Center were discussed. Locations, plans, land, drawings and estimated costs were a few questions asked. After much discussion there was a motion by Price to build the new City Community Center in the same location as the old building. Geise made a second to the motion. Carried.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Events Committee was present. AEC meeting will be Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October at 209 Lilac Ave at 7:30pm.

Mark Potthast gave the fire department report. 2 fire calls, 5 EMS calls. Fire department roof has been fixed. Aurora fire trucks will be in the HOBBO day parade in Brookings this Saturday. The rescue tools will need to be serviced and they would do that at Danko. M/S Geise, to approve service agreement with warranty, Price second the motion. Carried.

Collin Kneip – Maintenance report. Baseball field material has been ordered. Few street light repairs that are needed and Brookings Municipal Utilities will be trenching in new lines for those. New loader will be coming in November under lease. Collin has received estimates for road repairs in 2024. A large order of meters have come in for the future developments that will be coming to Aurora.

M/S Geise, Price to adjourn the meeting. Carried.