

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 10, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Aurora Fire Hall..

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

Roll Call: Geise, Meyer, Price and Schuttloffel present

Others Present: Shannon Freng – Finance Officer, Collin Kneip – Maintenance/Utility Manager, Scot Leddy with Banner Associates, Josh Spilde, Marty Stanwick - Brookings County Sheriff, Pat Tingle, Andrew Underwood and few residents.

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

Public Comments: Pat Tingle with the AEC asks that the council adds a permit for consumption of alcohol during Gala Days to next agenda. Jani White mentions the pipeline company having a meeting with the Mayor and a Council member, which they explained what the pipeline plan is. She asks when the public meeting will be and Mayor Jones explained that the company will be coming to Aurora to hold a public informational meeting in the future.

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

M/S Price, Meyer to approve May financial report. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve payment of June bills. Carried.

49ER Communications \$6,072.95 – Fire Dept. equipment, AGWRX \$400.00 – weed control, Aurora Quick Stop \$614.21 – gas, Avid Hawk \$98.00 – website fees, Bob Charging \$2,310.92 – wages, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,749.28 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$8,708.99 – water purchase, Brookings Register \$376.47 – publishing, City of Aurora \$936.11 – electric, Collin Kneip \$3,936.45 – wages, Cook’s Wastepaper \$5,236.00 – garbage collection, Delta Dental \$58.50 – dental insurance, Dept. Of Energy \$3,802.16 – electric, Donley’s Computer \$2,250.00 – computer service, EFTPS \$6,780.03 – withholdings, East-line Fence \$1,020.10 – ballfield fence, First Bank & Trust \$35,567.09 – substation loan payment, First Bank & Trust Visa \$372.36 – supplies on cards, Halme \$581,970.94 – phase II sewer project payment, Havard Electric \$1,793.87 – electrical services, Heartland \$1,255.29 – IRP loan payments, Heartland Power \$34,012.08 – electric purchase, ITC \$418.06 – phones/internet, Justice Fire & Safety \$1,940.40 – Fire Dept. Supplies, Lowe’s \$1,345.91 – ballfield supplies, North Western Energy \$122.70 – natural gas, Outlaw Graphics \$175.00 – FD emblem, Runnings \$762.80- shop supplies, SD State Treasurer \$3,374.47 – taxes, SD One Call \$30.24 – locates, SDRS \$537.50 – retirement, Shannon Freng \$3,709.11 – wages, Wellmark \$537.50- health insurance.

M/S Geise, Price to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 348 – water backflow prevention. Carried.

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve Resolution 24-07 – Drinking Water Surcharges. Carried.

Josh Spilde was present to discuss his plans for the East side of Broadway (76 acres) on the South end of Aurora. He has also submitted a Petition of Annexation for that land. He would like to see this area be commercial and industrial lots between 2.5 and 10 acres depending on the needs of those who purchase the lots.

M/S Price, Meyer to approve Resolution 24-08 – Annexation of The South One-half of the Northwest Quarter (S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) of Section Two (2), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Forty-nine (49) West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., County of Brookings, State of South Dakota, Except Lot H-1 and Except Ag First Farmers Addition. Carried.

M/S Geise, Meyer to approve Resolution 24-09. Resolution authorizing consumption of alcohol beverages on public property during event. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve the chip seal bid with Astech Corp. for \$40,134.00. Carried.

Marty Stanwick is present to answer any questions and concerns regarding the patrolling in Aurora and traffic issues we have been seeing currently. Jones explains a few of the issues that residents have been concerned about. Stanwick explains that they patrol 10 hours a week per contact. Jones mentions speed bumps and Stanwick stated that you will receive complaints on the noise from those. Craig Ulrich asks about the contract and the price and states that he strongly disagrees with it. There was much discussion on new strategies, ideas, hours and contracts. The City of Aurora and the Sheriff dept. will be conducting a survey in the near future.

Scot Leddy was present to give a project update on current sewer project ( phase II ). Halme has about 250 ft of sewer pipe installed as of today and another crew came in to start on the water main line as well. He is waiting for an updated schedule on the Broadway St. closure dates. Halme is behind schedule a bit due to dewatering issues and the water table too high under train tracks. Construction hours have been extended and Saturday construction has been allowed as well in order for them to get closer to the deadline dates. There is mention of the drinking water project being bid out at the end of 2024 and started in 2025. That project will be the new water tower and a section of water main.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Event Committee – The committee is doing fundraisers for the city buildings and fire dept. buildings at Gala Days with the street dance.

Andrew Underwood with the Fundraising Committee - wanting to know about where the City is at with the donation/purchase of the land for the fire dept and with the creation of an EDO.

Mark Potthast - FD report - 5 EMS, 1 Fire call this past month.

Collin Kneip - Maintenance Report -millings will be down on all gravel surfaces soon. There have been a few electrical issues and those will be repaired soon.

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to adjourn. Carried.