

The Council met in regular session on Monday July 8, 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: Mayor Jones, Geise, Meyer, Price and Schuttloffel

Other present: Shannon Freng - Finance officer, Scot Leddy - Banner Associates, Pat Tingle - Aurora Event Committee, Andrew Underwood - Fundraising Committee, Kevin Murfield - Sheriff Dept., Mike Ahartz - Fire Dept. and many others.

Public comment: Mike Jensen mentioned wanting to volunteer to do some horseshoe pits at no cost to the City at the city park on Broadway.

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

M/S Geise, Meyer to approve June meeting minutes. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Price to approve June financial reports. Carried.

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

Adapco \$1,080.85 - mosquito spray chemical, Aurora Auto Body \$44.00 - light for truck, Aurora Quick Stop \$575.65 - gas, Avid Hawk \$49.00 - website fees, Banner Associates \$81,660.28 - engineering fees, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,959.65 - contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$13,759.66 - water purchase and electric service, Brookings Register \$660.58 - publishing, Carquest \$151.48 - parts for shop, Century Business Products \$119.43 - printer fees, City of Aurora \$939.65 - utilities, Collin Kneip \$7,265.85 - wages & vacation payout, Cook's Wastepaper \$5,213.74 - garbage pickup, Dakota Pump & Control \$30,883.06 - repairs to backup pump, Delta Dental \$58.50 - dental insurance, Department of Energy \$3,780.69 - electric purchase, DGR Associates \$793.50 - electric engineering, EFTPS \$3,251.14 - withholdings, Fastenal \$42.74 - shop supplies, First Bank & Trust Visa \$614.66 - city & fd supplies, First National Bank \$3,002.63 - CW3 payment, Foerster Supply \$520.00 - office and park supplies, Heartland \$1,255.29 - IRP loan payments, I & S Group \$750.00 - CIP fees, Independent Audit Services \$6,750.00 - two year audit, ITC \$424.20 - phones, internet, fax, Lemkes \$62.00 - meeting lunch, Lowe's 221.37 - shop supplies, M & T Fire and Safety \$24,532.18 - fd gear, Noah Reinan \$89.04 - fd reimbursement, North Western Energy \$49.49 - natural gas, Outlaw Graphics \$305.00 - street signs, Public Health Laboratory \$30.00 - water test, Robert Charging \$2,242.94 - wages, Runnings Supply \$173.84 - shop supplies, SDRS \$1,142.38 - retirement, SD State Treasurer \$3,680.30 - taxes, SD One Call \$14.56 - locates, Shannon Freng \$3,709.11 - wages, Steven Britzman \$1,210.63 - legal services, Tony Ahartz \$89.04 - travel reimbursement, VSP Vision Care \$16.54 - vision insurance, Wesco \$12,129.60 - Wellmark \$537.50 - Kneip health insurance,

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to approve second reading and adopt Ordinance 348. Carried.

M/S Geise, Meyer to approve Resolution 24-10 - Consumption of Alcohol on public property during Gala Days. Carried.

Mayor Jones mentions working with another organization on developing an EDO for Aurora.

Scot Leddy with Banner Associates is present to discuss the upcoming water project. The project is to add a new 250,000 gallon water tower and remove the existing 50,000 gallon tower. Banner Associates is asking that the Council approve the agreement to begin the design for the project. Motion by Schuttloffel to approve the agreement for the water project to begin. Second by Price . Carried.

Scot Leddy also gave a project update on the current sewer project. He states that the rain has made progression slow. Phase I is about complete and phase II is starting as of July 8th. Redmond Rd is closed from Broadway to Audra Dr. Kirby St. will be open to Railroad St. for residents to use to get to Broadway by the elevator, but is only one lane for now. Schuttloffel asks that Banners look into the traffic issues that could arise with two way traffic going down those roads. Scot encourages residents to take Redmond Rd to the west and go around Aurora as alternate route. Questions were also asked about more signage and communication from the contactors. There are questions about timing of the project for the Gala Day celebration. Price suggests that the committee plan for Broadway to be closed and use a different or "old" route and line up area for the parade.

Detective Murfield was present with the Brookings Sheriff's Office for questions and concerns the residents have. He states that the dept. has been putting much effort into helping control the traffic issues and address the resident's concerns here in Aurora. A resident asks that the deputies show more presence on Audra and Lindsay as well and help slow the traffic down in that area. Murfield states that Aurora is a high priority to the Sheriff Dept and does ask that people understand that the dept is short staffed and trying the best they can. Price asks if contact with the County Commissioners would be beneficial for the Dept. to be able to hire more deputies. Price states that the City has ordered speed signs and we will check on the status of those and get them put up as soon as possible. Price asks Murfield to check into the bike safety course. Mayor Jones asks about reporting crimes to the Sheriff Dept. Murfield states that people need to either call 911 or call in and provide a report and sign a compliant and they will go out and take care of the issue.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Event Committee - Gala Days is about three weeks away. They would like to see crushed asphalt on the city lot they intend using. Schedules should be coming out soon on the events.

There was much discussion on the city maintenance department. Price mentions that different options were discussed on number of employees and they continue to look at that as we grow. There were many questions about the amount of work to be done with only two employees in the maintenance dept with the City of Aurora. Price mentions that personnel issues will be discussed in executive session. Jones mentions that an employee cannot be expected to have all positions be their responsibility.

Andrew Underwood - Fundraising Committee - Street dance will be an upcoming fundraiser. He is looking for ideas for fundraising for new buildings.

Mike Ahartz - Fire Dept. report - 1 EMS 3 Fire calls. He shows the two new radios to the Council. Elkton got new gear and wants to sell the trailer with compressor for air tanks to the Aurora Fire dept so they can fill their own equipment. Elkton is asking \$5,000 for the trailer. Council has asked the Fire dept. to look at funds available first and will revisit.

M/S Geise, Meyer to adjourn. Carried.