

The Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Aurora Maintenance Shop.

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

Roll Call: Mayor Jones, Council Members -Geise, Meyer, Price and Schuttloffel

Other present: Shannon Freng – Finance officer, Shannon Stuefen – maintenance dept., Scot Leddy – Banner Associates, Luke Muller – First District, Pat Tingle – Aurora Event Committee, Marty Stanwick – Brookings County Sheriff Dept. and few residents.

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

Mayor Jones stated that each person who wished to speak will have 2 minutes and asks that comments and questions be done during public comment time.

Public Comment: Janii White asked about the CO2 pipeline and when there will be a public meeting on that. Jones stated that the council will not be running the meeting and that will be up to the pipeline company. Craig Ulrich asks if he can ask questions about items on the agenda during the meeting.

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

Mayor Jones went over the July financial report. M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to approve July financial reports. Carried.

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

Adapco \$1,186.13 – mosquito spray, Allegra \$350.24 – envelopes, Aurora Quick Stop \$649.62 – gas, Austreim Excavating \$66.47 – sewer part, Avid Hawk \$98.00 – website fees, Banner Associates \$49,138.23 – engineering fees, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,667.71 – contract law & animal control, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$11,658.35 – Water purchase, Brookings Register \$60.24 – publishing, City of Aurora Utilities \$1,048.61- city utilities, City of Brookings \$25.00 – animal control, Cook’s Wastepaper \$11,735.33 – garbage collection, Core & Main \$23.88 – sewer part, Dept. of Energy \$4,212.85 – electric purchase, DGR \$1,021.50 – engineering fees, Elkton Fire Dept. \$5,000.00 – Compressor Trailer, EFTPS \$4,315.52 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$852.65 – city/fd supplies, Goldeneye LLC \$300.00 – spray for lagoons, Halme \$516,216.10 – phase II sewer project payment, Heartland \$52,315.43 – electric purchase & IRP loan payments, Independent Audit Service \$2,250.00 – final audit, ITC \$421.24 – phones, internet, Lyle Signs \$123.22 – speed limit signs, North Western Energy \$32.84 – natural gas, Pioneer Athletics \$132.31 – material for baseball field, Pitney Bowes \$400.08 – postage meter, Pro Hydro-Testing \$1,946.00 – testing FD equipment, Prussman Contracting \$900.00 – jetting lift stations, Ramsdell \$174.35 – spraying lagoons, Robert Charging

\$2,361.90 – wages, Runnings Supply \$113.97 – shop supplies, SDRS \$ 1,557.88 – retirement, SD State Treasurer \$4,118.15 – taxes, Shannon Freng \$4,139.65 – wages, Shannon Stuefen \$84.08 – reimburse for supplies, Shannon Stuefen \$2,394.93 – wages, Skinner Stripping \$18,367.38 – road repairs, SD One Call \$97.44 – locates, Town & Country Shopper \$13.95 – job posting, US Bancorp \$22,466.98 – cw03 payment

Scot Leddy and Landen Buse with Banner Associates gave a project update on the Phase II sewer project. Balance to finish project is at \$2,190,000. All of the 18” sewer pipe is in and they will be moving onto the 15” sewer pipe as they go East towards Rasmussen St. Halme is hoping to have the concrete work done on Broadway and reopen it by September 4th. Redmond Rd. will be getting paved as soon as the moisture tests pass and the intersection of Broadway and Redmond is complete. The next phase will be going down Railroad St. and heading east towards the Hull St. crossing. Schuttloffel asks about how Halme hit the water main the past week. Landen Buse said it was a little bit of carelessness and accidental. November 1st is substantial completion date for all roads to be open to traffic. Schuttloffel wants to thank Halme for working through the rain storm while fixing the water main repairs. Scot mentions the aeration project for next year and will be having a 90% plans meeting soon with the Council.

Luke Muller with First District was present to discuss the Brookings County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Luke introduces himself as the Senior Planner with First District. FEMA requires that First District presents at a public meeting in the communities. He goes over the list of Government buildings and other structures in Aurora. Luke asks about tornado shelters, rooms, and backup generators for water tower. Luke talks about large storms and what areas would need to be checked in on first (daycares, schools, apartments, manufactured homes, etc.). Luke goes through the risk assessment worksheet – Hazard Identifications discussing the probability of different types of events. Schuttloffel asks that the snow fall melt/flooding be moved to high in certain areas of Aurora. The vulnerability list was also talked about and few questions were asked because of the past flooding and wind storms. Luke mentions the need for an additional siren on the North end of Aurora and possibly the South side as well as the town develops. There was discussion regarding the storm water drainage improvements on Lilac Ave, East Redmond Rd and a few others areas of concern as well.

There was brief discussion on a developer agreement for Spilde Phase III. There was questions regarding the warranties in place for the infrastructure. M/S Price Meyer to approve the Developer Agreement on Public Improvements for the Spilde Phase III development. Carried.

Marty Stanwick with the Brookings County Sheriff Department was present and he discussed the survey that was sent out to the residents in Aurora. The return on the survey was a very low number, with only about 39. A few of the comments were

about the barking dogs, unsupervised kids running around, traffic noise, the number of semis that come through Aurora speeding, and animal control. Jones asks about having a National Night Out event possibly in Aurora. Marty says that would be a good thing to start up here and we can work on one for next year. He suggests when the City starts putting in more stop signs to get the Sheriff Dept. involved and explains that they are not used for slowing traffic, only for control at a busy intersection. Jones mentions speed bumps. There were few questions and answers. The Law Contract Hours will be on the next agenda for discussion.

M/S Geise, Price to accept the offer on the Pumper Fire Truck for \$1,700. Carried.

Pat Tingle - Aurora Events Committee- Pat thanked Marty Stanwick, finance officer and utility manager and Nancy Price for all their help with Gala Days. Pat mentions that the flower bed was redone by the Buchholtz Park.

Mike Ahartz - Fire Dept. report. 4 EMS calls this month and no fire calls. They are working on getting the new gear issued out to the members on the department.

Shannon Stuefen - maintenance report. Water tower was inspected Monday. Stuefen brings up the backup batteries and relay testing on the substation. Motion by Geise to approve relay testing for \$9,000, Price second. Carried.

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to adjourn. Carried.