

Aurora City Council held a meeting on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Aurora Fire Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones at 6:01pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jon Geise, Josh Kukrall, Nancy Price and David Schuttloffel

Others Present: Scot Leddy and Dennis Rebelein from Banner Associates.

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve February agenda. Carried.

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

M/S Schuttloffel, Kukrall to approve financial reports. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Geise to approve payment of February bills. Carried.

Aurora Auto Body \$860.01 – repairs to van, Aurora Event Committee \$3,500.00 – donation, Aurora Quick Stop \$581.18 – gas, Banner Associates \$60,894.00 – engineering fees, Bob Charging \$1,988.01 – wages, Bright Arrow \$65.00 – text alert system, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$10,156.83 – water supply & service call, Brookings Register \$75.67 – publishing, Butler Machinery \$128.08 – repair to loader, Century Business Products \$264.24 – printer fees, City of Aurora Utilities \$1,900.30 – electric, Collin Kneip \$4,208.94 – wages, Cook’s Wastepaper \$5,231.24 – garbage collection, Core & Main \$1,573.00 – electric meters, Dakota Portable Toilets \$150.00 – port a potty, Dakota Pump & Control \$1,038.78 – lift station service call, DANR \$123.00 – certification test fees, Delta Dental \$58.50 – dental insurance, US Dept. of Energy \$5,113.21 – electric, DGR \$1,761.50 – electric engineering, EFTPS \$3,049.53 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust \$15.00 – deposit box, First Bank & Trust Visa \$744.40 – supplies, First District \$1,545.00 – annual dues, Foerster Supply \$189.00 – cleaning supplies, Heartland \$1,255.29 – IRP loan payments, Heartland Power \$43,673.50 – electric, Heiman Fire Equipment \$78.45 – FD supplies, ITC \$459.43 – phones, internet, fax, Kerry’s Landscaping \$1,756.78 – ball field repairs, Lowes \$177.22 – shop supplies, Meierhenry Sargent LLP \$18,048.88 – bond council fees, Menards \$283.02 – ball park repairs, North Western Energy \$493.66 – natural gas, Pitney Bowes \$400.08 – postage, Public Health Lab \$30.00 – water samples, SDRS \$1,100.24 – retirement, SD One Call \$5.60 – locates, Shannon Freng \$3,710.93 – wages, Steven Britzman \$3,526.00 – legal fees, Sturdevants Auto \$8.96 – parts, US BanCorp \$20,555.50 – CW03 loan payment, VSP Vision Care \$16.94 – vision insurance, Wellmark \$537.50 – health insurance- Kneip.

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to approve resolution 24-01 - Salaries. Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Price to approve the Development Agreement for TIF #1. Carried.

M/S Price, Geise to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 345 – Depositing Snow into Streets. Carried.

Dennis Rebelein and Scot Leddy with Banners were present to give a project update and discuss the phases that are in the facility plan. Dennis talks about phase IIIA which is the aeration system and building and phase IIIB which the recommendation is to do the SAGR system. There were questions about the noise it may produce. Dennis states that when done correctly, the noise should not be a big concern. They explain why the recommendations were made and went through all the other options that were looked at as well. There was much discussion on this topic.

M/S Geise, Price to approve the Phase IIIA – aeration for ponds, contract with Banners. Carried.

Mayor Jones reads the Executive Proclamation and makes Aurora a Purple Heart City.

Aurora Fundraising committee asked Price to talk about Chase the Ace. The group is waiting for the City to provide final building designs, costs, and other items before starting the fundraiser again.

Mike Ahartz gave the fire dept. report - reporting 4 ems and 5 fire last month.

Collin Kneip – Maintenance Report – Well house pump is in and working. Big loader has a transmission cooler issue and needs to be fixed. Collin brought up the phase II sewer project and a property in which we may need to ask for 30ft of right of way to work in.

M/S Geise, Schuttloffel to adjourn Carried.