

The City of Aurora Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 08, 2024 at the Aurora Fire Hall

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

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

M/S Geise, Kukrall to approve the agenda. Carried.

M/S Geise, Price to approve December 2023 meeting minutes. Carried.

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve December 2023 financial report. Carried.

M/S Price, Kukrall to approve payment of January bills. Carried.

Adam Buchholtz \$64.04 - reimburse for travel, Banner Associates \$30,320.00 - engineering fees, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 - contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$7,249.88 - water purchase, Brookings Register \$232.02 - publishing, Carquest Auto Parts \$12.70 - parts for shop, Century Business Products \$136.84 - printer fees, City of Aurora \$1,189.96 - utilities, Core & Main \$1,155.13 - electric meters, Coyote 1 Wildland \$100.00 - FD annual dues, Department Of Energy \$5,130.32 - electric purchase, Donley's Computer \$1,100.00 - laptop, EFTPS \$4,624.96 - withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$437.24 - supplies, First Bank & Trust \$1,228.00 - gift cards, First National Bank \$3,002.63 - lagoon payment, Heartland \$1,255.29 - IRP payment, Heartland Power \$36,496.52 - electric purchase, Heiman Fire Equipment \$100.00 - FD supplies, ITC \$411.79 - phones, internet, Jere's Home Inspection \$600.00 - house inspections, Mark Potthast \$74.84 - travel reimbursement, North Western Energy \$299.32 - natural gas, Pitney Bowes \$927.05 - postage and meter, Public Health Lab \$15.00 - water sample, Redmond Road Repair \$453.54 - repair to loader, Roto Rooter \$490.00 - sewer blockage, SDRS \$1,084.38 - retirement, SD State Treasurer \$3,202.84 - taxes, SDMEA \$564.00 - annual dues, Sioux Falls Public Health \$14.50 - water sample, South Dakota Association of Rural Water \$590.00 - annual dues, Southeast Firefighters \$50.00 - annual dues, VSP Vision Care \$16.94 - vision insurance, Wellmark \$537.50 - health insurance. Administration Dept. - \$3,386.66 - wages, Maintenance Dept. \$5,923.23 - wages.

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be the Election Date. The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the elective officers:

Alderman -- Ward II 2 year term - Josh Kukrall

Alderman--Ward I 2 year term - David Schuttloffel

M/S Geise, Price for Brookings Register as official news paper, Carried.

M/S Kukrall, Geise for First Bank and Trust as official bank. Carried.

M/S Geise, Kukrall for Steven Britzman as official City Attorney. Carried.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Events Committee. The Pickle Days Gala Days celebration will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Urban Dale Lane will be the main band this year and Highway Call will be the other band playing. They are trying to get another petting zoo this year as well. Price mentions that there is an individual around that has alpacas and they could reach out to them. Jones mentions maybe looking at getting the reindeer there for

the kids. They will be posting on the facebook page asking for any suggestions and asking for volunteers. They ask for donation from the Council.

Price motions to approve donation to committee in the same amount as last year.  
Schuttloffel seconds the motion. Carried.

Fire Department report by Mike Ahartz. 3 EMS and 2 Fire Calls. 81 calls for the 2023 year (30 fire, 51 EMS) Brookings Ambulance Service donated 7 pairs of boots and some gear to the fire dept.

Maintenance Report - Collin Kneip. He states that DGR suggest new transformers in the new developments but could do refurbished. Lift station pump went down again and Collin had to order a new one, which is a 6" solid waste pump. Sewer back up in the bathrooms at shop and Austreims will be repairing it soon. Dakota Pump provided quotes to replace the existing mercoid switches and control panels in the water tower control shed.

M/S Schuttloffel, Geise to keep council pay the same. Carried.

Geise to purchase new laptop for office. Price. Carried

M/S Geise, Kukrall to adjourn. Carried.