

The Council met in regular session on Monday September 9th, 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, Geise, Meyer, Price and Schuttloffel

Other present: Shannon Freng – Finance officer, Shannon Stuefen – Maintenance Dept., Mike Ahartz – Fire Chief, Mark Potthast – Asst. Chief, Scot Leddy & Landen Buse – Banner Associates, Pat Tingle - Aurora Event Committee, Andrew Underwood - Fundraising Committee, and many others.

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

Public Comments: Tim Hostettler mentioned his concerns about noise from the construction in the Spilde Development on the south side of Aurora..

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

M/S Geise, Price to approve August financial reports. Carried.

M/S Price, Meyer to approve payment of September bills. Carried.

Aurora Quick Stop \$781.36 – gas, Avid Hawk \$49.00 – website, Banner Associates \$130,977.83 – engineering fees, Bob Charging \$2,259.94 – wages, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,595.65 – contract law, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$12,666.36 – water purchase, Brookings Register \$26.68 – publishing, City of Aurora \$979.86 – utilities, Cook’s Wastepaper \$5,392.89 – garbage collection, Delta Dental \$58.50 – dental ins., Dept. of Energy \$4,227.66 – electric, DGR \$605.50 – electric engineering fees, EFTPS \$,140.78 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$653.55 – supplies, Halme \$831,857.92 – phase II sewer project, Heartland \$50,650.57 – electric purchase & IRP loan, ITC \$353.84 – phones/internet, Locators & Supplies \$612.58 – supplies for locates, Lowes \$379.05 – ac for substation, North Western Energy \$33.21 – natural gas, Northern Testing Services \$9,000.00 – substation inspections, Public Health Lab \$15.00 – water samples, Runnings \$519.81 – shop supplies, SDRS \$1,081.28 – retirement, SD State Treasurer \$3,770.48 – tax, SD One Call \$30.24 – locates, Shannon Freng \$3,761.07 – wages, Shannon Stuefen \$3,885.54 – wages, Splide Electric \$8,541.10 – electric services, VSP Vision Care – 16.94 – vision insurance, Wellmark \$819.46 – health insurance

Project updates: Scot Leddy was present to give an update on the current sewer project. Scot states that the project is staying in line with the budget, the sewer is in up to and including Broadway. The concrete on Broadway, which was poured on the 28th of August, is still not meeting minimum strength for opening to traffic. The hope is to reach strength this week. Banners is currently working on the pond

aeration plans and the water tower project plans as well which will both begin next year.

M/S Geise, Meyer to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 349 – excavation permits. Carried

M/S Schuttloffel, Price to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 350 – 2025 appropriations. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Meyer to approve Resolution 24-11 – Final Plat for Spilde 3rd addition. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Price to approve 1st reading of ordinance 351. Zoning of Spilde 3rd addition. Carried.

The Cub Scouts are asking if they can park their trailer for popcorn sales in the City owned property on Broadway.

Andrew Underwood with the Fundraising Committee asks Mayor Jones if there are any updates on getting a Economic Development Organization started. Jones states that he is trying to organize a meeting with the GOED and they will be helping with some of that and hopefully be coming to a City Council meeting in the near future to talk to the city and residents on a few things. Jones explains what an EDO is, how they operate and what they can do for cities.

Pat Tingle with the Aurora Events Committee – He states that he has stepped down as the chair of the Gala Days committee and the rest of the board has stepped away as well. There will not be a pickle festival/Gala Days if someone does not step in and take over the responsibility.

Mike Ahartz – Fire Chief. 5 EMS calls, 1 fire call this past month. The department is getting a couple new hoses with left over ARPA funds.

Shannon Stuefen – Maintenance report. All Substation breaker and relay tests came back good. He states that the LTC needs to be replaced at the substation. The backup batteries will be \$28,500 roughly. DANR came and did the sewer system inspections. M/S Geise, Meyer to approve purchase of batteries. Carried.

M/S Geise, Meyer to adjourn. Carried.