

The Council met in regular session on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Aurora Maintenance Shop.

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

Roll Call: Geise, Meyer, Price and Schuttloffel,

Others present: Shannon Freng – Finance Officer, Shannon Stuefen – Maintenance Dept., Mike Ahartz Fire Chief

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

Public Comment : Nancy Price mentions amending an ordinance to include fines for individuals who don't mow vs the City mowing the property and sending a bill. Vicky Knutson raises concerns about fireworks.

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

M/S Meyer, Schuttloffel to approve June Financial Report. Carried.

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

Agwrx \$270.00 – weed control, Aurora Quick Stop \$665.01 – gas, Avid Hawk \$49.00 – website, Banner Associates \$11,479.00 – engineering, Barb Debeer \$21.23 – fd reimbursement, Bobcat \$329.99 – equipment rental, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,640.00 – contract, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$12,092.83 – water, Brookings Register \$72.31 – publishing, Cardinal Canvas \$525.00 – FD supplies, Century Business Products \$271.77 – printer fees, City of Aurora \$1,607.38 – utilities, Cook's Wastepaper \$5,247.00 – garbage service, Core & Main \$990.60 – water supplies, Delta Dental \$64.10 – Dental ins., Department of Energy \$4,062.05 – electric, DGR \$704.00 – engineering, Donley's \$430.00 – fd computer repairs, EFTPS \$3,402.68 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust Visa \$714.21 – maintenance and fd supplies, First National Bank \$3,002.63 – lagoon loan, Havard Electric \$438.60 – electric services, Heartland \$53,063.17 – IRP loan payment and electric purchase, Heiman Fire Equipment \$65.03 – fire dept. supplies, ITC \$544.82 – phones/internet, Lowes \$55.48 – park supplies, Northwestern Energy \$71.27 – natural gas, Northern Testing \$25,640.00 – repairs to substation, Pitney Bowes \$400.08 – postage meter, Redmond Rd Repair \$1,172.20 – repairs to dump truck, Riley Meyer \$1,123.34 – wages, Robert Charging \$1,671.33 – wages, Runnings \$155.82 – shop supplies, SDRS \$1,172.08 – retirement, SD State Treasurer \$3,476.90 – taxes, Shannon Freng \$3,918.52 – wages, Shannon Stuefen \$3,805.38 – wages, Sioux Valley Energy \$4,55.80 – territory transfer, Two Way Solutions - \$394.99 – fd supplies, Wellmark \$604.46 – health insurance.

M/S Kneip, Meyer to approve Resolution 25-10 – Gala Days Alcohol. Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Price to approve first reading of Ordinance 355 – Amendment to zoning for keeping chickens. Meyer – Nay, Kneip – Nay. Mayor Jones – tie breaking vote – Nay. Motion denied.

M/S Kneip, Meyer to approve Resolution 25-12 – Plat of Blocks 1 and 2, Lot 1 in Block 2 of Spilde Industrial Park. Carried.

Gala Days – Agendas for the day are ready. There were questions about the past Gala Day committee and the money they have in the account.

Mike Ahartz – Fire Chief – 3 EMS and 2 Fire Calls this past month. He mentions the fire dept. wants to replace their small trailer with a larger one that is enclosed. Mayor Jones mentions having them get a few different quotes.

Shannon Stuefen – Maintenance Report – Mosquito Spraying has been done this past week. Lift station had a faulty surge protector while the power was out in Aurora and a control panel needed to be replaced.

M/S Price, Meyer to enter into executive for personnel. Carried.