

The Council met in regular session on Monday, December 08, 2025 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: Kneip, Meyer, Price and Schuttloffel

Others present: Shannon Freng, Shannon Stuefen, Todd Smidt- Fire Chief, Mike Ahartz, Nicole Ahartz and few others.

M/S Meyer, Kneip to approve agenda. All in favor, Carried.

Andrew Underwood wanted to ask that AEC not be listed on agenda anymore for discussion.

M/S Price, Schuttloffel to approve November meeting minutes. All in favor, Carried.

M/S Schuttloffel, Meyer to approve November Financial Report. All in favor, Carried.

M/S Kneip, Price to approve December bill listing. All in favor, Carried.

Aurora Quick Stop \$498.15 – gas, Banner Associates \$49,422.70 – engineering fees, Billi Jo Meyer \$80.00 – pz pay, Brookings Register \$129.95 – publishing, Century Business Projects \$136.61 – printer fees, City of Aurora \$1,109.19 – utilities, Collin Kneip \$886.56 – council pay, Cook's Wastepaper \$5,434.00 – garbage collection, Core & Main \$2,523.68 – meter, David Schuttloffel \$664.92 – council pay, Delta Dental \$64.10 – dental insurance, Dept. of Energy \$8,841.05 – electric purchase, DANR \$50.00 – annual dues, Dianne Hawks \$60.00 – pz pay, EFTPS \$2,655.38 – withholdings, First Bank & Trust \$2,622.78 – cards & supplies, First Bank & Trust \$154,880.29 – substation loan, Garrett Mann \$50.19 – fire dept. reimbursement, GWorks \$12,600.00 – software dues, Heartland \$54,862.79 – electric and loan payments, ITC \$433.74 – phone, internet, Jennifer Kuck \$80.00 – pz pay, Joe Mersch \$856.51 – wages, Josh Jones \$2,370.50 – Mayor pay, Landen Buse \$60.00 – pz pay, Nancy Price \$886.56 – council pay, North Western Energy \$178.17 – natural gas, Outlaw Graphic \$1,640.25 – graphics for fire dept., Pat Tingle \$80.00 – pz pay, Pitney Bowes \$314.99 – postage meter, Prussman \$215.00 – sanding, Redmond Road Repairs \$1,130.80 – maintenance to loader, Riley Meyer \$49.87 – wages, Runnings \$26.97 – shop supplies, Ryan Meyer \$775.74 – council pay, SDRS \$1,164.04 – retirement, SD State Treasurer \$4,158.84 – tax, SDML \$1,274.00 – dues, Shannon Freng \$4,035.55 – wages, Shannon Stuefen \$3,815.89 – wages, Spilde Electric \$44,986.30 – electric services at lagoon, Tony Ahartz \$216.38 – reimbursement for fire dept., Wellmark \$744.55 – health insurance, Wesco \$358.96 – parts. Pay Apps from Maguire Iron for \$607,500 for the water tower project and Halme for \$380,322.21 for aeration project are mentioned and approved but paid after loan money is received from state.

Scot Leddy was present to give project updates. Phase II sewer project 1 year warranty walk thru has been completed and a couple items will need to be addressed by the contractor in 2026. The aeration project is moving along and the blower building is going up now. All the piping in ground has been installed for the water tower project and the foundation has been poured. Water tower project will start back up in spring of 2026.

Nicole Ahartz was present to discuss Gala Days events and fundraising for the community. She wants to start a new group to take on the task of fundraising for different things and planning the Gala Days Events. She has 6 individuals that are ready help. They would be called the Aurora Community Association.

M/S Meyer, Kneip to approve 2026 meeting dates. All in Favor. Carried.

M/S Kneip, Shuttloffer to have a June 2nd, 2026 Election date. All in favor. Carried.

Mike Ahartz gave fire dept report.- 3 EMS and 3 Fire calls. Todd Smidt is new Fire Chief. Ahartz asks the council to surplus the trailer they have. He asks about getting a new Life pack. Jones will reach out to a few people about those packs. Price motions to surplus trailer, Meyer second the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried. There was a motion by Kneip, second by Meyer to approve new roster. All in Favor. Carried

Shannon Stuefen - Maintenance report. - Snow removal went well but the city does need a sander to use on icy corners. For the remainder of the year, the city will continue to call on Prussman's to do sanding.

M/S Price, Kneip to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.