

The Council met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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: Geise, Meyer, and Price. Absent: Schuttloffel

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

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

M/S Kneip, Price to approve August meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

M/S Price, Meyer to approve Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.

M/S Kneip, Price to approve October bill listing. All in favor, motion carried.

Alexa Amundson \$81.62 – deposit refund, Allegra \$226.11 – office supplies, Angelina Flajole \$186.96 – deposit refund, Aurora Auto Body \$205.00 – repairs to fire truck, Aurora Quick Stop \$1,426.94 – gas, Avid Hawk \$49.00 – website, Banner Associates \$14,619.60 – engineering, Brookings County Sheriff \$1,640.00 – law contract, Brookings Municipal Utilities \$13,629.79 – water purchase, Cap First \$10,464.21 – lease on loader, Century Business \$131.05 – printer fees, City of Aurora \$870.42 - utilities, Cook's Wastepaper \$10,800.52 – garbage collections, Dakota Pump & Control \$804.08 – sewer supplies, Delta Dental \$64.10 – insurance, Department of Energy \$5,918.85 – electric & fees, DGR \$1,566.00 – electric engineering, EFTPS \$4,769.23 – withholdings, Ekern \$126.88 – substation ac unit repair, First Bank & Trust \$996.50 – supplies on cards, First National Bank \$3,002.63 – loan payment for lagoon, Hailey Linderman \$71.70 – deposit refund, Heartland \$43,228.90 – electric and IRP loan payments, ITC \$436.80 – phones, internet, Karen Juarez \$141.63 – deposit refund, North Western Energy \$4.87 – natural gas, Lavina Denetelli \$200.00 – deposit refund, Oreilly Auto Parts \$6.45 – part for shop, Pitney Bowes \$400.08 – postage meter, Public Health Lab \$219.00 – water tests, RFD Newspapers \$49.83 – publishing, Runnings \$97.35 – supplies for shop, SDRS \$1,696.64 – retirement, SD State Treasurer \$3,544.94 – tax, Steven Britzman \$2,570.00 – legal services, Team Lab \$897.50 – lagoon supplies, Traffic Safety \$1,777.41 – signs, Unemployment \$2.35 – unemployment ins., Wellmark \$604.46 – insurance, Wesco \$1,816.60 – electric supplies.

Scot Leddy was present to give a project update. Scot discussed the drainage study and the application that the City will be submitting for funding. He mentioned the 1 year warranty coming up on the 2024 sewer project. Scot talked about the water project and they still plan on starting in mid to end of October and the completion date is in mid 2027. The chip seal project for 2025 got pushed back to 2026 due to contractor schedules.

M/S Kneip, Price to approve 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 358 – Weed/Mowing. All in favor, motion carried.

M/S Meyer, Kneip to approve 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 359 – 2026 Appropriations. All in favor, motion carried.

M/S Price, Meyer to approve 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 360 – No Parking. All in favor, motion carried.

M/S Kneip, Meyer to approve Resolution 25-13. All in favor, motion carried.

Mike Ahartz - Fire Dept. report. Zero calls this month. Hose testing was done and they found 3 of the hoses that need to be replaced.

Shannon Stuefen – Maintenance Report. There was a broken water line on Madison and Nicolett St. Stuefen mentioned upgrading the existing water mains in the older part of town. He got a quote for concrete edging around the parks for \$5,200. Stuefen mentioned needing a part time employee for winter due to a current employee retiring. After discussion, there was a motion by Price to hire Joe Mersch. Meyer second the motion. All in favor. Carried.

M/S Kneip, Meyer to approve the concrete edging. All in favor, motion carried.

M/S Kneip, Meyer to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.