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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:

Councilman Bloss led the Council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Mayor Doyle Ferguson

Chairman Pro Tem David Price

Councilman Dan Broyles

Councilman Mike Bloss

Councilwoman Linda Barton

All Council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on October 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Bloss moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on October 25, 2011. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilwoman Barton, Councilman Broyles, Councilman Bloss, Chairman Pro Tem Price and Mayor Ferguson.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Appropriations –October/November

Councilman Broyles moved to approve the appropriations as submitted for October/November. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Chairman Pro Tem Price, Mayor Ferguson, Councilwoman Barton and Councilman Broyles. Councilman Bloss abstained due to an appropriation for his business being in the bill list.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Bill No. 2011-2917

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement to purchase a 1996 75' Smeal Aerial Pumper

This ordinance, upon passage, will approve the purchase of a 1996 75' aerial pumper truck for the Fire Department from Jon's Mid-America for \$230,000. This vehicle will be lease purchased through Welch State Bank, Welch Oklahoma for an eight year term with annual payments of \$32, 847.74 at 3.67% interest with the first payment being due on January 31, 2012.

Councilman Broyles moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2011-2917. Councilman Bloss seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Chairman Pro Tem Price, Mayor Ferguson, Councilman Broyles, Councilwoman Barton and Councilman Bloss.

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- B. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2011-2918 making Ordinance No. 2011-2918 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, amending Title I "Government Code", Article VII "Fees and Charges", Chapter 100 "General Provisions", Section 140.580 "Grave Opening Fees" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

This ordinance, upon passage will increase grave opening fees, per grave, to four hundred (\$400.00) dollars, five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per grave for Saturday funerals and six hundred (\$600.00) per grave for city observed holiday funerals. \$100.00 of each grave opening fee will be set aside in a restricted fund for future land acquisition.

Chairman Pro Tem Price moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2011-2918. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilman Broyles, Chairman Pro Tem Price, Councilman Bloss, Councilwoman Barton and Mayor Ferguson. This bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2011-2918.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Bill Michel's is requesting discussion/ approval to do half a subdivision in Phase II of Michel's Addition*

Due to economics and the cost not being feasible to do a full phase, Bill Michel's asked permission to develop ½ of Phase 2 Michel's Addition. Lots 17-21 and 23-25 would be included in the ½ phase development. This would allow for 7-8 lots being prepared for building sites.

Council did not have objections to doing his Phase 2 Addition in sections and approved his request as there would be no additional cost for platting just phasing in a development in sections.

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the request to do a portion of Phase 2 Michel's Addition to include lots 17-21 and 23-25. Councilman Bloss seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Chairman Pro Tem Price, Councilman Bloss, Mayor Ferguson, Councilwoman Barton and Councilman Broyles.

- B. *First Reading of Bill No. 2011-2919 An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Aurora and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for Land Acquisition*

Upon passage, this ordinance will accept the terms and conditions of a State Block Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration/Department of Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$\$136,896.00 to assist with land acquisition for the Jerry Sumners Municipal Airport. The city match for the project will be 5% or \$7206.00.

Councilman Bloss moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2011-2919. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Mayor Ferguson, Councilman Broyles, Councilwoman Barton, Councilman Bloss and Chairman Pro Tem Price.

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C. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2011-2919 making Ordinance No. 2011-2919
An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Aurora and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for Land Acquisition*
Councilman Bloss moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2011-2919. Councilman Broyles seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilman Bloss, Councilman Broyles, Chairman Pro Tem Price, Councilwoman Barton and Mayor Ferguson.

D. *Discussion/Decision on designation of an "Urban Agricultural Zoning" Area*
Individuals have inquired about rezoning areas in the North East part of town to include spaces for urban agriculture. Large parcels of land exist in areas of North town that are large enough for livestock however; present zoning restrictions do not permit property owners to have livestock. The rezoning would also allow for green areas to grow produce which could be sold at the Farmer's Markets or for personal consumption.

Lots in that area of town are too small for building purposes thus slowing down any potential buyers from being interested in purchasing property there. Increasing economic activity to raise food to sell or for personal use would spur an investment in North town again.

Planning and Zoning recently heard a request to rezone a particular piece of property to an agricultural area and it was denied due to the commission not wanting to spot zone individual areas.

City Manager Stonecypher felt if an "Urban Agricultural Zone" was created it would be an incentive to spur economic regrowth in specific portions of North town. He requested Council to permit him to take the issue to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing to gain input from citizens, to see what their thoughts are on the matter. According to current code, land in this area is useless to anyone. Livestock cannot even be located there. If the area could be rezoned as "Urban Agricultural" the bigger parcels of land could house smaller animals.

Council agreed to pursue the matter through the proper channels and to have the public hearing to gather public comment on the matter. This matter will be referred to Planning and Zoning Commission.

E. *First Reading of Bill No. 2011-2920
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget*

Estimated revenues:

General Fund	\$ 2,678,296
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,084,400
Wastewater Fund	\$ 852,500
Park Fund	\$ 87,700
Police Fire Facility	\$ 539,000

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TOTAL **\$5,241,896**

Restricted Funds

UDAG \$ 190,300

Estimated expenditures:

General Fund	\$ 2,676,338
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,261,303
Wastewater Fund	\$ 957,286
Park Fund	\$ 87,700
Police/Fire Facility	\$ 524,241
TOTAL	\$5,506,867

Restricted Funds

UDAG \$ 238,000

Councilman Bloss moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2011-2920. Councilman Broyles seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Chairman Pro Tem Price, Councilwoman Barton, Mayor Ferguson, Councilman Bloss and Councilman Broyles.

- F. *First Reading of Bill No. 2011-2921
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri
authorizing and directing the Mayor to extend an offer and to execute an agreement to purchase property located at 1500 E. Highland*
- The property the city is interested in purchasing is located at 1500 E. Highland and is in foreclosure. It is presently owned by the Bank of Purdy. The property is located next to the Airport and has been offered to the city for \$119,000. The city and the bank will share in the expense of closing costs and title insurance. The property is being purchased through a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration/Department of Transportation.

Councilman Broyles moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2011-2921 authorizing the Mayor to extend an offer of \$119,000 and to execute the contract to purchase the property. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilman Broyles, Chairman Pro Tem Price, Councilwoman Barton, Councilman Bloss and Mayor Ferguson.

- G. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2011-2921 making Ordinance No. 2011-2921
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the Mayor to extend an offer and to execute an agreement to purchase property located at 1500 E. Highland*
- Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2011-2921 authorizing the Mayor to extend an offer of \$119,000 and to execute the contract to purchase the property. Chairman Pro Tem Price seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilman Broyles, Chairman Pro Tem Price, Councilwoman Barton, Councilman Bloss and Mayor Ferguson.

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This bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2011-2921.

IX. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Solid Waste Management Board

Four (4) grants have been awarded for recycling projects totaling \$36,000. The board has \$86,000 available for eligible projects. There were not enough applications for the available funds. The grant will be re advertised for another application call. The board will launch a public relations campaign to make the public aware of the available funds.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Woodard reported on the following items:

- Taylor, Stafford, Clithero, Fitzgerald and Harris law firm will be assisting City Attorney Woodard with the Enviromark litigation. Their fees have been reduced from \$375 an hour to \$200 per hour. Defense council will not proceed with anything until City Attorney Woodard has been consulted.
- Negotiations with the Lawrence County Commission, on the 911 dispatching services, have been completed. The County will be formally executing the agreement on November 9, 2011. It was suggested the City have a special meeting, as soon as possible, to execute the agreement. The operation is ready to go. AT&T is ready to release the lines and Centurylink is ready to accept them. There will be no fee to transfer the service. A special meeting was set for November 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. to execute the agreement.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Stonecypher reported on the following items:

- Mayse Motor Company is looking to donate land located on Hwy 60, to the city,
- exclusively for the future development of a satellite fire station. Mayse Motor Company is not asking for anything in return.

X. ITEMS/COUNCIL FYI/OTHER CORRESPONDENCE UP-COMING AGENDA

Nothing new was added to the Horizon Agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bloss moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the entire Council voting aye on the motion.

APPROVED:

Doyle Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

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