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**AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
**Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:**

Councilman Broyles 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 November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.*

Councilman Broyles moved to approve the minutes as submitted from the regular session held on November 8, 2011. Chairman Pro Tem Price 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.

*Special Session held on November 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.*

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the minutes as submitted from the special session held on November 10, 2011. Councilman Broyles seconded the meeting. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Mayor Ferguson, Councilwoman Barton and Councilman Broyles. Councilman Bloss and Chairman Pro Tem Price abstained because they had not attended the meeting.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

*A. Approval of Appropriations –November*

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

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

*A. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2011-2920 making Ordinance No. 2011-2920*

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*An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget*

Chairman Pro Tem Price moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2011-2920 approving and adopting the 2012 budget. Councilman Broyles 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. 2011-2920.

2012 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,241,896</b>

## **Restricted Funds**

UDAG	\$ 190,300
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## **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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,506,867</b>

## **Restricted Funds**

UDAG	\$ 238,000
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## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### *A. Hospital Board Report*

Sherry Clouse-Day, Financial Analyst for Mercy presented information on the current financial standing of the hospital. (See attached reports).

Doug Stroemel presented information on all the new equipment purchased for the hospital facility:

- 11/4/2010 Air Handling Unit Medical surgical
- 11/9/2010 Hoyer Lift with scale
- 5/4/2011 Biodex Balance system
- 5/23/2011 Electrosurgical generator
- 5/23/2011 4 beds with scales
- 6/1/2011 Sleep lab Cardiac monitor defib
- 6/1/2011 Surgery Cardiac monitor defib
- 6/1/2011 ER Cardiac monitor defib

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- 6/14/2011 Tango B/P monitor
- 6/15/2011 New pick up
- 6/15/2011 Infant Warmers
- 6/15/2011 OB beds (2)
- 6/15/2011 Digital Mammography
- 9/30/2011 Glynnie Bed for ER

### Improvements to the Facility:

- Added 5 security cameras with capability to add 11 more
- Remodeled dark room for new mammo equip-electrical
- Added fire alarm to Records Building
- Added direct paging at ER and Admitting
- Added mill work in North Clinic
- Phone system upgrade
- New HVAC in Med/Surg hall and OB
- Added fire/smoke dampers
- Updated 200 hall (paint and wayfinding) in house labor & materials
- Converted old Materials Mgmt to Maint & Bio Med
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St. John's Hospital has been going through a branding change with the Sister of Mercy across their health systems. Each facility currently has a different name. Effective January 31, 2012 the facility in Aurora will be called Mercy Hospital – Aurora. The name change, according to the lease with the city, has to be approved by Council prior to the effective date of the name change.

B. *Discussion/ Approval on a request from St. John's Hospital to dispose of a property located at 545 S. Porter*

The property located at 545 S. Porter was the home that the Hospital Administrator previously lived in. Since he has since built a new home the hospital is no longer in need of the property and has requested permission from the city to sell the property. An appraisal was done on the property which came in at \$69,000 for a 4 bedroom home with a basement and attached garage. The property also has an additional outbuilding on it.

Three additional homes are presently owned, by the city, around the hospital campus which are utilized by doctors and administration.

The incomes from these homes, by terms of the lease, go into the capital improvement fund of the hospital. Councilwoman Barton, being new to the Council, stated she didn't feel it was appropriate that the hospital should get the revenue from the sale. Kevin Stocker, from the Tri-County Sentinel, asked who actually owned the homes. If that was the agreement could the lease be changed when the lease renews. City Manager Stonecypher replied that the city owns the homes and that when the hospital board negotiated the terms of the contract with the hospital, years ago, they gave the hospital exclusive rights to the homes

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and any revenue generated from them for the general operation of the hospital. Since the properties are listed in the city's name, by the terms of the lease agreement, the hospital has to get the City Councils permission to dispose of the properties.

In looking at the hospital today, the hospital is in very good standing financially. This was not the case when the hospital board entered into the agreement with St. John's to run the hospital. Huge sums of money were being lost. St. John's turned the operation of the hospital around and invested their funds wisely. In return they have shown great profitability over the years.

Every time a home has been sold, in the past, questions have always arisen as to why the city did not get the funds from the sale of the homes. Historically, it has to be stated that when the hospital board signed the lease with St. John's the Hospital Board gave exclusive rights of all property owned, by the City, to St. John's. The Hospital Board, when negotiating the terms of the agreement, did what they felt was in the best interest of the city, at that time.

During a discussion on the terms of the contract it was pointed out by City Manager Stonecypher that an escape clause was included in the contract that either party could request to terminate the agreement if they chose to do so. Today Mercy still shows a strong commitment to the operation of the hospital.

Councilman Broyles moved to allow the hospital to proceed with plans to dispose of the property located by 545 S. Porter. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Mayor Ferguson, Councilwoman Barton, Councilman Broyles and Councilman Bloss. Chairman Pro Tem Price voted nay.

- C. *Discussion/ Approval on a request to add a new fire hydrant to Michel Street*  
Fire Chief Ward submitted a request to place a new fire hydrant on Michel Street in Phase 2 of Michel's Addition. This proceeds with the city's previous decision to develop ½ of Phase II in Michel's Addition.

Councilman Broyles moved to approve the request for the placement of a fire hydrant on Michel Street in Phase II of Michel's Addition. Councilman Bloss 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. *First Reading of Bill No. 2011-2923*  
*An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, amending Title I "Government Code" Chapter 130 "Personnel" Section 130.440 "Sick Leave" Paragraph E "Notification" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

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Upon passage, this ordinance will require employee's to provide notification 1 hour prior to their work schedule of their impending absence.

Councilman Broyles moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2011-2923. Councilman Bloss seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilwoman Barton, Councilman Broyles, Mayor Ferguson, Chairman Pro Tem Price and Councilman Bloss.

- E. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2011-2923 making Ordinance No. 2011-2923 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, amending Title I "Government Code" Chapter 130 "Personnel" Section 130.440 "Sick Leave" Paragraph E "Notification" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

Councilman Bloss moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2011-2923. Chairman Pro Tem Price seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilwoman Barton, Councilman Broyles, Mayor Ferguson, Chairman Pro Tem Price and Councilman Bloss. This bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2011-2923.

- F. *First Reading of Bill No. 2011-2924 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Potter Equipment and Baystone Financial Group for the Purchase of a Loader - Backhoe for the Cemetery*

Upon passage, this ordinance will approve the purchase of a new loader backhoe for the Cemetery from Case with financing through Baystone Financial Group. Terms and conditions are as follows: four year lease at 3.547% interest with an annual payment of \$15,814.20 with a total purchase price of \$63,256.80.

This is a budgeted purchase for 2012 however with price increases effective the first of the year approval is being requested, to get the best price, to order the loader backhoe in 2011 with delivery in 2012.

Chairman Pro Tem Price moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2011-2924. 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.

### ***IX. REPORTS***

#### *A. Board Liaison Reports*

**Park Board** – met last Monday. Discussed 2012 budgets and what the priorities would be for the coming year. Emphasis will be put on pool improvements and developing walking trails in White Park. A survey will be needed so future grants could be pursued.

**P&Z** – A public hearing was held to gain public input into a new Urban Agricultural Zone. Not many people attended the public hearing so it was felt the community must be approving of the new zone. The citizens that were in

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attendance suggested using a smaller zone. City Manager Stonecypher wants to educate the public and then have another hearing for community input in the near future.

**Airport** – Approved the purchase of the property from Purdy State Bank.

B. *City Attorney Report*

No City Attorney's Report.

C. *City Manager Report*

City Manager Stonecypher reported on the following items:

- A Public Hearing was held on a new Urban Agricultural Zone. It was felt that the community must approve as little comment was received. Council was asked to help spread the word to educate the community on the positive aspects of the new zone.
- Asphalt projects will hopefully be finished prior to year end, weather permitting.

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

Nothing new was added to the Horizon Agenda.

***XI. ADJOURNMENT***

Chairman Pro Tem Price moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Mayor Ferguson, Councilman Bloss, Chairman Pro Tem Price, Councilman Broyles and Councilwoman Barton.

APPROVED:

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Doyle Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

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*Posted November 18th, 2011 by Kathie Needham*