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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 27, 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:

Mayor Ferguson 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 September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Bloss moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on September 13th 2011 at 7:00 p.m. 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 –September

Councilman Broyles moved to approve the appropriations for September as submitted. Chairman Pro Tem Price seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye on the motion; Councilman Bloss, Chairman Pro Tem Price, Mayor Ferguson, Councilwoman Barton and Councilman Broyles.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Jesse wanted to express his gratitude to the Fire Department personnel for the great job they did fighting the fire at Jesse Insurance Agency and Myra Mae's. A level of cooperation and team work, not seen in a long time, was displayed during the course of the fire. While the department was fighting the fire with their current equipment an aerial truck from Monett came on scene and completely changed the outcome of the fire damage. It was a new aspect to the way the fire was being fought. It allowed the fire to be contained to one building. Without the equipment it wouldn't have mattered how many employees were fighting the fire they could not have contained it to just one building.

He was in favor of the purchase of the new aerial pumper truck that was being proposed by the Fire Department and asked the city not only to consider the cost but the value it would add to their fleet and to the community.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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A. *Resolution No. 2011-1152*

A Resolution appointing membership to the Aurora Park Board (Keri Creasey 8-27-11/5-31-14)

Chairman Pro Tem Price moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-1152 which appoints Keri Creasey to the Park Board for a three year term which will expire on May 31, 2014. 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, Councilwoman Barton and Councilman Bloss.

B. *Jason Maddox from Delta Area Community Development Corporation will be here to discuss a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application their company is wanting to submit to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for the rehabilitation of 48 apartments known as Allgeier Manor Apartments located at 501 W. Hadley*

Jason Maddox, property manager for MACO, addressed the Council and requested support for the Delta Area Community Development Corporation's application to renovate Allgeier Manor Apartments. The same application for the project was submitted last year to the Missouri Housing Development Corporation but was denied funding. Their application will be resubmitted again this year for reconsideration by MHDC. Jason felt their application might have an edge, this year, over other projects due to the fact that DACDC owns apartments in Carthage, Kirksville and Moberly that have completely been renovated through the program, over the last several years.

Mr. Maddox requested a letter of support from the Council, for his project, which will be addressed in the next agenda item.

C. *Resolution No. 2011-1153*

A Resolution to support an application by DACDC to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for a rehabilitation project located at 501 W. Hadley, Aurora, Missouri

Chairman Pro Tem Price moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-1153 which supports Delta Area Community Development Corporations application to renovation of Allgeier Manor Apartments located at 501 W. Hadley and authorizes the Mayor to issue a letter of support for the project. Councilman Broyles 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.

D. *Discussion/decision on possible lease purchase of a 1996 Smeal Pumper Truck*

Fire Chief Ward informed the Council that he had located a very good used 105' aerial pumper truck, at Jon's Mid-America in Rogersville that had been purchased new in 1996 by a company in Allen, TX. John Smith, representative from Jon's Mid-America was present to answer any questions the Council might have on the truck.

After a phone call it was found that the truck had no mechanical problems. It had been traded on a fifteen (15) year rotation schedule. After investigating the truck and having it checked out mechanically by Jenkins Diesel in Springfield, Mo., it was determined that the truck was in excellent shape and had no mechanical problems. After acquiring fact sheet information from Jon's Mid-America, the truck was quoted for \$230,000. New aerial pumper trucks range in price from \$549,000 to \$650,000. After reviewing the fact sheet it was determined this truck, if purchased new today, would cost \$650,000 to acquire.

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After inquiring what payments would be on a 5 and 7 year lease it was found that a 7 year lease would be \$33,290.39. The lender has agreed that if an agreement could be made the first payment would not be due until January 2012. Fire Chief Ward recommended that the City should consider a lease purchase of the truck.

Councilman Broyles commented on his concern over budgetary issues. He asked if money was in his budget to cover the cost of the lease payments. Fire Chief Ward stated it was not.

Councilwoman Barton voiced concern that at the present time it is not known what the other department's needs may be for the coming year. She felt uncomfortable making a decision putting this purchase over other department's needs.

Chairman Pro Tem Price thanked Fire Chief Ward for having to get information on the truck through face book. He had received information on the truck viewing for Sunday, September 25th on Tuesday and had not received his agenda packet until Friday with all the pertinent information. He asked that in the future the Council should be given the information prior to the public gaining knowledge of it. In addition, Chairman Pro Tem Price stated that Fire Chief Ward had been given two new employees last year at budget time which equated to approximately \$76,000. In return he was informed that no other requests would be granted for two years.

Mayor Ferguson questioned if the quote from Jon's Mid-America was only good for thirty days that would not be sufficient time to make a decision when the 2012 budget would not be passed until December. Fire Chief Ward stated the lease company had agreed that the first payment would not have to be made until January 2012. Mayor Ferguson asked if there were any assurances the vehicle wouldn't be gone if we waited. Fire Chief Ward stated there would be no assurances .

Chairman Pro Tem Price stated that he had crunched the numbers from the leasing company and they appeared to be incorrect. He had contacted a banker friend and asked him to run the numbers and they did not match the information that had been given from Welch Bank. City Manager Stonecypher stated there were other leasing companies that could be contacted. If the Council chose to proceed with negotiations he would like to check with Missouri Public Utility Alliance before any decisions were made.

The consensus of the Council was that no decision should be made until all budget information could be reviewed. Fire Chief Ward asked if he could go ahead and negotiate terms with the company with no assurances the purchase would be made and bring the information back to the Council at the next meeting. The representative from Jon's Mid-America requested that the Council allow Fire Chief Ward to start the negotiation process, with no assurances of the purchase and let the City Manager crunch numbers to see if the purchase would fit into the budget for the coming year. Jon's Mid-America rep stated they would be agreeable to wait another two weeks with no obligation on the city's part. He also stated the truck was one of the best used vehicles they had acquired over the past several years. It was a truck which came from the South and it had not shown any signs of deterioration underneath. It is an exceptional truck, he stated,

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with extremely low mileage that has been mechanically tested and has been given a clean bill of health. The truck will sell whether the City purchases it or not.

Before closing, Chairman Pro Tem Price asked how many times the city had called for mutual aid in 2011. Fire Chief Ward stated once. He also questioned if the Fire Chief had paid to have the truck checked out and how much it cost. Fire Chief Ward replied that Jenkins Diesel had checked it out and they had charged \$170.00.

City Manager Stonecypher stated he did not want to negotiate in bad faith with Jon's Mid-America without further assurances. John Smith, Jon's Mid-America stated once again that they would guarantee the city two weeks to review the matter and it would be fine if the City was not able to continue with the purchase. Council agreed the purchase could be investigated however they did not want to make any further decisions until they receive their draft budgets and could review all departmental requests.

E. Resolution No. 2011-1154

A Resolution directing and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Aurora to execute and agreement for Professional Consulting Engineering with Great River Engineering

The selection committee consisting of Steve Woods, Public Works Superintendent, Orvil Maples, Wastewater Superintendent and Rick Woods, Planning and Zoning Director requested qualifications with the scope of services listing items of: field support services, office support in wastewater collection and treatment, street design and development, storm water management, structural map design/review, economic development and administrative assistance. RFP's were mailed to seventeen companies with ten being received and reviewed. It was the recommendation of the committee to have two engineering firms appointed; Great River Engineering and Algeier, Martin & Associates. The reasoning behind having two engineering companies is Algeier, Martin & Associates have more expertise in the wastewater field than Great River Engineering.

Councilman Broyles moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-1154 approving an agreement for engineering services with Great River Engineering for a three year term ending October 8, 2014. Councilman Bloss 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.

F. Resolution No. 2011-1155

A Resolution directing and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Aurora to execute and agreement for Professional Consulting Engineering with Algeier, Martin & Associates

Chairman Pro Tem Price moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-1155 approving an agreement for engineering services with Algeier, Martin and Associates for a three year term ending October 8, 2014. Councilwoman Barton 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.

IX. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

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Mayor Ferguson reported that a very successful kick off meeting for Bright Futures was held with over 50 people in attendance from different areas of the community. If anyone is interested in becoming involved see Mayor Ferguson.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Woodard reported that he had been working on the following projects:

- Condemnation of homes
- Working with David Martin, Bond Counsel for Gilmore and Bell on the refunding of the 2004 and 2005 Certificates of Participation
- Had spent several hours with attorneys from
- Enviromark on pending litigation.
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C. City Manager Report

City Manager Stonecypher reported to the Council on the following items:

- Has been verifying cost of assets that were put into the Police Fire Facility for the bond refunding issue.
- Worked on the application process for the License Bureau until it was discovered that the cost of personnel would eat up any profit that might be seen from taking on the operation. At that time it was taken to Council and it was decided it was not in the City's best interest to proceed with the application.
- Bill Michel has run out of room to build in his Phase I Subdivision and may be looking to the City to approve opening up half of his Phase II Subdivision. At this time, the market is soft enough he doesn't feel comfortable doing all of Phase II.
- For investigative purposes only the City assisted the Fire Marshall in determining the cause of the fire at Myra Mae's. Once the building was opened up enough for a cause to be determined operations were ceased. Due to the extent of damage it was felt that it w
- as worth the money to assist in the investigation for the community. No exact conclusion was found only that it was not deliberately set.

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

Nothing new was added to the Horizon Agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Barton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem 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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