

**Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Aurora City Hall**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**2 W. Pleasant**  
**Aurora, Missouri**  
**Tuesday, July 27, 2021 - 5 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** City Manager Jon Holmes led the Council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jason Lewis – present  
Chairman Pro Tem Dawn Oplinger – present  
Councilman Doyle Ferguson – not present  
Councilwoman Theresa Pettit – present  
Councilman Tony Kennedy – present

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*A citizen desiring to speak on an item not on the agenda may do so at this time. Each citizen is limited to three minutes and the Council will not take action or discuss items at this time. Discussion should be limited to matters of City business and public comment is not permitted in regard to personnel matters or on pending legal matters. Items introduced under "Public Comment" may become agenda items at a later date.*

There was no Public Comment.

**5. COUNCIL FORUM**

*Council Forum provides an opportunity for Council Members to share information with the rest of the Council regarding communications with constituents, meetings attended, request items to be put on the agenda, make requests of staff, or direct questions to staff regarding issues that are not on the agenda.*

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger reported that she had participated in the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament with Councilman Kennedy and his wife Nikki. She also reported that she had attended the Recreation Center Tour.

Mayor Lewis reported that he attended the Park Board meeting.

Councilwoman Pettit reported that she had been contacted about an ongoing garage sale on Jefferson. City Manager Jon Holmes and Community Development Director Carrie Howlett reported that they were aware of the situation and had contacted the property owner and should be resolved in the next few days.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items listed on the 'Consent Agenda' are considered routine and shall be enacted by one motion of the City Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired by a member of the Council, that item will be removed from the 'Consent Agenda' and placed on the regular agenda as a final item under 'New Business'.*

6.I *Approval Of Minutes - City Council Regular Session July 13, 2021*

6.II *July 2021 Appropriations*

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Ferguson

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.I *First Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3237*

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET*

City Manager Jon Holmes addressed Council with an explanation and reminder regarding the need for a budget amendment. City Manager Holmes also updated Council on the development of the trails.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-3237. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Ferguson

8.II *Second Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3237*

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET*

Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-3237. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Ferguson

## **9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

1. Board Liaison Reports

Nothing at this time.

2. City Manager Report

See full report attached.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m.  
Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Ferguson

**APPROVED:**

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Jason Lewis, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kimberly Breedlove, City Clerk

**To:** Mayor Lewis & Aurora City Council  
**From:** Jon Holmes, City Manager, City of Aurora  
**Re:** City Manager Report  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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## Dept. Items

- **Police**
  - Nothing to report
  
- **Fire**
  - Final Hydrant Party for the summer is being planned
  
- **Street & Cemetery**
  - Paving – We are waiting for Blevins to let us know when they will be available
  - Street Striping in progress
  - Mosquito Fogging is getting done all over town.
  
- **Park**
  - The last day for the Pool will be the 15<sup>th</sup> and pool parties scheduled till the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Working on planning the Puppy Pool Party – August 28<sup>th</sup> with admission and donations going to the Dog Park.
  - Working with the planner on Park Master Plan work
  
- **Stormwater**
  - Nothing to report
  
- **Wastewater**
  - Annual Cleaning/Service of sewer lines has begun
  - BioSolid Application slated to begin next week
  
- **Admin. & Finance**
  - Economic Development Report – see separate update
  - Business License renewals is wrapping up. 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for discounted renewals.
  - Rec Center Tour – July 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Trail Public Meeting – 20 attended. Good discussion of the proposed route.
  - ARPA Funding guidelines are coming down from the Treasury Dept. Betty and I are working on sorting through those – We are thinking we should have a work-session to discuss how we can utilize those funds once the final rules are set by the Treasury Dept.
  - Budget Work session – Scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Budget Books will be delivered to Council on September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Working on requirements for the City of Aurora to become a “Tree City USA” through the National Arbor Day Foundation

### **Human Resources Notes:**

- Continuing to advertise for Police Vacancies

### **• Community Development**

- Working on annexation agreement with TJCC Properties for the South Pointe Ridge Development
- August 19<sup>th</sup>, Board of Zoning Adjustment Meeting
- Working on Tent and Camper Ordinances due to the increasing amount of camping and use of campers to live in
- Met with Silo Farms today regarding their operations and water needs
- Reviewing County Tax Sale list and properties that the City is maintaining at this time
- Come and Dine assistance – Carrie and Kim
- Assisting the planner and Justin with the Park Master Plan work, document gathering, etc.

### **Meetings/Events Attended:**

- TAC Committee Meeting – ZOOM Meeting – July 14<sup>th</sup>
- SMCOC Meeting to set schedule for Comprehensive plan Meetings – July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Rec Center Tour -Willard, July 15<sup>th</sup>
- MML SW Regional Meeting – July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Pavilion Committee Plan Meeting – July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Recreational Trail Public Meeting – July 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events Attending**

- **Council** – Working on a tour of the Republic Recreation Center

### **Tentative Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- Procurement Policy Changes – August
- Park Board Ordinance – August