

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall

City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant

Aurora, Missouri

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 6 P.M.

3/8/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Lewis requested a moment of silence in honor of the fallen police officers in Joplin, MO.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Councilman Ferguson led the Council in prayer and Mayor Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lewis - Present

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Absent

Councilwoman Pettit - Present

Councilman Ferguson - Present

Councilman Kennedy - Present

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

5. COUNCIL FORUM

Mayor Lewis reported that he attended the First Friday Coffee event at the Garden Exchange Drive Thru location where he was joined by the City Manager, Police Chief and Sheriff Brad Delay. A nice update was given by all entities.

Mayor Lewis also reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Coffee & Community event. There were several people in attendance and the attendees were very engaged.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Absent

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

6.I. Approval Of Minutes-City Council Regular Session February 22, 2022

See Consent Agenda

6.II. Approval Of Minutes - City Council Work Session March 1, 2022

See Consent Agenda

6.III. February/March Appropriations

See Consent Agenda

7. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Update And Discussion - 2019 WWTP Improvement Plan

Eric DeGruson with Allgeier Martin & Associates was unable to attend due to illness. Update postponed to the next meeting.

8.II. Resolution No. 2022-1839 Building Permit Fee Reduction

Community Development Director Carrie Howlett addressed the Council advising that the resolution was prepared based on discussion with Council at the last meeting. Ms Howlett further explained the contents of the resolution and gave clarification to Council regarding the City's current building permit fees in comparison to other cities.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2022-1839. Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Nay

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Absent

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

No Board Liasion reports.

Street Department Superintendent Jason Jordan addressed the Council regarding the seasonal change of daily hours for his department. Mr Jordan advised that his staff gave positive response to the seasonal change last year and all were interested in the change again this year. The Department will work 10 hours per day, 4 days per week for a period to begin in early April and end in October. Daily hours will be 6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. No negative response from Council.

Mayor Lewis addressed the closing of the Elliott Avenue entrance into Maple Park Cemetery. City Manager Holmes advised that Cemetery Sexton Brad Blankenship has reported great improvement in cemetery traffic, vandalism and safety since the closing of the entrance. Mr Holmes further advised that staff is working to install a reflective sign and more permanent closure of the entrance.

Full City Manager Report attached.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Lewis, time noted 7:31 p.m. (Per City Manager Jon Holmes)

11. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to RSMo 610.021

(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving public government body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor. However, any minutes, vote or public record approving a contract relating to the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body shall be made public upon execution of the lease, purchase or sale of the real estate;

(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. However, any vote on a final decision, when taken by a public governmental body, to hire, fire, promote or discipline an employee of a public governmental body shall be made available with a record of how each member voted to the public within seventy-two hours of the close of the meeting where such action occurs; provided, however, that any employee so affected shall be entitled to prompt notice of such decision during the seventy-two-hour period before such decision is made available to the public. As used in this subdivision, the term "personal information" means information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees;

Mayor Lewis made a motion to go into Closed Session, time noted 6:33 p.m., for the purpose of RsMO 610.021 (2) and RSMo 610.021 (3). Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Absent

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Carrie Howlett, Acting City Clerk, exited the meeting, time noted 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED

Jason Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Howlett, Acting City Clerk