

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall - City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant St. Aurora, Missouri 65605

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.

3/28/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lewis - *Present via Zoom*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Present*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Present*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Present*

Council Seat - *Vacant*

3. Interview For Open City Council Seat - Josh Blades

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy invited Josh Blades to the podium to interview with Council for the vacant City Council seat. City Council asked Josh Blades about his volunteer work in Aurora. Josh is a member of the Masonic Lodge for Aurora and Verona and is involved in several fundraising programs. Josh is also a lifelong resident of Aurora and likes the direction the City is moving. Would like to help keep it moving forward and to see more economic growth. Josh is grateful to have the opportunity to be interviewed and looks forward to working with City Council if given the opportunity.

4. Interview For Open City Council Seat - Lisa Rentfro

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy invited Lisa Rentfro to the podium to interview with Council for the vacant City Council seat. City Council asked several questions regarding her interest in this position. Lisa Rentfro addressed Council that she is retired and has not been as active as she once was but would like to get involved again. Lisa has been on City Council and other boards in the past. Lisa helped with fundraisers for the Aurora Library, helped refurbish the Post Office and served on the board for the Community Center.

5. AFTER INTERVIEWS, COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES - NOMINATIONS AND VOTE

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to amend the agenda moving item 5 After interviews, Council discussion of Candidates-Nominations and Vote to be after item 11.VI. to have time to discuss the candidates. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *Aye via Zoom*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Council Seat - *Vacant*

Recess until 6:00 p.m.

City Council discussed the candidates for the Open City Council Seat. Councilwoman Oplinger made a nomination to Accept Josh Blades as our the new City Council member. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the nomination. Roll Call Votes for the nomination were documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Nay via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

6. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Police Chief, Wes Coatney led the Council in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Walker with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce addressed Council with her new phone app for the Community. Chamber members will have access to their folders on the app. The app will allow to push notifications, tour of historic spots, event promotions, etc. Will schedule training on how to utilize the folder. Also, talked about the Business Expo and Easter Egg Scramble. It was a huge success.

8. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilwoman Oplinger attended the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Easter Egg Scramble and attended the GRO meeting.

Councilwoman Pettit also attended the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Easter Egg Scramble, Recreation Center Decision Making Committee and City Council Joint meeting, and Park Board meeting.

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy attended the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, Recreation Center Decision Making Committee and City Council Joint meeting and Park Board meeting.

Mayor Lewis attended the Community Foundation of the Ozarks meeting.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - No Vote

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

9.I. Approval Of Minutes - City Council Regular Session Minutes March 14, 2023

See Consent Agenda

9.II. Approval Of Minutes - City Council Joint Session Minutes March 22, 2023

See Consent Agenda

9.III. March 2023 Appropriations

See Consent Agenda

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.I. Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 2023-3281 Adding Section 520.130 Installation And Maintenance Of Key Lock Box

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-3281 Adding Section 520.130 Installation and Maintenance of Key Lock Box. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *No Vote*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Council Seat - *Vacant*

10.II. Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 2023-3283 Adding Section 520.150 5 Inch Storz Fire Department Connections

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-3283 Adding Section 520.150 5 Inch Storz Fire Department Connections. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *No Vote*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Council Seat - *Vacant*

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.I. Oath Of Office - Deputy City Clerk - Kim Rayburn

Deputy City Clerk, Kim Rayburn was sworn in by City Clerk, Kamy Kulow.

11.II. First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2023-3282 Adding Section 520.140 Cost Recovery For Non-Residents

Fire Chief, Gregory Hurd addressed Council about the Cost Recovery for Non-Residents Ordinance. Chief Hurd explained that this is the way the City can recover the cost for services from the Fire Department used for any emergency or non-emergency responses who are Non-Residents of Aurora. Other Fire Departments around the area are part of this program and have already implemented this cost recovery for non-residents. The Cost Recovery rates are standard across the United States.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to Approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-3282 Adding Section 520.140 Cost Recovery for Non-Residents. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - No Vote

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

11.III. Resolution No. 2023-1912 WWTP Entrance Road Culvert Replacement Bidding And Construction

City Manager, Jon Holmes addressed Council about the WWTP Entrance Road Culvert Replacement Bidding and Construction Management process. Back in June of 2021, the City of Aurora had a major flood event that caused the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees to have no access due to the low water crossing. This process has been in the design phases and is finished and ready for it to go out to bid. Blake Watson with Allgeier Martin spoke to Council about this project being higher than originally thought due to the project being in tandem with another project at the same time and the culvert has to be sizeable enough to carry heavy truckloads in and out of the plant.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 2023-1912 WWTP Entrance Road Culvert Replacement Bidding and Construction Management. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - No Vote

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

11.IV. Resolution No. 2023-1911 Mowing Bid

Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett addressed Council about the Mowing Bids. The mowing bid is for the standard nuisance abatement process. Previous contract has expired. Two bids were received, Rodney Gold and C-Moon's Lawn Service. C-Moon's Lawn Service was the lowest and best bid for the standard lot clean up. Lot clean up is not utilized on a regular basis since City Staff is used mostly for this. Recommendation from Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett is to go with C-Moon's Lawn Service.

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 2023-1911 Mowing Bid. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - No Vote

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

11.V. Final Plat/Site Plan - South Point Ridge

Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett addressed Council with the Final Plat/Site Plan for South Point Ridge. South Point Ridge has been ongoing since early 2021, was a part of a zoning and annexation request back in November of 2021. This development also entered into an agreement with the City of Aurora to provide sewer infrastructure. This is the initial site plan review that will contain 17 residential lots with a mix of multi-family fourplexes and single family homes. The plans have been reviewed by City staff and City Engineers and a letter of acceptance from the City Engineers. They are in line with City Code throughout. Only variance is with the sidewalks. One side of the street will have sidewalks while the other side will not, due to multiple factors. Planning and Zoning recommended approval. In the proposal the builder plans to donate the green space back to the City, so that we could utilize those as pocket parks, playground areas, basketball courts, etc for neighborhood use.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to Approve the Final Plat/Site Plan of South Point Ridge. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - No Vote

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

11.VI. Special Event Application - Boutique Bash

Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett addressed Council with a Special Event Application - Boutique Bash from the Garden Exchange. A repeat event from last year, just has to have a Special Event permit due to the size of the event. The event will take place on April 29, 2023. Recommendation is for approval.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to Approve Special Event Application - Boutique Bash. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - No Vote

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

12. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

City Manager Report attached.

Community/Economic Development Report attached.

City Manager, Jon Holmes discussed at the previous Council meeting about not being able to hear very well. Mr. Holmes has worked with Southwest Audio and Visual to get ADA compliant system that will hook onto our existing system that will work smartphones and individuals will be able to use their own headphones to be able to hear everything much better.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Councilwoman Oplinger made motion to go into Closed Session at 6:53 p.m. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to move out of Closed Session at 7:57 p.m. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

APPROVED

Jason Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kamy Kulow, City Clerk