

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall - City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant St. Aurora, Missouri 65605

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - 4 P.M.

5/17/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lewis - *Present*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Present*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Present*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Present*

Councilman Blades - *4:30 p.m.*

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. DISCUSSION - PLANNING AND DESIGN OF RECREATION CENTER

Stephen Telscher with Sapp Designs, went over the discussed items from last week's meeting and had asked for Council and the Decision Making Committee to go through the list and see what the city could do to help cut down the cost of the Recreation Center. Mr. Telscher also showed that the gym would hold three pickleball courts. Also attending the meeting from Branco were Brandon Poindexter, Patrick Capron, and Sean Thouvenot, Recreation Center Design Committee were City Manager, Jon Holmes, Assistant City Manager, Carrie Howlett, Interim Parks and Recreation Director, Travis Wittenborn, City Council member Theresa Pettit and City Council member, Tony Kennedy.

The City Council and Recreation Center Design Committee went through the itemized list and talked about what the city could do, or have donated, or pay local businesses to take on some of the projects to help minimize the cost, which estimated in a cost savings of around \$100K. Mayor Lewis stated that he has growing sense of concern as the project evolves and the lack of clear established deliverables and parameters as we are on track now to exceed some of the original financial metrics for the project.

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to move forward with the original full size gym and three event space design of the recreation center. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *Aye*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Blades - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to move forward with a proposal to develop plans and costs for a second gym. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

APPROVED

Jason Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kamy Kulow, City Clerk