

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes
Aurora City Hall
City Council Chambers
2 W. Pleasant
Aurora, Missouri
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE: Mayor Ferguson led the Council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Doyle Ferguson – present
Chairman Pro Tem Jason Lewis – not present
Councilwoman Dawn Oplinger – present
Councilman Don McWade – present
Councilwoman Theresa Pettit – 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 at this time.

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.

Mayor Ferguson reported that he had invited the President of the Aurora Park Board to tonight's meeting to discuss a Parks Master Plan. Park Board President Mitch Forrester, City Manager Jon Holmes, and members of City Council discussed the benefits of having a Parks Master Plan, the costs involved and the possibility of dove tailing it with the Comprehensive Plan currently in motion with SMOG.

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 January 26, 2021

6.II Approval Of Minutes - City Council Work Session January 28, 2021

6.III January / February Appropriations

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Mayor Ferguson stated that he would be abstaining from the vote due to an invoice from the company he represents on the appropriations list. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Ferguson

ABSENT: Lewis

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I Second Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3214

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, REPEALING TITLE V "BUILDING CODE" CHAPTER 500 "BUILDING REGULATIONS" BY REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 500 "BUILDING REGULATIONS"

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-3214. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Lewis

7.II Second Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3215

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, REPEALING TITLE V "BUILDING CODE" CHAPTER 520 "FIRE CODE AND FIRE PROTECTION" BY REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 520 "FIRE CODE AND FIRE PROTECTION"

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-3215. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Lewis

7.III Second Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3216

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 525 "MOBILE HOME PARKS" SECTION 525.600 "FIRE PROTECTION" AND CHAPTER

530 "SIGNS AND ADVERTISING" SECTION 530.010 "SIGN CODE ADOPTION"

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-3216. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Lewis

7.IV Second Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3217

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM GUFFEY PROPERTIES/LBO DEVELOPMENT II LLC FOR A LOT SPLIT INVOLVING 300 E. DYER STREET

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-3217. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Lewis

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I Proclamation - Missouri Farm Bureau Celebrate Agriculture: Thank A Farmer Week

Mayor Ferguson proclaimed the week of February 28th – March 6th as "Celebrate Agriculture: Thank A Farmer Week."

8.II Proclamation - Share A Heart Campaign: Ronald McDonald House Week

Mayor Ferguson proclaimed the week of February 8th – February 14th as "Ronald McDonald House Week."

8.III Discussion Regarding Ongoing Construction At 509 E Church Street

Community Development Director Carrie Howlett addressed Council regarding Crossland Construction and their need to do some overnight concrete work at the Liberty Utilities development. Council had no negative response to the overnight work on the site. Council requested that expected date for overnight work to be posted in the City's Facebook page and the website to alert citizens.

8.IV Discussion Of Dispatcher Duties Reassignment / Employee Reclassification

City Manager Jon Holmes and Police Chief Witthuhn both addressed Council regarding an update on the reassignment of dispatcher duties and the job

description reclassification to Public Service Officer. Discussion was held on the need to retain employees after the shift of dispatching duties to the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board.

8.V Resolution 2021-1776

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAD-RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IT INTERFACE

City Manager Holmes and Police Chief Witthuhn discussed with Council the background, description, and need for the purchase of a CAD-Records Management System that will communicate and merge with the system used by Monett – Lawrence County Emergency Services Board. Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1776. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Lewis

8.VI First Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3218

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 335 "STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS, RAILROAD CROSSINGS" SCHEDULE II, STOP SIGNS, TABLE II-A STOP SIGNS-GENERALLY, LOCATION.

City Manager Holmes reported that the stop sign is doing its job and recommended to Council that it remain permanent. Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-3218. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Lewis

8.VII First Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3219

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VIOLATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF WASTE FROM TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF AURORA, MISSOURI AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE SAME

City Manager Holmes reported that there is a growing concern about individuals rummaging through trash. The main concern is what they will find. Identity theft is a growing problem and this ordinance will give officers a clear cut law to follow. Councilman McWade made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-3219. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: Lewis

8.VIII Downtown Pavilion Project Discussion

City Manager Holmes reported that the results of his research indicate that the pavilion project will cost more than originally thought and budgeted for. He also reported his discussions with Allgeier Martin and the different financing options available if Council chose to go that route. City Council Members and City Manager Holmes discussed the structure and design of the pavilion, the amenities they would like to see, their desire to build a structure that will last, and the importance of not cutting corners on this project.

9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Board Liaison Reports

Councilwoman Pettit reported that the Aurora Beautification Company has torn down its 8th blighted house since 2015.

2. City Manager Report

See full report attached.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Pettit
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: Lewis

APPROVED:

Doyle Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly Breedlove, City Clerk