AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Pro Tem Wiles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER: Chairman Pro Tem Wiles led the council in the pledge and prayer

III: ROLL CALL: Mayor Doyle Ferguson - Absent
Chairman Pro Tem Stephen Wiles
Councilman David Larry Marks - Absent
Councilwoman Dawn Oplinger
Councilman Don McWade

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the Minutes from the regular session held on December 19th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for December
Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the appropriations for December 2019/January 2020 as submitted. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0

VI. 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.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM
VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2020-1717 – Motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-1717. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

B. Resolution No. 2020-1718 – Motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Main Street Aurora

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-1718. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

C. Resolution No. 2020-1719 – Motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Aurora Historical Society

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-1719. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

D. Resolution No. 2020-1720 – Motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Capitol Chrysler Jeep Dodge for the purchase of one 2020 Dodge Grand Caravan

City Manager Holmes advised council that this is a budgeted item for 2020 and will be for general staff usage while on City business. Cost is lower than budgeted amount.

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-1720. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
F. Resolution No. 2020-1721 – Motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Capitol Chrysler Jeep Dodge for the purchase of one 2020 Jeep Compass Sport 4x4

City Manager Holmes advised council that this is a budgeted item for 2020 and will be used as the Code Enforcement vehicle in the Planning & Zoning Department. This vehicle will replace a 2007 Saturn Ion which has increasing issues mechanically and electrically. Cost is lower than budgeted amount. The 2007 Saturn Ion will be disposed of via auction or sealed bids.

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-1721. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

F. First Reading of Bill No. 2020-3184 – Motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri allowing the “Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday” to apply to the local sales tax of the City of Aurora between April 19 and April 25, 2020

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve Bill No. 2020-3184. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

G. First Reading of Bill No. 2020-3185 – Motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the 2019 Budget

City Manager Holmes advised council this budget amendment comes from the Park Stormwater Fund relating to the Capital Improvement Project which was completed at Locust & Lincoln streets within Aurora.

City Manager Holmes further advised the council that only one fund needed to be amended this year. All other funds within the City were under budget at the close of the year. Regarding the General Fund, in 2016 the City overspent in the General Fund by $244,000. In 2017 the same fund overspent by $180,000. In 2018 the General Fund again overspent by $120,000. City Manager Holmes proudly announced that in 2019 the City underspent the General Fund by $100,000 and attributed this savings and management of funds to the Department Heads and their diligent attention to detail regarding their individual budgets. Councilwoman Oplinger expressed on behalf of the City Council what a great job the staff and City Manager are doing with the budget. She stated the savings is amazing the hard work of all involved is greatly appreciated.

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2020-3185. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

H. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2020-3185 making Ordinance No. 2020-3185 an Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri – Motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the 2015 Budget

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2020-3185. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

I. Discussion – Paperless Agenda

City Manager Holmes advised that the request for paperless agenda had been brought to him by Councilman McWade. Councilman McWade advised that a paperless agenda could save on paper as well as save on cost for producing agendas. Councilman McWade recommended Ipads or the like for viewing agendas prior to council meeting as well as during the meetings. City Manager Holmes advised that this has been done in another town in which he is familiar and their savings was approximately $1,000 per council member per year. City Manager Holmes further advised that he will involve the City’s IT company and begin the process for bids on laptops or other electronic alternatives. All council members agreed this would be a positive change for the City.

J. Discussion – Council Meeting Times

All council members agreed that moving the regularly scheduled City Council meetings to 6:00 p.m. would be favorable. City Manager Holmes advised a Resolution to make said change would be coming at a future meeting.

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Report

Councilwoman Oplinger stated that she attended the Hospital Board meeting. They had a tremendously strong December financially and have several job openings including Dietician cooks. They have hired a new OB Manager and 50 children were fostered for Christmas. Councilwoman Oplinger further stated the Hudson House celebrated 35 years with a wonderful celebration and she attended the Chamber Banquet meeting.

B. City Manager Report

Report Items:

- Dept. Items
  - Police
    - Discussion of 911 System – planned for the next Council Meeting
  - Street & Cemetery
    - Demo of damaged hangar at the Airport
Beginning to work on projects for 2020
- Priority list of paving projects for next year
- Cemetery Guest information centers/gazebos
- Getting bids for equipment replacement – mower and dump truck
- Repair of a storm drain that collapsed

- Park
  - Fencing being installed at Crosby Park (Park Board Project)
  - Began working on other Park Board Projects
    - Trail Lighting in White Park
    - Paving at Baldwin Park

- Stormwater
  - Nothing at this time

- Wastewater
  - U.V. Project at the sewer plant, notice to proceed has been given
  - Began work on initial Wastewater Treatment plant improvements
    - Filter replacement Project – engineering moving forward

- Admin. & Finance
  - Sales Tax Renewal Information Meetings Scheduled – all meetings at City Hall, Council Chambers
    - January 17th, 10:30 A.M.
    - February 3rd, 6 P.M.
    - February 27th, 6 P.M.
    - March 11th, 10:30 A.M
    - March 31st, 6 P.M.
    - April 6th, 6 P.M.
  - Working on surplus equipment list – will be bringing this to the Council for approval for disposal – we will have this list compiled for the next Council Meeting
  - Planning a meeting for Historical Preservation discussion for Downtown
  - Beginning discussions with MoDOT concerning Welcome signs along Highway 60
  - Working on year-end finance items – Auditor will be here at the end of February
  - City Hall window bids advertised

- Planning & Code Enforcement
  - Beginning the process to begin compiling a list of dangerous and substandard structure for consideration for demolition for 2020
  - Carrie attended the Floodplain Coordinator Training that is put on by the Mo Dept of Natural Resources
  - Meeting concerning the City’s GIS mapping and needed updates
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- RESCHEDULE – Planning a joint work-session with the Planning & Zoning Board immediately after the NEXT Council meeting in January to discuss substandard lots and smaller houses as requested by the City Council
  - Assessing the number of smaller lots in the City
- P&Z Meeting – 2/4/2020 – Lot Split of MFA silos
- Carrie is working on her Building Inspector certifications
- Working on adoption of the most recent revisions of the International Building Codes – this will be coming to Council for adoption

- Fire
  - No new items to report

Meetings/Events Attended:
- Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting – 8th
- SMCOG Flood Plain Workshop Meeting – Dec 10th

Upcoming Meetings and Events Attending:
- Sales Tax Renewal Information Meeting – 17th

Follow-Up Items/Misc. Items
- None at this time

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Councilwoman Oplinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. All council members voted aye:
AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, McWade
NAYES: 0

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Stephen Wiles, Chairman Pro Tem (01/28/2020)

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Carrie Howlett, Deputy City Clerk (1/28/2020)