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AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** Mayor Ferguson led the Council in the pledge and prayer.
- III. ROLL CALL:** Mayor Doyle Ferguson
Chairman Pro Tem Stephen Wiles
Councilman Larry David Marks
Councilwoman Dawn Oplinger
Councilman Don McWade
- IV. 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.*
- None
- V. 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.*
- Councilwoman Oplinger attended the Airport Board meeting last week.
- VI. 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".*
- A. Approval of Minutes:** *Regular Session held on February 25th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*
- B. Approval of Appropriations:** *for February-March 2020*

Councilwoman Oplinger advised of an error within the minutes involving section VII paragraph B wherein names were left off the vote. City Manager Holmes advised the errors have been corrected and Council has been provided with the revised copy of the minutes. Council can approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Chairman Pro Tem Wiles seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Wiles, Marks, Oplinger, McWade

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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, purchasing 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.*

Chairman Pro Tem Wiles moved to go into Closed Session, time noted 6:03 p.m. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Wiles, Marks, Oplinger, McWade

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Chairman Pro Tem Wiles moved to enter back into Open Session, time noted 7:26 p.m. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Wiles, Marks, Oplinger, McWade

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

IX. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

B. City Manager Report

To: Mayor Ferguson & Aurora City Council

From: Jon Holmes, City Manager, City of Aurora

Re: City Manager Report

Date: 03/10/2020

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Report Items:

Dept. Items

- **Police**
 - No Report

- **Street & Cemetery**
 - Beginning to work on projects for 2020
 - Paving Bid has been advertised
 - Working on tree trimming/clearing in the Cemetery for paving projects
 - Prep work to get ready for mowing in the Cemetery

- **Park**
 - Fencing being installed at Crosby Park (Park Board Project) close to being finished
 - Bids advertised
 - Fencing for Baldwin Park
 - Tennis Court rehab
 - Assisting with preparing for Historical Society Concert

- **Stormwater**
 - Nothing to report at this time

- **Wastewater**
 - Work for the U.V. project at the sewer plant has began
 - Began work on initial Wastewater Treatment plant improvements
 - Filter Replacement Project – engineering moving forward
 - Submittal of application for State Revolving Fund completed
 - Bid opening for the Locust Street lift station rehab completed. Bids will be reviewed by the engineers and a recommendation will come to the Council for approval
 - Reimbursement has been approved from MODOT for the engineering work and sewer line work the City needed to complete for the completion of the overpass. Approximately \$33,000 will be reimbursed to the Wastewater fund.
 - TREKK is beginning work on this year's round of I & I sewer line rehab.

- **Admin. & Finance**
 - City Clerk attending the MO City Clerk Assoc. conference this week.
 - Sales Tax Renewal Information Meetings Scheduled – All meetings at City hall, Council Chambers
 - March 31st, 6 P.M.
 - April 6th, 6 P.M.
 - Laptops for Council have been ordered for paperless agendas – Update: On back order at this time
 - Planning a meeting for Historical Preservation discussion for Downtown – Meeting with State Historical Preservation Office
 - Auditor was here last week - onsite work completed. Expected auditor report will be ready in Mid-April

- **Planning & Code Enforcement**

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- Bids for mowing have been advertised – bids will come before the council for approval
- P&Z Meetings:
 - 3/31/2020

- **Fire**
 - Chief Ward and Staff have been sitting in on MO Emergency Management Agency teleconferences regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. The FD has been following the recommended preparation and planning activities from the MO-EMA

Meetings/Events Attended:

- NTR

Upcoming Meetings and Events Attending:

- SMCOG TAC Meeting – 11th
- Lawrence County Emergency Services Board – Meeting – 16th
- Meeting with MO State Historic Preservation Office – 24th

Follow-Up Items/Misc. Items

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman McWade moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Wiles, Marks, Oplinger, McWade

NAYES: 0

APPROVED:



Doyle Ferguson, Mayor (03/24/2020)

ATTEST:



Carrie Howlett, Deputy City Clerk (03/24/2020)