

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes
Aurora City Hall
City Council Chambers
2 W. Pleasant
Aurora, Missouri
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - 6 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Pro Tem Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** City Manager Holmes let the Council in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Doyle Ferguson – not present
Chairman Pro Tem Jason Lewis - 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

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.

Councilwoman Pettit read an email she had received from Sandlot owner Brad Longley. Mr. Longley had requested use of the baseball fields to handle an overflow of tournament teams and games normally held at the Sandlot. He thanked the city for the use of the fields and the Parks Department for their hard work in preparing the fields for games and the concession stand.

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 June 23, 2020

6.II June/July 2020 Appropriation

Motion made by Councilwoman Oplinger to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Oplinger, McWade, Lewis, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Ferguson

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.I GRO Funding Request

Michelle Parbury addressed council with a funding request of \$750.00 for GRO Aurora. Ms. Parbury gave the background and development of GRO plus the purpose of the organization. She explained the reason for the request and her hopes of bringing everyone together through this organization. Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve the \$750.00 funding request. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Oplinger, McWade, Lewis, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Ferguson

7.II Special Event Application - Auto Fest

City Manager Holmes addressed council with the background of Auto Fest and the request being made. He also let council know of a typo error on the cover sheet regarding the no street closures needed. As part of the request, there will in fact need to be street closure. Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve the Special Event Application – Auto Fest. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Oplinger, McWade, Lewis, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Ferguson

7.III Resolution 2020-1746 - Tolling Agreements

City Manager Holmes addressed council regarding the request to enter in to a tolling agreement with Cellco Partnership and its affiliates. He explained the

reason behind the request and what the result of such agreement would be. Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1746. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following council members voting aye:

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

7.IV Resolution 2020-1747 - Park Board Appointment Of Brian Phillips

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1747. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

7.V Resolution 2020-1748 - Park Board Appointment Of Eddie Breeding

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1748. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

7.VI Resolution 2020-1749 Asphalt Bid - Maple Park Cemetery And Baldwin Park

City Manager Holmes explained to council that this portion of the original asphalt bid had been put on hold due to the uncertainty of city revenues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Holmes went on to further explain that the city is about \$29,000.00 ahead on sales tax revenues and believes we are safe to move forward with the original plans to pave Maple Park Cemetery and Baldwin Park. Blevins was contacted and has agreed to honor the original bid made. Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1749. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

7.VII Resolution 2020-1750 - Airport Board Appointment Of Richard Werner

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1750. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

7.VIII Resolution 2020-1751 - Airport Board Appointment Of Jamie Holder

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1751. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

7.IX Resolution 2020-1752 - Airport Board Appointment Of Mike Davis

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1752. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

*7.X Discussion - 911/Dispatch Expenses Reimbursement
Joint Meeting of the Aurora City Council and the Lawrence County
Emergency Communications Board*

City Manager Holmes spoke to council regarding the background of the ½ cent sales tax and the services that it funds. Mr. Holmes spoke of his concerns about the funding reimbursement amount being considered by the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board (LCESB) and the way in which they calculated the reimbursement amount. He went on to further explain the costs incurred by the city to provide 911 services to the communities of Aurora and Marionville and what it will mean to the city if the LCESB only gives the city the discussed amount. He also believes Aurora is being held to a different standard than other cities. Mr. Holmes addressed the article that was published in the Monett Times with the headline that stated "Aurora Requests \$2.5 million for dispatching." The City of Aurora has never requested that amount of money at any time. He believes that it is time for the elected officials of the City of Aurora to meet with the elected officials of the LCESB.

Mike Palmer, Chairman of the LCESB, along with other members of the board were present at the council meeting to answer any questions the council might have. Mr. Palmer addressed the council first letting them know that they were not in a position to negotiate due to the absence of their attorney. After tonight's discussion, he believes that their board and the council should schedule a joint work session. Mr. Palmer went on to give the background of the LCESB and what it was designed for. He spoke of the formula used to calculate the reimbursement amount and stated that he believes there has been some miscommunication on his part.

Council addressed Mr. Palmer with questions and some clarification on calls vs. events and how it is used to figure the reimbursement amount.

It was determined that there would be a joint work session scheduled between the council and the LCESB.

8. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Board Liaison Reports

Chairman Pro Tem Lewis reported to council that he attended the Airport Board Meeting. They had approved some expenses and appointed board members.

2. City Manager Report

See full report below.

To: Mayor Ferguson & Aurora City Council
From: Jon Holmes, City Manager, City of Aurora
Re: City Manager Report
Date: 07/15/2020

Dept. Items

- **Police**
 - 4th of July went well, no large incidents or problems occurred
- **Fire**
 - 4th of July went well, no large incidents or problems occurred
- **Street & Cemetery**
 - Brush and Limb pickup next week
 - Mosquito Control spraying continues
 - Lions Club will be painting the block markers in the Cemetery
 - Trimming of trees over the roads to address low hanging branches for busses
- **Park**
 - All Park amenities opened
 - Church Softball Leagues and YMCA Softball Leagues are in session

- **Stormwater**
 - Nothing to report

- **Wastewater**
 - Camera Work is done on sewer lines – ACE Pipe Services will be working on getting ready for sewer line linings to be completed in the fall

- **Admin. & Finance**
 - Budget Work-session will be planned for the first or second week of October.
 - Replacement Microphones are on order for the Council Chambers
 - A City Facilities Tour will be scheduled for the Council Members
 - Door Hangers and Shut Off Notices are currently being done – we have not done shut-offs since February, so there is a lot of delinquent accounts at this time
 - **Human Resources Notes:**
 - Workers Comp – Injury Reporting Kit handed out to employees and Dept. Heads
 - **Municipal Court Items:**
 - Municipal Court resumed June 2nd with virtual court (online court) by the direction of the MO Court System – this will continue
 - **Finance Items:**
 - We are looking into timekeeping modules for our management software for better/easier calculation & tracking of employee's time.
 - Sales Tax Renewal – The renewal of the sales tax is a great thing for our community.

- **Economic Development**
 - I am currently working with 3 potential developers regarding possible 4 different large developments in our community. They may be requesting using various State economic development programs for their developments. These will require Council approval, and will be coming before the City Council for discussions and consideration in the next few months.
 - UPDATE: Two programs will be presented at the next Council (7/28/2020) meeting regarding to major developments that are being proposed and the developer will be asking to use Missouri Economic Development incentive programs.

- **Planning & Code Enforcement**
 - Code Enforcement items increasing

- Board of Building Appeals heard the eviction and vacate request from the Planning and Zoning Dept. for 121 Pleasant Street. That request was granted and the appropriate court filings have been completed. That building will be cleared out and secured until all repairs have been made.

Meetings/Events Attended:

- None

Upcoming Meetings and Events Attending:

- None

Follow-Up Items/Misc. Items

- AFB Discussion – Planning on bringing them in to discuss issues with the Council as soon as scheduling permits
- Non-Traditional Domestic Animals discussion – planning on bringing that to the next Council Meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

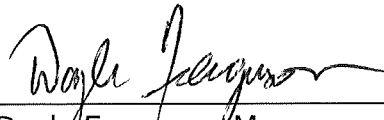
AYES: Oplinger, McWade, Lewis, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

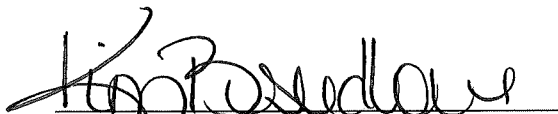
ABSENT: Ferguson

APPROVED:



Doyle Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly Breedlove, City Clerk