

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes
Aurora City Hall
City Council Chambers
2 W. Pleasant
Aurora, Missouri
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - 6 P.M.

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

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE: Pastor Charlene Dart with the Aurora United Methodist Church led the Council in prayer and the Pledge Of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Doyle Ferguson - 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.

City Manager Jon Holmes introduced Lance Eley to Council. Mr. Holmes explained to Council that he had put together an panel to interview potential candidates. The panel consisted of Kimberly Breedlove, HR Director, Jason Jordan, Street Department Superintendent, Betty Baum, City Treasurer/Finance Director, Orvil Maples, Wastewater Superintendent, and himself. Mr. Eley was selected as the new Wastewater Superintendent pending the retirement of Orvil Maples.

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 July 28, 2020

6.II July/August 2020 Appropriations

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

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Lewis, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I Second Reading Of Ordinance 2020-3193: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 210 "ANIMALS AND DOGS" ARTICLE II "ANIMAL REGULATIONS", SECTION 210.220 "HARBORING WILD/NON- DOMESTICATED ANIMALS", IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI

City Manager Holmes advised Council that he had received several phone calls thanking the city for this ordinance. Motion made by Councilwoman Oplinger to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-3193 Amending Section 210.200 210 Non-Domesticated Animals. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Lewis, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

7.II Second Reading Of Ordinance 2020-3194: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 210 "ANIMALS AND DOGS" ARTICLE II "ANIMAL REGULATIONS", AND ADDING SECTION 210.221 "NON-TRADITIONAL DOMESTICATED ANIMALS", TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI

City Manager Holmes asked if the council had received any feedback or concerns and let them know that he had not. Motion made by Chairman Pro Tem Lewis to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-3194 Adding Section 210.0021 Non-Traditional Domesticated Animals. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ferguson, Oplinger, McWade, Lewis, Pettit

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I First Reading Of Ordinance 2020-3195: AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING THE AURORA / VERONA MUNICIPAL COURTS

City Manager Holmes addressed Council on the discussions held with City Attorney Ken Reynolds regarding the reasons behind the consolidation and how many cases it will add to our case load.

Councilwoman Pettit asked if there would be help in compensation for attorney fees and the salary for the judge. City Manager Holmes advised that Verona will still be paying the judge and attorney for their services. Chairman Pro Tem Lewis asked about our current case load. City Attorney Ken Reynolds and City Manager Holmes advised that it was around 40-50. City Attorney Reynolds went on to explain the burden the new rules are putting on the smaller municipalities.

Motion made by Mayor Ferguson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-3195 An Ordinance Consolidating the Aurora/Verona Municipal Courts. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

8.II Second Reading Of Ordinance 2020-3195: AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING THE AURORA / VERONA MUNICIPAL COURTS

Motion made by Councilwoman Oplinger to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-3195 An Ordinance Consolidating the Aurora/Verona Municipal Courts. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Board Liaison Reports

Councilwoman Oplinger reported that Mainstreet Aurora worked with the City of Aurora and were able to put out 7 new benches.

Councilwoman Pettit attended the Southwest Solid Waste Management meeting with City Manager Jon Holmes. Councilwoman Pettit reported that she had learned more about the can and con notes plus what other city's are struggling with. She is looking forward to helping with the recycling project.

Councilwoman Pettit also reported to Council the amount of dinners served at the Come and Dine Community Dinner. Councilwoman Oplinger added that she and Kim Mobley had helped to deliver those dinners and that more volunteer drivers were needed.

Councilman McWade reported that he observed the city staff sealing roads and the process that is involved.

2. *City Manager Report*

See full report below.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Oplinger to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

To: Mayor Ferguson & Aurora City Council
From: Jon Holmes, City Manager, City of Aurora
Re: City Manager Report
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020

Dept. Items

- **Police**
 - LCESB Joint Meeting – Tentatively Scheduled for 6 P.M. Sept. 1st. Backup Date is Sept. 3rd. Space has been reserved at the SW Research Station, 14548 State Rd H, Mt Vernon, MO for this meeting.
- **Fire**
 - Nothing to report
- **Street & Cemetery**
 - Brush and Limb pickup next week
 - Lions Club has been repainting road signs in the cemetery
 - Cemetery staff will be working on straightening stones and monuments over the next few weeks
- **Park**
 - Pool closes on the 14th

- **Stormwater**
 - Nothing to report
- **Wastewater**
 - Lance Eley has been promoted to the position of Wastewater Superintendent
 - U.V. Project is progressing
 - Locust Street Lift station essentially complete; final testing was today
 - Smoke testing for I&I finished
- **Admin. & Finance**
 - Budget Work-session – Planned for October 8th. Second Choice – October 6th.
 - A City Facilities Tour will be scheduled for the Council Members – Working on Dates with Dept. Heads and when they will be available.
 - Review of City Fee – we are reviewing the fees the City charges for many different things; most were set several years ago and needs to be looked at.
 - Sewer Deposits – Currently under review
 - CARE Funding – Received \$30,000 from MODOT for the Airport
 - MML Conference has been cancelled
 - I have contacted a commercial roofing company to come look at a few roof leaks on City Hall and the Police Dept.
- **Human Resources Notes:**
 - Employee Health Insurance Renewal Quote – We will be getting that tomorrow. We will need a work-session with Council with Council on the 27th (possibly sooner) to discuss with Council.
- **Economic Development**
 - Nothing to report at this time
- **Planning & Code Enforcement**
 - Planning and Zoning Meeting Scheduled for August 18th.

Meetings/Events Attended:

- SWMO Solid Waste District N Meeting – 08/11


Upcoming Meetings and Events Attending:

- Insurance Quote Special Session – Council – 08/27
- 911 Meeting – 9/1/2020 - SW Research Station, 14548 State Rd H, Mt Vernon, MO
- Budget Work-session 10/8/2020 – Council & Management Team

Follow-Up Items/Misc. Items

- None at this time

APPROVED:


Doyle Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kimberly Breedlove, City Clerk