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AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER: Mayor Ferguson led the council in prayer. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Pack 48 led council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the Minutes from the Regular Session held on October 22nd, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: McWade, Marks, Wiles, Oplinger

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Ferguson

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for October/November

Chairman Pro Tem Wiles moved to approve the appropriations for October/November as submitted. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: McWade, Wiles, Oplinger, Marks, Ferguson

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

Councilman McWade asked about the sewer reconnect fees and why there was a disconnect if the water bill was paid.

City Manager Holmes explained that there are city ordinances and codes that enforce this policy.

Councilman McWade also suggests that Liberty Utilities be brought in to discuss excessive power bill charges.

Councilman Marks states that his power bill has doubled at his business.

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City Attorney Reynolds states to City Manager Holmes that rates are set by the Public Service Commission and that there could be possible problems with meters.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution NO. 2019-1714

Consider for approval a resolution of the City of Aurora authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with G & G Construction, Inc. for services to replace the UV Equipment at the Waste Water Treatment Facility

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve Resolution NO. 2019-1714

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with G & G Construction, Inc. for services to replace the

UV Equipment at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Councilman

McWade seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following councilmembers voting aye:

AYES: McWade, Wiles, Oplinger, Marks, Ferguson

NAYES: 0

B. Resolution NO. 2019-1715

Consider for approval a resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the City Manager to execute the bid award for parking lot blocks at Crosby Park

Chairman Pro Tem Wiles moved to approve Resolution NO. 2019-1715

authorizing the City Manager to execute the bid award for parking lot blocks at Crosby Park. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following councilmembers voting aye:

AYES: McWade, Wiles, Oplinger, Marks, Ferguson

NAYES: 0

C. Request for use of Baldwin Park by the Aurora Historical Society on June 26th and 27th 2020 for concerts/circus/vendors

Sharon Groesbeck, president of Aurora Historical Society spoke to council about using the park to host a two-day event that would be dedicated to the late Ken Ackley. The event would include concerts, a circus and vendors. She stated that she hopes to be able to bring this event to the park each year and raise money for the Aurora Historical Society.

The council was in favor of the use of Baldwin Park. No votes were taken.

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D. Discussion – Council Meetings during the Holidays

- 1) Tuesday, November 26th, 2019
- 2) Tuesday, December 24th, 2019

It was determined by council that due to the holidays and family travel that the next Council meeting would be held November 25th, 2019 at noon (12:00 p.m.) in the Council Chambers on the third floor of Aurora City Hall.

The Council agreed to have the regularly scheduled December 24th, 2019 meeting on December 23rd, 2019 if it is determined that a meeting is necessary.

E. First Reading of Bill No. 2019-3181

A motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2020 fiscal year budget

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2019-3181 an ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2020 fiscal year budget. Councilman McWade seconded the motion. The Motion passed with the following councilmembers voting aye:

AYES: McWade, Wiles, Oplinger, Marks, Ferguson

NAYES: 0

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Report

B. City Manager Report

Report Items:

Dept. Items

• Police

- No new items to report

• Street & Cemetery

- Paving is being scheduled for Lincoln Street – If the weather hold, Blevins said they plan on paving by Friday
- Monthly Brush Pickup – Beginning next Monday the 18th
- Leaf pickup – This will be done every few weeks till complete.
 - First Pickup begins the 18th
 - Second Pickup scheduled for December 9th
- Christmas Downtown Lighting Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 P.M.
- Preparation of Christmas Lights for display in Downtown is being done
- Storm Drain Collapse – waiting repair

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- **Park**
 - Outdoor workout equipment is installed on the walking trail behind the softball fields in White Park (Park Board Project)
 - Frisbee Golf Course is completed in White Park (Park Board Project)
 - Winterization completed of Park facilities

- **Stormwater**
 - Lincoln Street project -waiting on paving

- **Wastewater**
 - I&I Projects:
 - Sewer Lining – service access (manholes) repairs completed, pipe lining has begun. ACE Pipe has been in town the last few days working on lining the sewer lines. UPDATE: Lining is completed for this year

- **Admin. & Finance**
 - Working on surplus equipment list – will be bringing this to the Council for approval for disposal
 - Open Positions/Seasonal Employees
 - 2 Police Officer Positions Open – Continuing interviews
 - 1 Dispatcher Position Open – Continuing interviews
 - Attended Historical Preservation for Downtowns Workshop
 - Working on Final items to complete Codification work of our City Codes – final approval will be coming before Council in the coming weeks
 - Beginning discussions with MoDOT concerning Welcome Signs along highway 60.
 - Annual Employee Appreciation Holiday Dinner is planned for December 12th at Noon at the Fire Station.

- **Planning & Code Enforcement**
 - Demos are being completed – 3 of Four complete
 - Structural analysis with our engineers to determine the safety and stability of 309 Madison – Primary issue is the collapsed roof in the rear of the building along with continuing deterioration of entire building.

We are starting the process that has to be followed regarding condemnation order and if the City determines that it will step in to address the failing roof. That will be coming to the Council when we have more information in order to get direction from Council on how to proceed

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- Chicken/Non-Traditional Domestic Pets Meeting – Went fairly well. We will be working on a proposed ordinance regarding this issue and bringing it to Council for discussion or revision as the Council sees fit.
- Attended Historical Preservation for Downtowns Workshop
- **Fire**
 - Finishing up revamping the Mutual Aid Agreements with surrounding First Response Agencies – These will be coming to Council for review and approval in the coming weeks

Meetings/Events Attended:

- SMOG Meeting – 23rd
- Aurora Chamber of Commerce Meeting – 23rd
- Aurora Community Foundation Annual Meeting – 24th
- Chickens/Non-Traditional domestic animals Public Meeting -29th
- TAC District Prioritization Meeting – MODOT – 31st
- Downtown Trick or Treat – 31st
- Veterans Day – City Offices Closed – 11th
- SWMO Solid Waste District N Meeting – 12th

Upcoming Meetings and Events Attending:

- Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting – 13th
- ASI Business Tour – 19th

Follow-Up Items/Misc. Items

- Concerns expressed to me about the potential for increased truck traffic on High street and other residential areas in the Northern part of town after the McNatt and Morgan RR crossing are shut down

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pro Tem Wiles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. All council members voted aye:

AYES: Oplinger, McWade, Marks, Wiles, Ferguson

NAYES:

APPROVED:

Doyle Ferguson, Mayor (11/25/2019)

ATTEST:

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Devin Fisher, City Clerk (11/25/2019)

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