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**AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
*Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers*  
*Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.*

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:** Mayor Boyer led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL:** *Mayor Rick Boyer*  
*Chairman Pro Tem Dawn Oplinger*  
*Councilman Steve Ramirez*  
*Councilwoman Linda Barton*  
*Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson*

All council members were noted present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular Session minutes held on April 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on April 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Oplinger, Henderson, Ramirez, Boyer

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton (Invoice in the bill list)

**V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for April/May**

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the appropriations for April/May as submitted. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Oplinger

NAYES: 0

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marsha from the United Methodist Church was interested in community service projects there church members could perform. She asked for information on contacts she could make that could refer her to any projects. In addition, the church sponsors a large project in September of every year and they were looking for a big community service project they could do this year to show the community who they were. City Manager Randall gave her the Building Inspector Trent White's name and contact information.

**VII. COUNCIL FORUM**

Councilwoman Barton had received complaints on the grass growing on city right of ways. In previous years the city has mowed the state right of ways in the city limits when MoDOT has not done so.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger stated she was unable to attend the last park board meeting however she had met with park board president Theresa Pettit and discussed

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the board's future plans and reviewed her list of uncompleted projects. After meeting today with the city manager she will visit with Theresa again.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

#### *A. Presentation of the 2015 Audit by Marshall Decker of Decker and DeGood*

Marshall Decker of Decker and DeGood presented the 2015 annual audit. He explained the major changes in the GASBY rules and all the new forms that were included in this audit that had never previously been included. All major funds increased in fund balance except for the Transportation Fund which was in a deficit due to large ongoing projects.

The city had over \$750,000 in federal grants which required an additional A-133 audit. Records were in excellent shape and staff is very knowledgeable. As reporting requirements go up it was Marshall's recommendation to hire a consultant to assist with grant records and data input. It is the city's responsibility according to Marshall to prepare all information prior to the auditor coming in and auditing. All grant information is currently input by current city staff however as standards increase and it becomes above their knowledge level it was his recommendation to hire an outside consultant to assist with finalizing yearly input before the annual audit. Grant requirements are driving the accounting standards up and making it difficult for smaller cities to comply. Presently Marshall is preparing the year end information on grants. His recommendation is for the city to hire an outside consultant to prepare the grant information prior to his annual audit.

The city is financially solvent and in very good standing with over a two million dollar fund balance in the general fund.

#### *B. Discussion/Vote to allow limb pickup after the major storm event that occurred on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

City Superintendent Steve Woods requested city council to declare the storm event that occurred on April 27<sup>th</sup> as a major event so all the limbs and debris at curb side could be picked up and disposed of.

Council agreed that an ad should be put in the paper announcing the pickup with limbs to be at curbside by May 31<sup>st</sup> with the pickup beginning June 1.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger moved to allow the limb pickup beginning June 1. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Boyer, Barton, Oplinger, Henderson

NAYES: 0

#### *C. Resolution No. 2016-1470*

*A Resolution of the City of Aurora authorizing a Mowing Agreement with Kevin Fairchild*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-1470 authorizing a mowing agreement with Kevin Fairchild at Station 2 in return for him allowing the

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department to park vehicles on his property. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:  
AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Boyer, Oplinger, Barton  
NAYES: 0

- D. *First Reading of Bill No. 2016-3073*  
*An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Chapter 605 "Licenses and Business Regulations", Article III "Solicitors, Septic Tank Cleaners, etc.", Section 605.130 "Licenses" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

It has always been the practice of the Finance Department to pro rate a business license purchased after January 1 of each year due to language in this section of the code. It was determined that the language in this section never applied to the sale of a business license except for those businesses specifically listed in that section. Council felt that it took the same amount of effort to produce a license no matter when it was purchased so they felt that provision should be struck from the code.

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-3073. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:  
AYES; Barton, Oplinger, Ramirez, Henderson, Boyer  
NAYES: 0

- E. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2016-3073 making Ordinance No. 2016-3073*  
*An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Chapter 605 "Licenses and Business Regulations", Article III "Solicitors, Septic Tank Cleaners, etc.", Section 605.130 "Licenses" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2016-3073 which will now be known as Ordinance No. 2016-3073. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:  
AYES: Ramirez, Boyer, Barton, Oplinger, Henderson  
NAYES: 0

- F. *Resolution No. 2016-1471*  
*A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Enviro-Line Co., Inc. for the purchase and installation for three peak flow pumps*

Two huge pumps in the basement of the wastewater treatment plant have gone out and another one is only partially working. The function of these pumps is to take high volumes of water during high peak flows and divert it to the lagoon. The wastewater superintendent is requesting these pumps be replaced.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-1471. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:  
AYE: Henderson, Ramirez, Oplinger, Boyer, Barton  
NAYES:

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### G. *Discussion on carpet for City Council Chambers*

City Manager Randall reported that he had discussed carpeting for the council chambers with J&J Flooring out of Monett. They had prepared estimates for Mohawk carpeting which is guaranteed. That estimate came in \$1,000 over the budgeted amount the city had budgeted for carpeting. They suggested Shaw carpeting which is a lower grade of carpeting which could be purchased within the budgeted figure.

The question to council was since the city apparently laid a cheaper brand of carpet years ago does the council want to bid the lowest carpet or would they prefer a better grade of carpeting this time? City Manager Randall stated that the lowest price is not always the best.

Council asked for him to find out if there was a warranty for the Shaw carpeting and report back to council.

### H. *Resolution No. 2016-1472*

*A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the purchase of a 2016 police interceptor*

The police interceptor being requested is a budgeted item in the 2016 budget. The Explorer being requested is a demo model with 3,000 miles that comes complete with a total light package. Council questioned why a Taurus was not considered? Chief Witthuhn replied that his men would not fit in a Taurus.

Police Chief Witthuhn brought forth information for a three year lease purchase which is how most of the police interceptors have been purchased. City Manager Randall stated that the city had a large reserve in fund balance and asked if the council would entertain the idea of paying for the vehicle outright.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-1472 which authorizes the purchase of a 2016 police interceptor vehicle through the state contract #C1160105005 through Lou Fusz Ford for a purchase price of \$35,037.00. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Oplinger, Boyer

NAYES: 0

Councilman Ramirez moved to purchase the vehicle outright instead of financing it through a lease purchase plan. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Henderson, Oplinger, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

### I. *Discussion/Vote on repair/replacement of a detective car*

Chief Witthuhn explained that this vehicle had been taken out of road rotation many years ago. It has 170,000 miles on and it is presently being used as a detective car. The front end is out and the ball joints are bad. Detective cars need to be road ready as they have to travel to other locations to interview prisoners from time to time. The price to repair it stands at \$1,100.00.

The car could be traded and a used vehicle could be purchased for \$8,000 to \$15,000. No other bids have been solicited until council made a decision on how to proceed.

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It was the general consensus of city council to go ahead and repair the car. Another car can be budgeted next year. This vehicle can be used as a replacement once the other vehicle has been purchase.

### **X. REPORTS**

#### *A. Board Liaison Reports*

##### Hospital Board

The board is looking for someone to complete Dawn Oplinger's term on the board. Two new physicians, an OBGYN and na ER doctor, are scheduled to start work at Mercy soon.

##### SWMD

The City of Aurora will be holding its first electronic recycling event on May 21. The board wants to meet with Dave Burger to discuss how the district could gain more revenue for future grants. All Points Recycling is purchasing a truck with their grant funds for \$23,000. They will pay the difference from \$18,052.00.

##### Bright Futures

The board is discussing where they want the program to go in the future.

#### *B. City Attorney Report*

City Attorney Reynolds reported that there had been a moderate increase in court revenue due to increased enforcement activity. He had filed suit on the Shreve property to retrieve demolition costs.

#### *C. City Manager Report*

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- He expressed his gratitude to Paul Ward of the Aurora Advertiser for designing a beautiful brochure for the electronic recycling event.
- The fire department had a unique opportunity to help with the installation of car safety seats. He asked the fire department to report on the matter.

Fire Chief Robert Ward and Harley Stice attended a three day training session to become certified car seat installers. A lady from Mount Vernon is also a certified installer which only makes three technicians for the entire county. Installations will only be done by appointment. The process takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. The lady from Mount Vernon has car seats that were received from the state for a donation fee of \$25.

The information on the program was sent through the city's insurance carrier and approved. Councilwoman Barton stated that they might want to offer a clinic at some point. The fire chief replied they wanted to take it slow so as not to incur any liability when assisting with the installs.

### **XI. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 610.021(1), (3)**

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*Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communication between a public governmental body and its representatives and its attorneys.*

**(3)**

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*Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.*

Councilman Ramirez moved to go into closed session pursuant to 610.021 (10, (3). Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Time noted 7:35 p.m. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:  
AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Boyer, Oplinger  
NAYES: 0

Councilman Ramirez moved to come back into open session time noted 9:05 p.m. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:  
AYES: Oplinger, Henderson, Barton, Boyer, Ramirez  
NAYES: 0

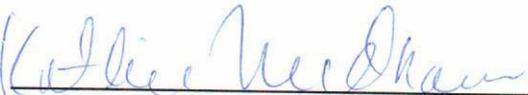
### ***XII. ADJOURNMENT***

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with all council members voting aye.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Rick Boyer, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

*Posted by City Clerk Kathie Needham, May 4, 2016*