

# AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

*Aurora City Hall, 2 W. Pleasant, Aurora, MO 65605  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.*

**I. Call to Order: Mayor Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**II. Roll Call:**

**Mayor Rick Boyer  
Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger  
Councilman Ramirez  
Councilwoman Barton  
Councilwoman Henderson**

All council members were noted present.

**III. A. Discussion on Lawrence County taking over collection of city taxes**

Kelli McVey County Tax Collector submitted a proposal for collecting the city's taxes. His proposal stated that his office would be responsible for all facets of current city tax collections including printing and mailing of statements, receipt of payments and mailing of receipts. He quoted charging 4% or an estimated total of \$9,046.18 in addition to the 1.25% reassessment fees the city is already paying (\$2,826.93).

The cost factor was discussed on staff time and materials necessary to do the tax collections. It was determined that it would be more economical and cost-efficient for the county to collect the city's taxes.

City Collector, Sherri Woods spoke with Kelli's assistant and explained to her that the figure Kelli had quoted might not be all inclusive as there could be expense for software updates that he would pass along to the city. They discussed the need for him to not only take on the taxes moving forward but also the delinquent taxes that are presently on the books.

A meeting will be set with Kelli to discuss the matter further and the information will be brought back to city council.

**B. Discussion on plan to streamline nuisance abatement**

In the past when a code violation was discovered the code enforcement official would issue a letter giving the property owner 10 days to abate their violation. If the property owner refused to comply with the abatement then the code enforcement official would issue the property owner a 14 day summons to court.

Several meetings have been held between the city attorney, the code enforcement official and the city manager trying to come up with a strategy for stream lining and shortening the time it takes to get the property owner into court. It was determined that the best strategy was to do both notices concurrently. This means that if the property owner does not comply within the first 10 days then he will be in court within the fourteen day period. The down side is the property owners may be shocked that they are receiving both notifications at the same time. Council was on board with the process.

**IV. Adjourn**

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Councilwoman Barton 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