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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers
Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:

Councilwoman Colwell led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Mayor Linda Barton

Councilman Steve Ramirez
Chairman Pro Tem Lisa Rentfro
Councilwoman Doris Colwell
Councilwoman Henderson

All council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m

Councilwoman Colwell voiced her concern that she had not voted for the Police Service Agreement in September 2013. She had made the motion but never voted. City Clerk Needham stated she had called the City Clerks and Finance Officers Association Parliamentarian about the issue and was told that according to Roberts Rules of Order that a vote cannot be reconsidered except at the next council meeting at which time the person has to make a motion to reconsider their vote. A second must be made and a majority of the council must approve the motion. That is the only time a motion can be reconsidered.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro stated she had been lied to and told there would be no vote to approve the Police Service Agreement that evening. She felt the vote was taken in error.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded motion. Motion passed 3-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: Colwell

ABSTAIN: Rentfro was not in attendance.

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for January

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the appropriations for January as submitted. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Colwell, Ramirez, Rentfro, Henderson

NAYES: Barton

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heidi Ryan

Had requested information from city hall on expense, revenue received and dispatch calls for the police department. After going through the information she chose to

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compare 2010 to 2013. She chose 2010 as a year that we were not affiliated with Marionville. She chose categories such as electric, fuel, ammunition, schools and training, uniforms and travel to compare. Expenses for 2010 totaled \$77,500. Once Marionville moved in and Aurora took on the responsibility to assist their police the cost for 2013 went to \$98,000 which showed an increase in expenses of \$20,600.

The increased cost does not include police officers time, wear and tear on vehicles, computers, computer support or MULES. It also does not include lab charges, drug testing, office supplies or chiefs/deputy chief's duties. These costs equate to \$17,000.

In looking at Marionville finances they were able to cut expenses by \$5,520.31. They have 5-7 miles to drive to Aurora but yet their fuel expense was \$570 less than in 2010. Heidi felt the City should start billing Marionville for using our facilities effective February 1st.

She recalled statics on 911 calls. In 2013 Aurora had 10,283 calls vs Marionville's 1,650 and yet Aurora only filled charges on 780 cases. If the give me's i.e. no license, no insurance, or failure to appear were taken out then only 361 charges were filed. In 2010 that number would have been 492. The circuit court only received two cases from Aurora in both 2010 and 2013. She stated she was glad the City of Aurora had saved Don Trotter so much time.

In closing she stated numbers don't lie, people do. She implored the city council to look at what the numbers say. If you request the numbers and they don't give them to you make them give them to you.

VII. COMMUNITY FORUM

Councilwoman Colwell stated that on January 14th she had asked to amend the minutes from the September 2013 meeting. Councilman Ramirez rebutted the request by stating the minutes could only be changed at the next meeting. She went to the City Manager and City Clerk and asked for them to be amended. She was told the only thing that could be done was to put her statement in the next minutes concerning the matter.

Councilwoman Colwell stated she had been told that the Police Service Agreement would not be voted on until January 27th. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro too stated she had also been lied to. Stating the agreement would not be voted on until January 27th. The Mayor signed the agreement after the last meeting.

Mayor Barton said why wouldn't I sign the agreement after it had been voted on and passed.

Councilwoman Henderson tried to lighten the attitude by bringing forth a 48 pg. centennial brochure from 1970 that was done for the City of Aurora. It showed all the big homes in Aurora and who owned them. She read a statement by Miss Baxter stating no doubt Aurora will thrive and continue to grow with the civic leaders in place. Aurora will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 7 years.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2979 making Ordinance No. 2014-2979*

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An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title I "Government Code", Division 7 "Separation", Section 130.540 "Resignation" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances

Upon final passage this ordinance will allow the City Manager discretion to waive the time frame a resignation letter has to be in place before an employee terminates employment with the city.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2014-2979. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Colwell

NAYES: Ramirez

This bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2014-2979.

IX NEW BUSINESS

A. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-2981*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the final plat with revision to Brookside Terrace Estates

Councilman Ramirez complimented Tammi Creason of Gardner Capital on what an exceptional job they did with Brookside Terrace Estates.

Gardner Capital took their final plat back to Planning and Zoning for approval for a second time after the project had been totally completed. There were several variance setbacks that needed to be accepted once the project had been finalized. After Planning and Zoning approved their request they asked council to consider expediting the process by doing two readings to accept their final plat in the same night so the plats could be recorded and finalized as the project was now complete.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-2981.

Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Colwell, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

B. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2981 making Ordinance No. 2014-2981*

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AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Colwell, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

C. *Resolution No. 2014-1295*

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Consultant Agreement with H.W. Lochner on Project 13-091B-3 for demolition and clearing of Runway 18 Protection Zone

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1295 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with H.W. Lochner on Project 13-091B-3 for demolition and clearing of runway 18 Protection Zone. Councilman

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Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Colwell, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

D. First Reading of Bill No. 2014-2982

An Ordinance allowing the "Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday" to apply to the Local Sales Taxes of the City of Aurora between April 19 and April 25, 2014

Upon final passage this ordinance will opt the City into waiving sales tax from April 19 to April 25 on major appliance items sold in the city.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-2982. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Colwell, Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

E. Resolution No. 2014-1296

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and Aurora Babe Ruth

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution 2014-1296 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Aurora Park Board and Aurora Babe Ruth for use of White Park ball fields. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Barton, Rentfro, Colwell, Henderson, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

F. Resolution No. 2014-1297

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and Verona R-VIII Schools

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1297 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Aurora Park Board and Verona R-VII Schools for use of the ball fields in White Park. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Colwell, Henderson

NAYES: 0

G. Resolution No. 2014-1298

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and Aurora R-8 Schools

A duplication in the contract was pointed out. Councilwoman Colwell moved to strike d under the City of Aurora agrees to under tennis and move e to d. Mayor Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Colwell, Henderson

NAYES: 0

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1298 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Aurora Park Board for use of the

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softball, baseball fields and tennis courts in White Park. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Colwell, Henderson

NAYES: 0

H. Resolution No. 2014-1299

A Resolution to authorize the mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and Aurora R-8 Schools for use of the swimming pool

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1299 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Aurora Park Board for use of the swimming pool in White Park. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Colwell, Henderson

NAYES: 0

I. Discussion concerning media comments during council meetings

Councilwoman Colwell stated she had asked for this to be put on the agenda but it wasn't just for the media comment during council meeting but for public comment as well. She cited several instances where council was interrupted due to outside participation. She felt a section should be added to the end of the agenda for the public or media to ask questions, if they had any, on the City Manager' Report, City Attorney's Report or Liaison Reports.

Councilman Ramirez did not feel that the council had the right to censure the media. Councilwoman Henderson liked the idea of a section at the bottom of the agenda for questions. Councilman Ramirez stated the Community Forum was created for items the council wanted to bring forth for discussion.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to put a new section on the agenda for "Questions and Answers" at the bottom after "Reports". Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Colwell, Henderson, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Park Board

President Theresa Pettit reported that the park board had applied for a grant through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and was awarded a \$900 grant for the pool. A 45 day challenge is being waged by the park board on <http://www.casuemomentum.org> to purchase splash pad items they have on their wish list. Anyone can contribute. People or groups can challenge one another to donate. It can be done anonymously. The website is through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and only cost a \$1 to setup. The Walking Trail is almost ready to bid out with an anticipated start date of sometime this spring. Banners will be going up around town soon to announce the coming of the walking trail. The survey the park board did is right on track with what the board has been working for. The board is awaiting possible funding for another lighting project for Baldwin Park and will be applying for funding should it open

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up for applications. The board has not received final approval on the tennis grant but is 99.9% sure it is in line for approval. Registration with the YMCA has been very successful with 70 children signing up to play. Sixty-three percent of the registrations are for free or reduced pricing. Theresa asked for guidance on the Farmers Markets. She didn't know what she could offer them. City Manager Randall stated the subject had arisen at the last Chamber meeting. Someone suggested one of the groups could use the Chamber parking lot. Mayor Barton stated the Chamber didn't want them. Theresa suggested a possible focus group with a member from each group participating to see if any resolution could be found. The concert to be held in Baldwin Park this summer is still on with a smaller focus. A one day event will be held on July 26th starting at 12 p.m. Six huge artists are on tap to perform and will be announced soon. Only 6,000 tickets will be up for sale. Artist contracts will be signed in February on will go on sale April 15.

Airport Board

Meeting was held last Wednesday. All recommendations were brought forth during this meeting.

Solid Waste Management

Grant applications are now out and will be accepted from January 25 to March 4.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Petrus introduced himself to the audience and stated he was excited to work with the City. He prosecuted his first court docket last week.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- If the City would like to build a parking lot at the Community Center in 2014 it is possible to add that project to the City's paving contract for 2014. Steve Woods, Public Works Superintendent was asked to provide a cost estimate based upon various sections located in the area. A lump sum is already budgeted for in the Transportation Fund for paving. It money if left over from the summers paving projects the council might want to consider putting asphalt on all or part of the Community Center parking lot. Another consideration would be to chip and seal the area which would prove to be a much cheaper alternative.
- The Street Department was able to put back together its wrecked truck. The truck was purchased back from insurance for \$550 and they put another \$500 in the hood and fenders. A front bumper is all that is needed to complete the renovation.
- The building formerly known as the Creamery or Aurora Discount Building Materials will be up for auction on February 21st at 11:00 a.m.
- City manager Randall met with Diane May from MSU and she thought her students would be able to work with the City updating and electronically re-drafting the Future Land Use map. Additionally, she thought there was a good possibility that an additional class on "Geotourism" would be able to work with Aurora to evaluate ways to improve tourism opportunities in Aurora.

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- Letters have gone out from the collector notifying landlords of their obligation to pay outstanding sewer bills on their delinquent tenants.
- Two additional officers were recently hired and the department now has a full complement of officers.

Questions and Answers

Judy Dingman asked how approving the Resolutions on the park were any different than approving the Police Service Agreement? Councilwoman Rentfro stated because tax dollars were being obligated and the citizens aren't happy about it. It was done too hastily and without proper notification. Councilwoman Colwell and Councilwoman Rentfro stated they felt lied to and were told that a vote on the agreement was not to be done until January 27th.

Paul Ward, citizen from Aurora

Paul did not feel that allocating money for paving a parking lot was not the same as appropriating money for streets. He stated his street had not been paved for 30 years and Commercial Street located behind the Advertiser between the railroad tracks was privately paved years ago.

Councilman Ramirez asked what Ec. Development plan and strategy was being implemented by the City Manager. City Manager Randall stated that was a broad subject that he had spoken on to the Rotary Club. He has attended numerous meetings from outside organizations such as Main Street, Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee trying to garner involvement for economic development. City Manager Randall went on to say that historically these committees have felt discouraged from participating in economic development activities for one reason or another. Whether true or not he was uncertain. Lions Club will be meeting later in February and has made plans to attend.

Missouri State University and Diane May from Southwest Local Governments is going to be working with the city to implement and update the city's Future Land Use Map. In addition another class is going to be working on Geotourism with the city to update and create new useful information to use.

If Mt. Vernon was to get a new Wal-Mart it could have a definite financial impact to the city. Sales Tax is flat, at best. It only brought in \$3,000 over the same time period a year ago. There is a definite need to promote economic development in this city. It is a broad umbrella which encompasses local business with enticement for new business and industry. We need to invite back our organizations to integrate their talents back into the process. The majority of growth comes from the expansion and growth of present companies. There is a need to assess whether any opportunity exists to stimulate present business growth in our community. It's always best to help those who have already created jobs in the community.

During his first days in office as city manager he saw a huge need to clean up the community. Numerous homes and commercial structures that are dilapidated and falling down exist in the community and prove to be an eye sore for anyone interested in coming in to look at our community as a potential building site. Taking care of this issue

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is a multi-pronged issue. Statistics prove that 75% of new businesses fail within ten years. That proves an even larger issue for the need to promote existing businesses.

According to Randall the Missouri Dept. of Economic Development no longer funds shell buildings. Communities used to put up shell buildings and then commercial interests came in and took them over. It was a great idea at the time.

Councilman Ramirez stated any help we could give to existing businesses owners is a great idea.

Rita Engeldinger

Stated she was shocked that the council made no reply to Heidi Ryan's number discrepancies for fuel useage. There seems to be discrepancies in what we are getting from Marionville. What is council going to do? She stated her disappointment that no one said anything about even looking into the matter

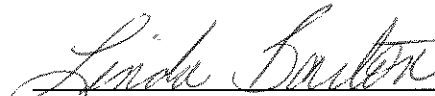
Councilwoman Rentfro asked City Attorney Petrus if there was any recourse to the agreement. He stated only if the majority of each city voted to do away with it.

City Manager Randall said he had asked Police Chief Witthuhn to put together an implementation plan which should include fuel usage. That should clarify some questions.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Colwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



Linda Barton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City clerk, MMC/MPCC