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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers Tuesday, November 26, 2013 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

Chairman Pro Tem Steve Ramirez

Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro

Councilwoman Doris Colwell

Councilwoman Henderson

All members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Session held on November 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the minutes from the special session held on November 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Councilwoman 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

Regular Session held on November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on November, 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Colwell

NAYES: 0

Special Session held on November 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on November, 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Colwell

NAYES: 0

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for November

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the appropriations as submitted.

Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Rentfro, Colwell

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton Had an invoice in the bill list for approval.

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VII. COMMUNITY FORUM

Councilwoman Colwell asked for an ordinance to be prepared which would create a fine for illegally dumping trash in the recycling bins.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Approval to put 2 light poles at the recycling pad

Empire District Electric quoted the price of \$24.16 per month to place a street light by the recycling bins located in back of the police fire facility.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve putting the street light in at the recycling bins. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Barton, Colwell, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

B. First Reading of Bill No. 2013-2973

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2013-2973. 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

C. Approval to write off the uncollected moving debt and penalties for the new property owner of the property located at 1308 Tyler

Foreclosure through a new lender occurred on property located at 1308 Tyler. The company did not inquire about any prior tax liens on the property therefore an uncollected balance of \$330.00 exists on the property. Since this debt was not picked up by the loan company the city collector is asking for the debt to be written off. A lien was never filed at the county level on this debt. To get ahead of this all future liens need to be filed at the county level annually.

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez moved to approve writing off the uncollected debt of \$330.00 on the property located at 1308 Tyler. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Colwell, Barton

NAYES: Rentfro

D. First Reading of Bill No. 2013-2974

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title I "Government Code", Chapter 130 "Personnel", Division 2 "Classification", Section 130.270 "Benefits of Seasonal and Temporary Personnel" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances

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This ordinance is being amended on the advice of the city's insurance broker in preparation for Health Care Reform. It was felt that the city needed to clarify what employees were eligible to receive health insurance benefits.

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez moved to approve the first reading of Bill No 2013-2974. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion;

AYES: Barton, Rentfro, Ramirez, Colwell, Henderson

NAYES: 0

E. First Reading of Bill No 2013-2975

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2014 Fiscal Year Budget

City Manager Randall started the discussion with the budget which is a fluid filled document. Its purpose is to adjust line items from one category to another. Sometimes it's not mistakes rather administrative changes. Changes were presented in the budget which was handed out which were not policy related, only administrative in nature.

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez had emailed out questions earlier to staff and council. Each question was answered and reaffirmed again for him.

Park Board President Theresa Pettit requested the council to consider adding an additional \$5,000 in the budget for adding Adult softball and basketball leagues through the YMCA. She reported that registrations were going extremely well for youth basketball. The board had met and approved paying their portion of the audit split.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to add an additional \$5,000 to the budget for the YMCA to offer Adult basketball and softball. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion;

AYES: Ramirez, Colwell, Rentfro, Colwell, Barton

NAYES: 0

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2013-2975 adopting the 2014 budget. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2 with the following council members voting aye on the motion;

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: Ramirez, Colwell

F. Resolution No 2013-1280

A Resolution authorizing the structure located at 36 W Church to be demolished

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-1280 which authorizes the demolition of city property located at 36 W Church. Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Colwell, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

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X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Park Board

- Several board positions are available on the board.
- Board accepted Kathie Needham's resignation as secretary from the board. Heidi Davis Ryan will take over as secretary for the board.
- Getting estimates for fixing the lighting for mighty mites to be able to utilize playing fields.
- Reviewed a power point presentation that was given to the High School on several items the park board is looking for donations on.
- Fine tuning everything for the Christian concert this coming summer.
- Talking to the YMCA to see if they could offer more programs cheaper with the possibility of participants sharing in the cost.
- Should be hearing from the USTA tennis grant very soon.
- The board is continuing to work on the White Park Master Plan.
- The board is applying for a grant through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.
- Deciding how to get survey results out.
- Reviewed financials that were presented.
- Verona High School is now looking to start up their softball program in 2014 instead of 2015.

City Manager Randall reviewed with the board an estimate that was put together by the Public Works Superintendent on for using city crews to remove the black boarder around the playground equipment and to replace it with a sidewalk in Oak Park. The rate for bidding the project out according to prevailing wage came in at \$32,640. With city crews doing the job the estimate was \$16,672.

Park board president Pettit stated the board had gone out for a proposal for a lease purchase earlier and the previous city manager and city attorney said the board could not do a lease purchase without the city signing off on the agreement. At that time the city offered the city crews to assist with any projects the board had. Park Board President Pettit asked if the council wanted them to go out for another lease purchase to complete their projects.

The public works superintendent stated in the winter it wasn't a problem with having something to help keep the crews busy. The problem comes in during the peak summer months. Mayor Barton didn't feel staff should be taken off a project they were working on to assist the park board with a project they wanted done. All agreed the winter month would be best for projects to be completed in.

City Manager Randall stated that the board was going to need to keep track of the time the crews were working on projects other than working on the streets. The transportation department needs to be judicious when helping other departments on their projects. Some of the revenue coming into the transportation fund is restricted and cannot be used for anything other than road work. Salary accountability needs to be maintained within the department when working for other departments.

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B. *City Attorney Report*
City Attorney was absent.

C. *City Manager Report*

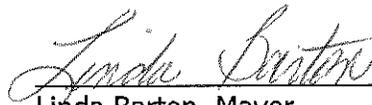
City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- Money that is showing as Restricted on the Budget Summary Sheet in the 2014 budget is not really restricted funds as the sheet indicates. It is an internal thing that the General Fund is broke up into operating and savings accounts. No need to call the savings as reserve funds any longer. It is all general fund money and should be combined together into one account. The auditor is recommending keeping aside at least 3 months operating expenses.
- Christmas decorations are up downtown. Several new poles have no decorations. The city has no additional decorations for new poles.
- A new motor for one of the big rotors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has gone down and a new has been ordered.
- Composting is now in process and anyone wanting compost can get it at the wastewater treatment plant during normal operating hours.
- Bid requests were sent out for demolition of properties at 36 W Church, 300 W St. Louis and 409 E College. Hoping to get them done before year end.
- A new police officer has been hired.
- Mayor Barton asked if the Police Chief would fall under the police board instead of the City Manager as indicated on the organizational chart. The answer was yes and city code would have to be changed to reflect the change.
- Police bylaws will be completed at next meeting on December 5, 2013.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the entire council voting aye on the motion.

APPROVED:



Linda Barton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC