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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES *Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers* *Monday, February 24, 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 February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting as submitted. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Colwell, Barton

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Ramirez – was not in attendance.

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for February

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro moved to approve the appropriations for February as submitted. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Colwell, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton – her son's company had an invoice in for payment.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Frank, Concert Promoter

A country western concert will be held in Baldwin Park on September 13, 2014 from noon until midnight. After sponsorships have been received contracts may be issued to larger named artists. One hundred percent of ticket sales will be returned to the community through donations to the Lawrence County Drug Court, Parks and Recreation Youth Athletic Programs and United Methodist Christian Church Youth Ministry.

Tickets for the concert will be \$20 and will go on sale April 15th. Parking will be \$5 however a person can donate 5 cans of non-perishable food items which will waive the \$5 parking fee. The goal of the concert is to collect 100,000 food items which will be distributed to local food pantries.

The Olive Grille will be donating food for the entertainers. Food booth vendors will be allowed to set up on the grounds.

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By the date of the show the concert will be 100% paid for. It will take 48 hours to close out books and within 72 hours checks should be distributed to the local charities. All ticket sales will be donated back to the community to day of the concert. Electric will be provided by generators brought by the concert organizers. Alcohol will not be allowed at the concert.

The concert organizers ask people to visit their website: 3D Denim, Diamonds & Divas to like their face book page. In order to make offers to the bigger named entertainers the organizers need 300-500 hits per day on the website. Bigger artists look at the website to see if it's worth coming to a community.

An extensive marketing plan announcing a contest will be broadcast tomorrow through the website.

Linda Lazzari

Linda wanted to encourage the council to consider doing background checks on all coaches and people working with children in our sporting programs.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

City Manager Randall and Mayor Barton will be meeting with the local Economic Development Committee Thursday morning to encourage them to come to council to discuss economic development in the community.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro announced that a Candidate Forum, for new prospective candidates and incumbents running for election, will be held at City Hall on March 27th at 6:30 p.m. This forum will be put on by the Aurora High School Debate team. This forum will allow the community an opportunity to come and meet the candidates and to get their views on why they are interested in being on city council. This venue will provide great exposure for potential candidates. All candidates except Larry Marks were present at the meeting and Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro asked them if they would be available that night to participate in the forum. All replied they would be available to participate.

City Manager Randall and Mayor Barton met with Billy Long's Chief of Staff who was touring local communities to see if there was anything his office could do to assist our community with.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2983 making Ordinance No. 2014-2983 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title I "Government Code", Article II "Open Meetings, Records, Votes", Chapter 110.130 "Board and Commissions-Appointments-Vacancies" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

Upon final passage this ordinance will allow citizens to serve on more than one board or commission at a time, under certain conditions.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2014-2983 making Ordinance No. 2014-2983. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 1-4 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Barton, Colwell, Henderson

NAYES: Ramirez

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Item K will be removed from the Agenda and placed on a future agenda.

IX NEWBUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2014-1302

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora, The Aurora Park Board and the Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association

Park Board President Theresa Pettit informed the council that after the Park Board reviewed LCYSA contract they had been put on probation for contract violations. The park board voted to allow LCYSA to use Baldwin Park until May 31st. It was now up to the city council to decide whether they even wanted to honor their contract or not. Several violations were noted and discussed. Theresa felt that the council needed to make a decision on who they wanted to represent their community.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1302.

Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion failed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez

NAYES: Henderson, Colwell, Rentfro, Barton

B. Resolution No. 2014-1307

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide a Soccer/Flag Football Program

Gordon Brown and Jeramy Kee of the Ozarks Regional YMCA were present to answer any questions. Mr. Brown stated that the YMCA was only in communities that had invited their involvement. He reviewed the programs that the YMCA was currently participating in with the City of Aurora and noted what they were willing to offer to provide a program for soccer/flag football.

This item was not budgeted in the 2014 budget. Several options for funding were discussed. General Fund currently pays \$6,000 from the park department for maintenance projects. The park tax levy allows for the expansion and maintenance of free parks. City Manager Randall suggested that the General Fund could pay for the \$6,000 from the park department for the YMCA contract and at budget amendment time the park fund could transfer \$6,000 to the General Fund for the maintenance projects.

Park Board President Pettit had previously suggested donating \$2,000 toward the contract that had been set aside for bleachers that were not going to have to be purchased.

Rob Frank, concert promoter spoke and offered another option. When his sponsorship money came in for the concert he would go ahead and donate the \$10,000 he was going to originally donate to the athletic program and take his money out of the backside so the board would have the funds to pay for the contract.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1307.

Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

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AYES: Barton, Rentfro, Ramirez, Henderson

NAYES: Colwell

C. *Resolution No. 2014-1310*

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide an Adult Softball Program

Funding for this contract was previously approved by city council before the 2014 budget was adopted. The contract was not available at that time and had not been executed. This resolution just ratifies the contract.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1310.

Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Rentfro

NAYES: Colwell

D. *Resolution No. 2014-1303*

A Resolution appointing membership to the Aurora Park Board (Swaim)

Park Board recommended appointment of Ginni Swaim to their board.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1303 appointing Ginni Swaim to a term that will expire on May 31, 2014. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro 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

E. *Resolution No. 2014-1304*

A Resolution appointing membership to the Aurora Park Board (Wilson)

Park Board recommended appointment of Kyle Wilson to their board.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1304 appointing Kyle Wilson to a two year term which will expire on May 31, 2016. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro 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

F. *Resolution No. 2014-1305*

A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Revolving Fund Program for loans under the Missouri Clean Water Law (Section 644, RSMo)

This resolution is to designate Mayor Barton as the person from the City of Aurora that is authorized to execute all documents in the State Revolving Fund Program for loans under the Missouri Clean Water Law (Bar Screen Grant)

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1305.

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

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Colwell

NAYES: 0

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G. *Resolution No 2014-1306*

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri adopting a Fund Balance Policy

The City's Auditor is recommending the city put into place a Fund Balance Policy stating the order in which it will expend funds. The order of spending resources will be: Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and then Unassigned.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1306.

Councilwoman Henderson 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

H. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-2984*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title IV "Land Use", Chapter 400 "Zoning Regulations", Article I "General Provisions", Section 400.130 "R-1" Single Family Residential District" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances

This item went before Planning & Zoning and was recommended to council in its present format. Planning and Zoning asked staff to review the ordinance and to bring back its recommendations. The current ordinance had stronger language than anticipated coupled with the language from the International Building Codes. This recommendation was done in order to preserve the integrity of residential neighborhoods.

The current ordinance was used and split into numbered paragraphs. Additional language was inserted for further clarification.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-2984.

Mayor Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Colwell

NAYES: Ramirez

I. *Resolution No 2014-1309*

A Resolution appointing membership to the Planning & Zoning Commission (Ryan)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to council to appoint Heidi Ryan to the board.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1309.

Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Colwell

NAYES: Ramirez

J. *Resolution No 2014-1308*

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement

City ordinances allow the city to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements. MML has partnered with BuyBoard which would be another resource for the city to use when purchasing bigger items.

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Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1308.
Councilwoman Henderson 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

K. Approve City Collector adjustments for write off through foreclosures and outstanding receivables
This item was removed from the agenda.

*L. First Reading of Bill No. 2014-2985
An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Aurora and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for A GIS/ALP Airport Project # 13-091B2*

This ordinance approves the funding for the Lochner Contract at the Jerry Sumner's Municipal Airport.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-2985.
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

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Park Board

Theresa Pettit gave the report because the council liaison had not been present at the meeting. The board was looking at grants to upgrade lighting in the park. Causemomentum website is being used to raise funds for designated projects through the park board. It is a free service through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. President Pettit requested a meeting with the City Manager, City Attorney and Board Liaison to review ballot language for what the park levy can be used for before the next park board meeting.

Planning & Zoning

Larry Herndon brought plans for a subdivision which had not been engineered for water shed. He was asked to have them engineered and to bring them back for further review.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Petrus stated he was not accustomed to giving a report in his other communities and would have something prepared for the next meeting.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- The public works department is picking up limbs from high winds.
- Relocated stones in the cemetery that had been blown over due to high wind.
- The public works and park department is putting in a sidewalk being funded by the park board in White Park.
- The old creamery build sold at auction last week for \$50,000.

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- Two umbrellas that were previous ordered have arrived for the pool. Holes have been drilled in the deck to accommodate the umbrellas/
- A public hearing was held at 6:30 for the bar screen grant funding.
- On February 12th met with the geotourism group from Missouri State University. They have divided the classes into four groups which will be looking at different economic avenues within the city. Before this semester ends they will meet with council to present their findings.

XI. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

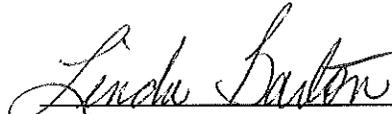
Dennis Lawrence, was a member of the city hall remodeling committee years ago. He asked council when they were going to replace the metal chairs in the council chambers. He stated they were done as a temporary fix when the building had been remodeled and they were not meant to be there long term.

City Manager Randall replied that municipal court had requested more chairs to be purchased. Council will have to review the request at budget time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye on the motion.

APPROVED:


Linda Barton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC