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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:

Chairman Pro Tem Barton led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Mayor David L. Marks

Councilman Steve Ramirez

Chairman Pro Tem Linda Barton

Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro

Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson

All members were noted present except Councilman Ramirez.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Session held on April 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the minutes from the special session held on April 28th at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

Regular Session held on April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for April/May

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the appropriations as submitted.

Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton (Invoice in the bill list)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Ackley invited the council to attendance the Veteran's Day Memorial Dedication on May 24th at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton thanked Mr. Ackley for all his hard work on the monument area in Maple Park Cemetery.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Chairman Pro Tem Barton stated she would like to have Diane May and Lennia Iantria from Missouri State University come back and discuss their projects on Geo Tourism and the Comprehensive Plan further.

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2990 making Ordinance No. 2014-2990 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title I "Government Code", Article VI "Maple Park Cemetery", Chapter 140.530 "Concrete Casket Boxes Required" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

Upon passage this ordinance will no longer require a concrete vault for indigent burials in the area of the cemetery commonly known as "Potters Field".

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2014-2990 this will now be known as ordinance No. 2014-2990. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-2999 An Ordinance amending Chapter 130 of the Municipal Code of the City of Aurora, Missouri relating to Personnel Policy and Regulations*

Upon final passage this ordinance will take the personnel codes out of the Municipal Code of Ordinances and make it in a personnel policy.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-2999. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: 0

- B. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3000 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, amending Chapter 250 "Junked, Wrecked, Abandoned Property", Article II "Abandoned Property", Section 250.160 "Parking and Storage of Motor Vehicles which are not in operating condition" of the Municipal Code*

Paul Ward, a citizen of Aurora asked if he had a beautiful old vehicle that had been refurbished and it was unlicensed that city council would only allow him to keep it for 6 months and he would either have to sell it or build a garage to house it in. He stated he was being the devil's advocate. What would the penalty be if not moved? If the ticket was paid when would the next ticket be issued?

Heidi Ryan, a member of P&Z tried to answer. Mr. Ward told her he was directing the questions to city council and expected a response from them.

With questions being left unanswered the matter will be directed back to P&Z for further review.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to table this ordinance for further consideration by Planning and Zoning. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

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- C. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3001*
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending and adding a section to Title IV "Land Use", Chapter 400 "Zoning Regulations" Article III "Supplementary Regulations", amending Chapter 400.110 "Definitions" and adding Chapter 400.341 through 400.344 to the Municipal Code of Ordinances

Upon Final passage this ordinance will instate new regulations concerning group homes and transitional living facilities.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-3001. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

- D. *Empire District Electric is requesting to change out the street light at Morgan & Mill from a 175w MV to a 150w HPS*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Empire District Electric's request to change out the street light on Morgan and Mill. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton Marks, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

- E. *Empire District Electric is requesting to change out the street light at Crescent & Wilson from a 175w MV to a 150w HPS*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the request from Empire District Electric to change out the street light at Crescent and Wilson. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Barton, Marks

NAYES: 0

- F. *Empire District Electric is requesting to change out the street light at 318 N. McNatt from a 250w MV to a 150w HPS*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the request from Empire District Electric to change out the street light at 318 Mc Natt. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

- G. *Resolution No. 2014-1330*
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri requesting and granting authorization for Records Disposal

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1330 authorizing the request for records disposal. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Rentfro, Marks, Henderson,

NAYES: 0

- H. *Resolution No. 2014-1332*
A Resolution appointing membership to the Aurora Building Board of Appeals – Ellis

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Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1132 which appoints Craig Ellis to another term on the Building Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: 0

I. Resolution No. 2014-1333

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing hanger repair at the Jerry Sumner's Municipal Airport

City Manager Randall stated that Dennis Lawrence had done the initial repair of the damaged hangar. The Public Works Department has indicated they would assist with the rest of the repair (replacement of 11 columns) as time permits if the city was willing to wait until August when time freed up. This would be a cost saving to the city. The department would replace a few columns at a time and would finish what repairs were left in August.

Chairman Pro Tem moved to table this item to allow the Public Works Department to finish the remaining repair to the airport hangar. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

J. Resolution No. 2014-1334

A Resolution appointing council membership to the Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Marks moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1334 by nominating Chairman Pro Tem Barton as a voting member on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilwoman Rentfro stated Chairman Pro Tem Barton was not allowed to serve on three boards at the same time per state statute. City Code states she can only serve on two boards. City Attorney Petrus stated he did not know the answer and would have to research it.

Mayor Marks moved to table the matter until further research could be done. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Marks

NAYES: 0

K. Resolution No. 2014-1335

A Resolution appointing council membership to the Aurora Park Board-Gautney

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1335 which appoints Jennifer Gautney to another term on the Park Board for a term which will expire in May 2015. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Marks, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

Jennifer was given the Oath of Office by the City Clerk.

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L. Resolution No. 2014-1336

A Resolution appointing council membership to the Aurora Park Board-Swaim

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1336 which appoints Ginni Swaim to another term on the Park Board for a term which will expire in May 2017. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Henderson, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

M. Resolution No. 2014-1337

A Resolution appointing council membership to the Aurora Park Board-Jackson

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1337 which appoints Dan Jackson to another term on the Park Board which will expire in May 2015. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Barton, Rentfro, Henderson

NAYES: 0

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

No reports given.

Theresa Pettit, President of the Park Board reported on their last meeting. The board presently has one board opening. Ray Perry submitted his resignation from the board. The board is considering solar lighting along the walking trails. The bid for the walking trail will hopefully be bid out in August. The board finally received the tennis grant and will be putting it out to bid soon. The public works department has been repairing the road between soccer fields at Baldwin Park. A recycling container has been purchased to put at the pool for plastic recyclables. The public works department will pick up the container and YEP will haul the material to the recycling location. The black tiles at Oak Park will be moved to Baldwin Park. Theresa stated she was disappointed that the mulch project had sat for ten months and was not completed. She had been promised that the city would help with the project and it is still not done. The Park Board paid an additional \$1,000 to delay the shipment of the mulch until later in the year when the help from the city was anticipated. The board may have to spend Dyer money to bid out the project to get help to finish the project. Theresa stated she had approached council a year ago about the board going out for a loan for some of these projects and was turned down by city council. Babe Ruth is donating a scoreboard to the Park Board. The pool entry project will be delayed. Dyer Funds will be used to install basketball courts. Pool will be opening on Memorial Day weekend.

Council informed Theresa that the city had experienced a very hard winter and the departments had other duties to get accomplished. We were also entering the time when street department should start work preparing for summer street repairs. Theresa stated the Park Board may just have to bid out several of their projects in order to get them done.

Councilwoman Rentfro asked why the black tiles were being moved from Oak Park. She stated she did not like the sidewalks or the mulch that had been put in the other parks.

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Theresa explained it was a liability issue that the board had made the decision to move the tile.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Petrus reported that during the last court session, Court Clerk, Donna Elery had to make three trips downstairs to her office to get to her files and computer to look up necessary information and how inconvenient it was for her to be gone.

City Manager Randall stated that Donna was moved downstairs to assist with the collection window. Her records might be able to be moved upstairs. He would look into the matter.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- Trent White Building Inspector repaired the awing at the Airport Terminal.
- Fire Department has been repairing vehicles.
- Public Works has been rebuilding road between soccer fields at Baldwin Park.
- Mowing is a top priority for the Parks and Cemetery Departments to get things ready for Memorial Day.
- Chief Witthuhn is interviewing for several vacancies within the Police Department.
- The Fire Department assisted Orvil with filling the pool.

XI. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Rita Engeldinger, a citizen of Aurora wondered if the teacher from Exeter that spoke about high school student involvement with their community could be utilized. Mayor Marks stated if she would let him know who she would like contacted he would be glad to do so.

Rita also inquired about the records disposal and not wanting to dispose of anything historical.

XII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT 610.021 (2)

Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to 610.021 (2) at 8:40 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Rentfro, Henderson, Barton

NAYES: 0

Councilwoman Henderson moved to come out of Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Marks, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

Posted May 8, 2014 by Kathie Needham, City Clerk