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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, June 23rd, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marks called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:

Councilman Ramirez led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Mayor David L. Marks

Chairman Pro Tem Linda Barton

Councilman Steve Ramirez

Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro

Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson

All council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on June 9th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Ramirez

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for June

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the appropriations for June as submitted.

Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Marks, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Marks read a prepared statement stating that all home occupations licenses had been issued. Planning and Zoning will be taking this next year to review and research the ordinance and will be making future recommendations to city council on the matter.

Shannon Walker- Aurora Chamber of Commerce

Light the Night has completed its 5th year and was a complete success. 3,300 people attended the event. This was not only a Chamber event but a community event. She thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Park Department and Donna Elery for their help with the project. Plaques of appreciation were handed out to the Police Chief and the Mayor. Donations of \$1,300 were collected for next year's event.

Cheryl Weinrich-38 W St. Louis

People will always figure out a way to abuse the ordinance and wiggle out of it. She was not in favor of allowing tarps to be put over cars any longer. Tarps fray and disintegrate with time. Lots of extenuating circumstances need to be considered on why a vehicle may be in some ones ownership longer than necessary. You need to take all things into

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consideration when you make your revision. The Code Enforcement Officer needs authority to act immediately. The time needs to be cut shorter that it presently is. Will the fine be given to the owner of the vehicle or the property owner? Make the punishment fit the crime. Money talks. Increase the fine to make people think twice.

Heidi Ryan

Are we ever going to get enforcement on our ordinances? The Police Department has the authority to enforce them but they don't. What is it going to take to get the Police Department to do their job? Mayor Marks explained that we go on a complaint procedure. So we need to write complaints on each vehicle. The Police Department is a joke. We have no enforcement of our drug laws in this city. This town is a rodeo.

Mayor Marks asked her to sit down and be quiet.

Stacy Paulsen – 1810 Tyler

First City Council he ever attended. Was in Pocatello Idaho and was in a convenience store and the lady asked where he was from. He said Aurora, Missouri. She asked if the drugs were really as good as they say. In addition, his child was approached at school to buy drugs. The Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force can't work in Lawrence County so we have to do something about the drugs in this city. The City Manager stated Missouri is the leading state for the manufacturing of meth. It's a poor man's cocaine. The police department does take efforts to eradicate drugs. It's not just as easy as breaking the door down.

Chief Witthuhn replied that the task force works four counties and they are understaffed and under manned. Everyone has their own problems.

Mr. Paulsen suggested initiating a hotline for community input.

Tad Ormsby

Is this not our city government? You want the public to come to meetings. When they do and give their input you don't listen. You do your own thing. Why aren't the ordinances put out to the public before council meets. I hear they are on the website. Some people don't have that access.

If you have ordinances on the book then why don't you enforce them? Abide by the law of the land.

I have people speeding by my house 60 mph. I have asked Steve Woods numerous times for a "Children at Play" sign and was told He would get one. It has never been done. We need a sign and then enforce it.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilwoman Henderson thanked to the City for allowing herself, Lisa, Linda and Steve to attend the Elected Officials Conference in Columbia. They learned a lot. We are not the only city with problems.

Rosemary thought the city should contact Branson Chamber of Commerce after the first of the year to try to do some advertising for the golf tournament. People might through town on their way to the tournament.

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *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

This ordinance was referred back to Planning and Zoning because here was no fine provision included. A specified fine has been included and referred to council for approval. After much discussion it was decided this ordinance needed more revision and will be sent back to Planning and Zoning. City Council was asked to confer with Planning and Zoning on their thoughts for the revision.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to send this ordinance back to Planning and Zoning for more revision. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3004*
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Section 215.200 "Firecrackers Fireworks" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading with taking out the time on the 3rd and leaving only the times on the 4th from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

- B. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-3004 making Ordinance No. 2014-3004*
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Section 215.200 "Firecrackers Fireworks" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the second and final reading with taking out the time on the 3rd and leaving only the times on the 4th from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

This ordinance will now be known as Ordinance No. 2014-3004

- C. *Resolution No. 2014-1346*
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri awarding engineering services for a Small Community Engineering Assistance Grant

The city put out a bid for engineering services on the Infiltration and Inflow Grant. Three companies submitted Request for Qualifications. Allegier Martin was recommended for the project. This grant was originally submitted and the city was turned down because of funding. Later, more funding was available and the project was funded.

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Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1346 awarding the contract on the Small Community Engineering Assistance Grant to Allegier Martin. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Marks, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

D. *Resolution 2014-1347*

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

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1347 which appoints Doris Colwell to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez, Marks

Ms. Colwell was sworn in by the City Clerk.

E. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3005*

An Ordinance 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 ordinance upon final passage will remove the wording "providing personal services". In researching this code in other cities no other city uses that term. It is left up to interpretation and no one knows its meaning.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3005. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Marks

NAYES: Ramirez

F. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3006*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title IV "Land Use" Chapter 400 "Zoning Regulations" Article IV "Special Classes" Section 400.350 "Special Use Permit" of the Municipal Code of the City of Aurora, Missouri

Transitional Living Facilities in relation to the ordinance have to apply for a Special Use Permit. This revision will strengthen the requirements. It also allows for a sunset or expiration time. It would not be transferable from one owner to another.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-3006. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Marks, Rentfro

NAYES: Ramirez

G. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3007*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri vacating Front Street from the West side of Morgan Avenue to the East side of Harrison Street

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AFB International petitioned Planning & Zoning to vacate platted Front Street going into their property. P&Z recommended the vacation to City Council for approval.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-3007. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: Rentfro

X. *REPORTS*

A. *Board Liaison Reports*

SWMD

Purdy Schools has been recycling glass products for 8 ½ years. Doty Trash is hauling the product.

Park Board

Construction bids were opened for the construction of the White Trail. Two contractors submitted bids. APAC's bid appears to be low bid and will be reviewed and sent to MoDOT for concurrence. Construction should start the first of August and the contractor will have 90 days to finish the project.

An agreement has been signed by Catherine Huellhorst to donate land sufficient to connect White Park to Pate Elementary. This agreement will be for Phase III of the trail. The land donation will run along the creek and an underpass will be constructed for children to go under the road. A sidewalk would be constructed along Carnation to College for easy access to the school. Along the area chain link fencing would be placed.

B. *City Attorney Report*

None

C. *City Manager Report*

City manager Randall reported on the following items:

- Light the Night went well. The Fire Department supplied generators, the Police Department provided security support and the Transportation Department aided with traffic control. An unofficial count was taken with 3,400 participants being counted.
- Transportation will start spraying for mosquitos. A schedule will be provided to the paper.
- New Baldwin Park signage is now in place.
- A Motorcycle Show will be held on June 29th on the Southwest corner of the square.
- Diamonds & Divas Concert to be held in September will need to come to council for approval to shoot fireworks.
- Doty Trash is rebuilding their facility in the same location after their fire.

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XI. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Myra Goodson

Had nice things to say about the Police Department. You have to have priorities. Priorities have to be taken into consideration when deciding protocol. I think tonight has been a police bashing.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC