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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, July 28th, 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:

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 July 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Session held on July 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro.

NAYES: 0

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for July

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the appropriations as submitted for July. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilwoman Henderson mentioned that the City has set a precedence of the street department picking up leaves and limbs etc. after storms. She proposed from now until the end of August to continue pick up but after September 2nd citizens would be responsible for disposing of them themselves or they could take them to the city burn pile at the sewer plant. In cases of ice storms etc. the council could meet and decide if the city would pick them up for such instances.

Mayor Marks suggested picking up limbs for one week only after a storm. Chairman Pro Tem Barton didn't feel like one week would be enough. Councilman Ramirez thought charging a cleanup fee if items are too big or for a large amount of debris.

All was in agreement that a policy needs to be set and followed. The city has been expected to pick up limbs etc. and citizens have been taking advantage of it by trimming entire trees and expecting the city pick it up.

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It was suggested by the audience to have the sewer plant open one Saturday a month for people to take their limbs. When most people work thru the week they do not have an opportunity to take them during normal operation hours.

Discussion of this item needs to be placed on the August 11th agenda.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton said she had been contacted about a tree at the southeast corner of Oak Park that has rotted roots. The caller was concerned it could fall on someone.

Councilman Ramirez asked about the decaying and falling bricks and the barricades around the old creamery building and why it is not being taken care of. The owner was thought to live in Bolivar and the city has had issues contacting him. Chief Witthuhn had been in Bolivar recently and was able to get some phone numbers for the owner. With this information hopefully the owner can be found and be summonsed to municipal court regarding this matter.

Mayor Marks questioned the City Attorney about whether the house at Church and Elliott that is to be torn down could be condemned without tearing it down due to the associated cost. City Manager Randall noted that MODOT has already been notified that council has already authorized \$50,000 for this project. Also, the city will benefit from MODOT widening that intersection. The City is currently working with MODOT on the overpass issue and wants to keep a good working relationship with them.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3010

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-3010.

Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following council votes:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Barton, Rentfro, Henderson

NAYES: 0

B. First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3011

An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a State Block Agreement between the City of Aurora, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on Airport Project 13-091B-3

City Manager Randall stated that there is a house on the property and the Fire Department is looking at it to do a training controlled burn. Donna Elery, Airport Board Secretary is checking with Jefferson City to see if it would be allowed. Also the roof would have to be removed prior to a training burn.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-3011.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Marks.

NAYES: 0

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C. Resolution No. 2014-1352

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri awarding the bid for a Leaf Collector and Box and Authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Aurora, Missouri

Councilman Ramirez was opposed to purchasing a leaf collector. It is an unbudgeted item and just because we have a small grant to help offset the cost he didn't feel like we could afford it. It was his understanding that Street Superintendent Steve Woods had not been involved with the process and really didn't want it. The question was also asked why Steve had not included a recommendation or report in the council packet. City Manager Randall explained that it was a City Manager initiated item and that Steve had been involved in the process and even the two of them had gone to Lockwood to look at their collector. Also this piece of equipment would save wear and tear on the street sweeper.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1352 awarding the bid to O.D.B. Company. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the vote as follows:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez, Marks

D. Resolution No. 2014-1353

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for engineering services with Allgeier, Martin & Associates, Inc. under the Small Community Grant Program

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1353. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the vote as follows:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Rentfro

NAYES: Ramirez, Marks

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Bright Futures

Mayor Marks – met with Bright Futures Board and reported the annual stuff the bus campaign is coming up with drop offs to be at Pricecutter, Walmart, Dollar General and Modern Variety. They will also have 10 bounce houses at the concert in Baldwin Park in September.

Lawrence County 911 Exploratory Committee

Councilwoman Rentfro reported that she, Chairman Pro Tem Barton, and City Manager Mike Randall had attended an exploratory committee meeting. Revenue lost from land line services had been discussed. Next meeting to be held in Monett.

Park Board

Councilman Ramirez reported advertising for basketball court renovation had brought no bids even after advertising two rounds.

The Walking Trails project is to begin in August

The tennis court project is almost complete.

Starting on 2015 budget soon.

Airport

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Councilwoman Henderson – security had been recently discussed as well as the grant that was approved earlier in the evening.

City Manager Randall reported the Street Department has been repairing the damaged hangar.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Petrus reported on 7/22/14 a stipulation had been signed in regard to the Ethics Commission complaint. Originally \$8,500 was the penalty assessed which is equal to the sum David Price was paid for his Interim City Manager duties. However, if the city paid \$850 the Ethics Commission would stay the rest. City Clerk Kathie Needham has the documentation in her office. According to City ordinance, the city indemnifies items such as this.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board had met regarding an application from AFB for tax abatements for improvements. An ordinance was passed by City Council in 2008 for requests of this type.

Police Chief Rick Witthuhn reported the police department and fire department had both participated in a training exercise with Mercy Hospital here with a positive outcome.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

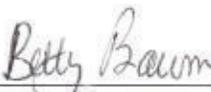
Councilwoman Rentfro moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



David L. Marks

ATTEST:



Betty Baum, Deputy City Clerk, MRCC