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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, October 13th, 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:** Councilwoman Barton 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 September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on September 22, 2014. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro, Barton
NAYES: 0

- V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for September/October**
Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the appropriations for September/October as submitted. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Rentfro, Ramirez, Marks, Henderson
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: Barton (Had invoice in bill list)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Chairman Pro Tem Barton stated that a woman called complaining that a property located on Jasper and Adams had not been mowed all summer. This matter will be referred to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Numerous piles of limbs and brush are sitting all around town. Council felt that some of these people were not aware that the city was no longer picking brush up. A system will be initiated whereby the public works department will make one more sweep around the city to pick up the brush. Each home owner that has brush piled by the road side will be contacted and if unavailable a flier will be left at their door stating the city will pick up their debris this time as a courtesy to them however in the future it will be up to the homeowner to dispose of.

This item will put back on the council agenda for discussion on October 27th.

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Councilman Ramirez stated after looking through the monthly report how many months of reserve did the city have. City Manager Randall stated three.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-3013 making Ordinance No. 2014-3013
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the rezoning of property
located at 223 Morgan from an "R-2" (Two-Family Residential) to "M-2" (General Industry)*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2014-3013. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Consider driveway project at pool entrance*

The park board requested council's permission to build a turnaround drop off area for children around the pool entrance to provide a safer approach for dropping children off. Richard Werner drew the draft plan and worked with the committee to come up with recommendations for the turnaround.

In order to accomplish this project it was previously determined that several trees would have to be removed. President Pettit stated she would try to save the large pine tree. The cost of the project was estimated to be \$10,000 which the park board will be responsible for. The board has received a \$900 grant from Community Foundation of the Ozarks to put toward the project.

The committee's goal was to create a sense of entry into the park. The project should improve traffic flow in and out of the park. A concrete bicycle parking area will be added to the exterior of the pool area. Richard Werner felt the committee recommended the best solution for the improvements.

Councilman Ramirez moved to recommend the park board to move forward with the project. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Marks

NAYES: 0

- B. *Discussion on completion date for Walking Trail and in conjunction set a date for a Grand
Opening for the Walking Trail and determine who will be responsible for hosting it*

The completion date for the Walking Trail was scheduled for Nov. 8th. With weather conditions as they are the completion date may not be met. USTA Tennis Association have requested to do an event in conjunction with the grand opening of the trail. The park board would like to postpone the event until spring to allow time for the project to be completed. Council agreed.

Council felt that the Trails Committee should be responsible for hosting a grand opening event since the trail was their idea.

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- C. *Resolution No. 2014-1364*
A Resolution directing and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Aurora, Missouri to execute an agreement for Professional Consulting Engineering with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc.

In the past the city has entered into an agreement with an engineering company for a three year period to provide general engineering services. Due to changing demands from the Department of Natural Resources the City Manager has recommended that the city now enter into a one year contract with an option for renewal. The contract will also acknowledge that the city has the right to enter into an agreement with another engineering company for a grant provided the other company has more expertise in the area of the grant.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1364 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Allgeier Martin and Associates. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Henderson, Barton, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

- D. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3014*
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the 2014 Budget

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to table this bill. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

- E. *Resolution No. 2014-1366*
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 on the Interceptor Sewer Improvement Project C295711-01

The initial design of the piping system through the grant anticipated following the existing path of the pipeline which ran under Union Pacific's railroad bridge. The route has now been changed to go an alternate route around the bridge due to conflicts with Union Pacific Railroad and getting a permanent easement. Cost of the change order \$117,624.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1366 executing Change Order No. 1. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

- F. *Resolution No. 2014-1367*
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the purchase of an 18,000 lb. heavy duty service lift for public works

Chairman Pro Tem Barton was concerned that a two post lift was unstable and if public works wanted to pull a transmission or an engine they would need a four post lift.

Councilman Ramirez moved to table this matter for further review. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

X. **REPORTS**

- A. *Board Liaison Reports*

Hospital Board – Linda Barton

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All large projects are indefinitely on hold. They have not given up on the new hospital. Revenues are down and they will continue to review the matter. The board is requesting permission from the city council to sell the house at 545 Porter. The house is vacant is continuing to cost more in maintenance. The house has been appraised for \$69,000 and the board stated that if it was allowed to be sold the funds would go into the Capital Improvement Fund. This will be put on the next city council agenda for discussion.

Park Board – Steve Ramirez

The Park Board received the 2014 Facility of the year award through the United States Tennis Association for their efforts in renovating the tennis courts. The board will be applying for Phase II of the walking trails. If received construction would not start until 2016. The park board will be focusing its priorities this next budget year on replacing bleachers on the legion field and Field #1. Several board openings exist on the park board and they will be advertising for them.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Petrus reported on the following:

- Disclosure Reports from the Missouri Ethics Commission will need to be filled out and returned before next May.
- Sent a memo out to council today on his opinion on the City Manager's continued employment along with a letter of acceptance for the City Manager's signature on his new employment contract.
- Clarified that Planning and Zoning does not have to post an agenda if their members attend a city council meeting as a citizen. If they meet jointly with city council an agenda would have to be posted.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- ASI tour has been set up for October 15th at 1:00 p.m. for city council.
- Allgeier Martin presented the city with a plaque commemorating the award of the I&I grant.
- City Manager Randle stated that employees would like to be off the day after Christmas rather than taking off Christmas Eve. Council agreed.

XI. Closed Session pursuant to 610.021 (1), (3)

(1)

Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

(3)

Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employees discussed or recorded.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to go into closed session pursuant to 610.021 (1) and (3). Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro, Barton, Henderson

NAYES: 0

No motions were made nor any votes taken.

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Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to go into open session at approximately 8:29 p.m. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC