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AURORA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

ASI Facility Tour

Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor David L. Marks
Chairman Pro Tem Linda Barton
Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro
Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson
Councilman Steve Ramirez

All members were present except Councilman Ramirez.

III. **AGENDA**

Tour ASI Facility

Charlie Lochner and Scott Beckwith are the owners of Architectural Structures Inc. The company started operations in 1998 and presently employees 60 employees in the Aurora facility. This is the third facility that has been put into operation. The company owns facilities in Monett, Aurora and Granby. Their Monett facility is landlocked. They have already expanded the Aurora location and have no available space left for further expansion. The Granby location is not ideal as it is not in an industrial park area. The Aurora facility is unlike the other facilities in that it glazes glass and has a paint room in house.

ASI manufactures window frames from extruded aluminum. Parts and materials are received from contractors in house and the frames and windows are assembled and shipped to their locations by flatbed trucks.

The company deals with huge manufacturing companies throughout the United States and abroad. They presently have ongoing project in Houston and West Virginia, New York and Iowa. The structure they are working on in New York, "432 Park" will be tallest structure in the world. "432 Park" will be a larger and taller structure than the World Trade Center.

ASI does no residential work, only commercial. The company has gone through two recessions and is still thriving today. Business was cut in half from 2008-09. To date the company has done no advertising for work. They have turned down more business in the last six months that they did in the first year.

ASI's specialty is large window structures that include double laminated glass. Window frames are moved through the warehouse by large bridge cranes. Finished products are prepared for shipment by putting the frames in wooden crates that are specially built around the window structures and then shipped to

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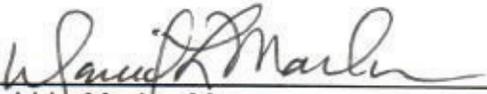
their locations by truck. Each piece is numbered and constructed in the order in which it will be assembled on site. It is also crated up and shipped in that order.

The company is looking for a land donation from the city of land owned around their facility. Council will consider the donation at another time.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

Posted October 13, 2014 by Kathie Needham, City Clerk 10:00 a.m.