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## **AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

*Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers*

*Monday, November 24th, 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 members were noted present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Regular Session held on November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYE: Henderson, Ramirez, Rentfro, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

**V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for November**

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the appropriations as submitted for November. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYE: Barton, Marks, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**VII. COUNCIL FORUM**

No council forum.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

*A. Discuss and approve selection of engineer to design Community Center Parking Lot*

This item follows a discussion back in May concerning paving the parking lot. At that time a general consensus of the council was to get an engineering estimate on the project. City Manager Randall stated that the parking lot is heavily used and when a large gathering is held it requires overflow parking onto the streets.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to authorize and agreement with King Coltrin from Great River to do the engineering on the project. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

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AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Marks

NAYES: Ramirez

MoDOT will cooperate with the project and has agreed to put a drain pipe down the length of the sidewalk.

### **X. REPORTS**

#### *A. Board Liaison Reports*

##### Solid Waste Management District

Linda Barton reported that the Sheltered Workshop is experiencing revenue decline and would appreciate any new ideas as sources of income.

The City of Crane received a grant this year and they will be offering two hazardous household waste collections next year. It will be open to any person in the district.

Linda felt the city should put in an application during the next application cycle for recycling.

##### Bright Futures

Mayor Marks reported that the school received \$5,000 from the Walton Foundation for "Hope for the Holidays" project. The school is partnering with the First Baptist Church and the Chamber to assist those families that are not qualified to receive assistance from OACAC. The Chamber will be sponsoring a 5K run on December 12<sup>th</sup> to assist with the project. Families or a child can be adopted. Donations will be accepted.

#### *B. City Attorney Report*

No report was given.

#### *C. City Manager Report*

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- Radio Shack was given the opportunity through the Building Board of Appeals to purchase a building permit within 60 days of their last meeting to start renovations on his building. The permit is good for 6 months and will be expiring at year end. No efforts have been made toward renovation. The owner of the property will be summoned to court after the expiration date of the permit.
- Attended an ADA meeting. This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ADA and they are beginning a push to enforce the law. This will begin through any federal grants being issued.
- Water is constantly seeping into the basement of the police fire facility. Pumps failed this week. An emergency expenditure of \$5,000 to \$6,000 was made to replace the pumps. The new pumps failed and the vendor was contacted again. The pumps were so powerful they had sucked rocks into the pipe which clogged it. The rocks were removed and the pump was put back into service. No damage was sustained to the new pumps.
- The police fire facility has two commercial hot water heaters one of which has been down. The secondary heater went down leaving the facility with no hot water. The vendor was called and it was found that the thermo

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coupler was bad. It was replaced and the water heater is back up and running. The vendor will be back after the first of the year to assess the system to offer alternatives.

***XI. ADJOURNMENT***

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**APPROVED:**

  
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David L. Marks, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

*Posted November 21, 2014 by Kathie Needham, City Clerk*