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AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, December 22nd, 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 December 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on December 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye except Councilwoman Barton who abstained.

Budget Workshop held on December 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the budget workshop held on December 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. All member voted aye except Councilman Ramirez who abstained.

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for December

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the appropriations for December as submitted. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye except Councilman Ramirez who abstained.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilman Ramirez stated he had not been receiving the meeting email agendas and requested to be paper copied on them in the future. City Clerk Needham apologized for getting his email address misspelled however she had seen the mistake on his email address on Saturday afternoon and had forwarded the email to the correct address he had specified. In the future all material for him will be delivered to the police station for pickup.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3016*
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget

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Councilwoman Rentfro moved to table this item until December 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: Henderson, Barton

Council members that had objections to the budget should get in writing to the city clerk so preparation could be done for the next meeting.

B. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-3016 making Ordinance No. 2014-3016 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget*

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. *Resolution No. 2014-1373
A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora and the Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1373 approving the User Agreement for Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

B. *First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3017
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the rezoning Briggs/Fulp property located at 3100 S. Elliott, Suites 101 to 106, from "A-1" (Agricultural) to "C-2" (General Business District)*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-3017. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

C. *Request/ Approval from ASI to install two new street lights on Industrial Park Drive*
Due to recent break in's ASI has requested two street lights be placed on Industrial Drive. According to the City Manager when Industrial Drive was built no street lights were installed.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the installation of the two requested street lights. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with all council members voting aye.

D. *Resolution No. 2014-1374
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement with MFA Oil Company to provide fuel for all city equipment for 2015*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1374 authorizing an agreement with MFA Oil to provide fuel for 2015 for all city vehicles. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Marks, Rentfro

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NAYES: Ramirez

E. *Resolution No. 2014-1375*

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract for 2015 with Blevins Asphalt for the supply and delivery of tack and prime oil and for the asphalt overlay and chip and seal of designated city streets

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1375 authorizing and agreement with Blevins Asphalt for street improvements for 2015. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, marks, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

F. *Resolution No. 2014-1376*

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Baily Quarries for the supply and delivery of 5" minus with clay binder, 5/16" clean rock, and 8" to 12" chunk rock

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1376 authorizing an agreement with Bailey Quarries for specified quarry products. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Barton, Rentfro, Henderson

NAYES: Ramirez

G. *Resolution No. 2014-1377*

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Hutches Construction for the supply and delivery of 3/4" dirty base rock and 5/8" clean rock

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1377 authorizing an agreement with Hutchens Construction for specified quarry products. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Marks

NAYES: Rentfro, Ramirez

H. *Resolution No. 2014-1378*

City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the purchase of a milling machine off the State Contract #3-130326RW

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1378 authorizing the purchase of a milling machine from the state contract. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

I. *Approval to do a water usage adjustment for 700-G Fogle Dr. of \$807.00*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the water adjustment in the amount of \$807 for 700-G Fogle Drive. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: Ramirez

X. **REPORTS**

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Joe Van Camp-Glendale Street- expressed his concern over having so many different trash haulers that are picking up trash on his street at all hours. He stated several years ago council had voted to give notice to the trash haulers that they intended to do mandatory trash collection. He wondered what happened to that. The city should contract with some vendor and collect the bills through the utility bill. The city could make some money from collecting the bill.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton explained that after the notification was given and more citizens heard of what the city was planning to do they filled the council chambers in opposition. Councilman Ramirez was concerned with limiting free enterprise.

City Manager Randall stated that other cities have their own trash collection services. The problem is the overhead and increased liability due to hazardous waste.

A. Board Liaison Reports

SWMD

There was not a quorum for the meeting to be held.

Planning and Zoning

The board dealt with the following items:

- Trash burning
- Installation of a cell phone tower for Verizon at 402 S. Hudson
- Rezoning of the Briggs/Fulp property
- Request for street lights from ASI
- Alley way between White Park and residents on Pleasant Street. No easements or restrictions could be found at the Recorder of Deeds Office. The board voted to stay with the present ordinance.

Councilwoman Rentfro inquired why Steve Woods had not been asked about the alleyway. He has worked for the city for 35 years. "There is an easement there, I owned property there". A plat map is the developer's intention and an abstract is where the actual footage is nailed down and that is what is recorded.

Theresa Pettit, president of the park board, explained that the trail in question was voted on by the people in a 2009 survey done by the board. At that time the park board paid \$5,500 to have their park land surveyed to prove where their property actually was before proceeding with the project. In December of 2011 the grant was applied for. Councilwoman Rentfro was put on the park board as liaison in 2012. The board was notified in 2012 that the grant had been received. The design was approved in 2013. Theresa had come to council in 2014 to ask council permission to proceed with the project. Why is there just now opposition to this project?

If the city allows the property owners to use park property to drive on it will just open the door for other people to drive in the park. It's an increased liability to the city. Posts are going to be put in the middle of the trail to prohibit driving on the trail. Leslie Horner brought up a good thought at the P&Z meeting. She

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stated that the trail was constructed of only base rock with a thin layer of asphalt and it would not hold up to vehicular traffic. King Coltrin, city engineer on the project also specified that the trail was not designed to hold up to vehicular traffic.

Theresa stated she was sorry for any negative emotions from residents but this was not anything new. She felt that if council allowed the residents to travel on the trail the city should be responsible for repairs to the trail.

City Manager Randall stated that planning and zoning recommended leaving the ordinance to same way. He had presented two options to the board after discussing the matter with the city attorney. A license could be issued to the property owner allowing access until they sell the property. If the property was sold the permit would not be transferrable.

Several council members liked that idea. They thought it might bring peace to the neighbors.

Judy Dingman, editor of the Aurora Advertiser inquired as to why no one questioned putting the trail in earlier. Councilwoman Rentfro stated she had informed the old city manager of the easement. Lisa did you vote for the trail? Yes. You voted yes when you had an objection.

Council took no action on the matter.

B. *City Attorney Report*
None

C. *City Manager Report*
City Manager Randall reported that the Fire Department will be taking Christmas trees for disposal the day after Christmas.

XI . ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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