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## **AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

*Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers*

*Monday, December 8th, 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*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton was absent. All other members were noted present.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Regular Session held on November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

### **V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for November/December**

City Manager Randall brought stated he had reported at the last council meeting that an emergency purchase was made for new pumps at the police fire facility. It was reported that the cost of those pumps would be approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000. When the invoice came in the total cost of the expenditure was more than anticipated. According to the city's purchasing policy this information is to be reported at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the appropriations as submitted.

Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Ramirez, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Hull, LCYSA approached council with the possibility of approving their use of the soccer fields for them for 2015. She didn't feel there had been any problems during the fall season so she asked for permission to use the field for both the spring and the fall season so she wouldn't have to come back and ask for permission again. Spring soccer registration starts in January.

### **VII. COUNCIL FORUM**

None

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## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

*A. Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System – LAGERS - Evaluation was received on 11/25/2014*

City Council received their requested Lagers valuation on the L-12 plan on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This date will start the 45 day posting period.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

*A. Presentation of Service Awards*

Mayor Marks presented the following service awards to each person.

### **FULL TIME EMPLOYEES**

5 years

Pat Stevenson  
Chris Rackley

10 years

Sherri Wood

35 years

Steve Wood

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE**

5 years

Ryan Henbest

15 years

Eric Ackerman

20 years

Tom Cooney

*B. First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3016*

*An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget*

Councilman Ramirez moved to table the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill No. 2014-3016. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Ramirez, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

A special budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

*C. Resolution No. 2014-1372*

*A Resolution appointing membership to the Aurora Park Board*

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1372 appointing D.J. Floyd to the Park Board with a term expiring in May 2016. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Henderson Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: 0

## **X. REPORTS**

*A. Board Liaison Reports*

Park Board

The board recommended D.J. Floyd to fill the unexpired term on Kyle Wilson on the park board with a term expiring in May 2016. The board reviewed the financials and approved their final budget. Signs will be ordered stating the parks rules and regulations and will be placed around the walking trails.

*B. City Attorney Report*

None

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### C. City Manager Report

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- Blevins Asphalt started paving today.
- Steve Woods, public works director brought in a newspaper clipping from the Springfield News Leader showing all cities' share the same problems with citizens raking leaves into the ditches and onto the streets. It is not only an appearance problem but it turns into an environmental one as well. Leaves clog sewer drains creating a bigger issue. The city previously took the stance on limbs that it is the home owner's responsibility for removal. The question now is how does council want to handle leaf removal? Does council want fliers to be handed out like was done with limb removal.

Councilwoman Rentfro asked if that is not why the leaf vacuum was bought. City Manager Randall stated it was purchased to remove leaves from the street that fell naturally.

City Manager Randall presented this information and told council they did not need to make a decision tonight it was just information they needed to consider.

- The police department pumps are up and running.

### XI. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 610.021 (1), (2), (12)

(1)

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

(2)

*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.*

(12)

*Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to go into closed session. Time noted 7:38 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: 0

Councilwoman Henderson moved to go into open session at 8:19 p.m. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Rentfro, Henderson

NAYES: 0

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*XII. ADJOURNMENT*

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

**APPROVED:**



David L. Marks, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

*Posted December 5, 2014 by Kathie Needham, City Clerk*