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**AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA**

*Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers  
Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

***I. CALL TO ORDER:***

Mayor Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

***II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:***

Councilwoman Colwell led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

***III. ROLL CALL: Mayor Linda Barton***

*Councilman Steve Ramirez*

*Chairman Pro Tem Lisa Rentfro*

*Councilwoman Doris Colwell*

*Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson*

All council members were noted present.

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

*Special Session held on February 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.*

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014 special session at 6:30 p.m. as submitted. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion.

AYES: Mayor Barton, Councilwoman Colwell and Councilwoman Henderson

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Councilman Ramirez and Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro due to their absence at the meeting.

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

Councilwoman Rentfro asked a correction be made to page 2, Section VII, paragraph two-Council Forum. The wording **and incumbent** candidates should be added.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the amended minutes for Regular Session of February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Councilwoman Henderson, Councilman Ramirez, Councilwoman Colwell, Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro and Mayor Barton.

NAYES: 0

***IV. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for February/March***

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the appropriations for February/March as presented.

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

AYES: Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro, Councilman Ramirez, Councilwoman Colwell and Councilwoman Henderson.

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Mayor Barton – her business had an invoice for payment.

***V. PUBLIC COMMENT***

Crissy Carsten, Referee for Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association and Linda Hull also with Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association addressed council. A packet was given to council of which a copy is attached to these minutes. First and foremost the program is about the kids.

Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association has provided a soccer program for ages 4-17 for over 20

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years and has 600-800 players in Aurora and Mt. Vernon. Last year was the first time they had ever been required to sign a contract with the City of Aurora Park Board. LCYSA wants to work with both cities. The Park Board has recently placed LCYSA on probation, however, LCYSA stated they had no idea they had done anything wrong until they received a letter from the Park Board. The letter from the Park Board advised that LCYSA was in violation of Section 3 item A, Section 3 Item C, Section 3 Item F, and Item I. She also stated the contract had only recently been signed so how could they have been in violation of things they had no knowledge that needed to be done differently.

Mayor Barton reiterated the city parks are open to anyone to use and LCYSA can use them; they have not been blocked out of the parks. Ms. Hull said they were told they were blocked from using them.

So far LCYSA has 150-160 kids signed up so far for this spring.

John Hall, LCYSA noted he had been scheduling fields for a number of years and referenced a map in the prepared packet handed out.

Heidi Ryan reminded everyone the program is for the children and felt the city is creating a monopoly if only using the YMCA for the soccer programs.

Regina Payne addressed council and felt background checks need to be done by both parties to ensure safety of the children. LCYSA states they do some background checking but not full background checks because of the costs involved, but are looking to find a way to help defray the cost.

Gordon Brown from YMCA stated they check the sex offender's registry for coaches and referees as well as a child registry that looks at abuse charges, etc. Mr. Brown reminded council when there are organized leagues someone who has authority needs to be handling the scheduling of the fields.

### **VI. COUNCIL FORUM**

Several from the audience wanted to speak during this time still regarding the soccer program.

Councilwoman Colwell expressed it was only appropriate to allow comment if they had used the sign in sheet asking to speak. Further discussion of the soccer programs ceased.

Mayor Barton had a plaque to show that the Missouri Asphalt Association had made an award to Hutchens Construction for receiving the 2013 Quality Paving award for the Carnation/Jefferson project in the City of Aurora. This presentation had been highlighted in the Aurora Advertiser with the City receiving a plaque as well.

Councilman Ramirez also wanted to express his thanks to the city crews for their efforts in the snow removal during last week's storm.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

*A. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2984 making Ordinance No. 2014-2984 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title IV "Land Use", Chapter 400 "Zoning Regulations", Article I "General Provisions", Section 400.130 "R-1" Single Family Residential District" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2984 making Ordinance No. 2014-2984 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title IV "Land Use", Chapter 400 "Zoning Regulations", Article I "General Provisions", Section 400.130 "R-1" Single Family Residential District" of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Mayor Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Mayor Barton, Councilwoman Henderson, Councilwoman Colwell, Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro.

NAYES: Councilman Ramirez

*B. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2985 making Ordinance No. 2014-2985*

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*An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Aurora and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for AGIS/ALP Airport Project #13-091B2*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approved the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-2985 making Ordinance No. 2014-2985 An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Aurora and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for AGIS/ALP Airport Project #13-091B2. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro, Councilwoman Henderson, Councilwoman Colwell, Councilman Ramirez and Mayor Barton.

NAYES: None

## **IX NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Review/Approval of LCYSA Agreement**

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the LCYSA agreement for spring session only.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Councilwoman Colwell, Councilman Ramirez, Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro, Councilwoman Henderson.

NAYES: Mayor Linda Barton

Councilwoman Colwell and Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro requested the minutes to reflect their yes vote on this topic on February 24<sup>th</sup> be changed to no.

### **B. Consideration of soccer field assignments for YMCA and field assignment for general public use**

LCYSA has already turned in their schedule and have eight teams that will need to practice.

The Presidents of organizations need to contact Donna Elery for scheduling. Scheduling conflicts will be handled by Donna Elery with the Park Board used as a sounding board. Communication is key between all parties.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the layout of the YMCA field assignment and general public use as set forth by the Park Board and Steve Woods, Public Works Superintendent.

Mayor Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Councilman Ramirez, Mayor Barton, Councilwoman Henderson, Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro and Councilwoman Colwell.

NAYES: None

### **C. Resolution No. 2014-1311**

*A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and the Little League of Aurora*

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1311 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and the Little League of Aurora. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Councilwoman Henderson, Councilman Ramirez, Councilwoman Colwell, Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro and Mayor Barton.

NAYES: None

### **D. Approve City Collector adjustments for write off through foreclosures and outstanding receivables**

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the City Collectors adjustments for write off through foreclosures and outstanding receivables in the amount of \$966.65. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

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AYES: Councilman Ramirez, Councilwoman Henderson, Mayor Barton, Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro and Councilwoman Colwell.

NAYES: None.

### *E. Discussion on digitally recording, for internet use, city council meetings for the community*

The initial costs were thought to be around \$1000 for a laptop and webcam to digitally record and post council meetings on the web. Heidi Ryan from the audience stated council meetings could be broadcast thru our city website, YouTube or a Facebook page if we wanted to create one. Councilman Ramirez asked if there was enough space available on our website and who with the city would have the time it takes to keep it updated and posted? The budget is already in the red and adding the cost for this would just be an added expense. It was agreed that further information needs to be presented before proceeding. No votes were taken on this item.

### *F. Approve City Collector to write off unpaid outstanding sewer bills in the amount of \$338.94*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the City Collector write off unpaid outstanding sewer bills in the amount of \$338.94. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Councilwoman Henderson, Councilwoman Colwell, Councilman Ramirez, Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro and Mayor Barton.

NAYES: None

## **X. REPORTS**

### *A. Board Liaison Reports*

#### **Park Board**

- Park Board President Theresa Pettit gave the report for Park Board since their meeting was at 6:00 p.m. and Councilman Ramirez could not attend because of council meeting.
- Walking Trails – waiting to bid project with breaking ground in May
- Park Board approved Phase II of walking trails to the north on Lewis Shaw and extends to field one.
- Discussed burying electric lines at Skate Park and to the north.
- Approved financial statements
- Will be at the Business fair
- Had vandalism in Baldwin Park and are looking at buying some cameras
- Will be recommending to council in the future to look at not allowing metal detectors in parks

#### **Solid Waste Management**

Councilmember Colwell reported a meeting has been scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of March and they are looking at eight grants.

#### **Hospital Board**

No meetings held.

#### **Airport Board**

Councilwoman Henderson reported Airport Board meets Wednesday night this week. There had been some damage done to some of the airport hangers.

#### **P&Z**

Mayor Barton reported P&Z meets next week.

### *C. City Attorney Report*

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- Pending Ethics Commission complaint. Claims have been made to the two insurance companies the City had and they have both denied the claim. The Ethics Commission has cited a technical violation of State Statutes even though council didn't know it was a violation. David Price and the City are owed defense as referenced in Section 105.220 of the City Code. Hearing set for Friday has been cancelled. More information will be forthcoming.

### *D. City Manager Report*

- Notation should be made in the minutes the Annual Aged Receivable Utility Report and Annual Delinquent Tax Report from the City Collector is in the agenda for council review as required to be presented annually according to City Code.
- Street Department has replaced 50 name street signs and 40 traffic signs.
- Street Department has been working on White Park sidewalk project.
- Parks Department has been working to level low areas in Baldwin Park in hopes of opening more soccer fields.
- Street Department used 20 loads of salt last week and has enough for three more winter events.
- Damage at the Airport occurred on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to hangers. Craig Ellis was contacted to add some structural support/temporary bracing to prevent collapse as allowed in the emergency procurement section of the code. Insurance company recommended three planes be pulled out. The one damaged plane has been pulled out the other two have not. The Airport Board will review this item at their meeting this week and decide steps to take to permanently repair the hanger.
- Board of Appeals held public hearings on 10 structures. Two were commercial structures and were given 60 days to get permits and make progress. If not, demolition procedures will begin.
- Sales tax report for February is up a little but it is too early in the year to draw conclusions.
- One Police Officer has resigned.

### *XI. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS*

Heidi Ryan had a comment about the foreclosures and receivables for sewer, a topic discussed earlier in the meeting. Her understanding was that when sewer service is started no name search is done in an effort to collect from a customer who might have left a previous bill. She also suggested the city start filing liens. City Manager Mike Randall advised he thinks a search is being done and the list on the agenda this evening are special cases. City Attorney Petrus said there are reasons not to lien.

LCYSA wanted to reiterate once again that they are on the maps for field assignments and were assured by the Mayor that they were. LCYSA always wanted to clarify the steps they would need to follow if a field is unsafe etc. Steve Woods is to be contacted anytime there are questions or concerns.

The February Police Department report did not include total miles driven and gas consumed. Chief Witthuhn advised it was inadvertently left off the report but would include it in the future.

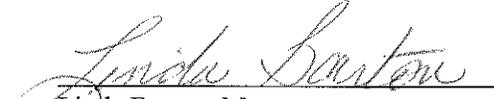
Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro said she had been asked what the cost had been to the city for our help in the kidnapping case in Marionville last month. Several in the audience questioned what difference did it make; we would have provided the service regardless of the costs involved and no price could be put on a life.

### *XII. ADJOURNMENT*

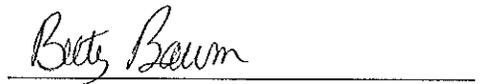
Councilwoman Colwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye on the motion.

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APPROVED:

  
Linda Barton, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Betty Baum, Treasurer, Deputy City Clerk  
MRCC